

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



REMEMBERING

RELATIONSHIP

RENEWAL

REFOCUSING

RESTORATION

RADICAL WITNESS

JULY 8, 2018
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

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Sabbath as Radical Witness

In this last week in our six-week series in worship exploring Sabbath and the results of Sabbath keeping, we will be looking at this result: radical witness. You will find traditional and contemporary wisdom around the gift of Sabbath and its multi-faceted impact on the lives of God's children.

We also invite you to participate in a Sabbath Practice each week that will enrich your experience. For more information on the Sabbath series visit www.trcnyc.org/sabbath.

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“Thus I have come to think that the fourth commandment on sabbath is the most difficult and most urgent of the commandments in our society, because it summons us to intent and conduct that defies the most elemental requirements of a commodity-propelled society that specializes in control and entertainment, bread and circuses ... along with anxiety and violence.”

- Walter Brueggemann

“In this interpretive tradition, Sabbath is not simply a pause. It is an occasion for reimagining all of social life away from coercion and competition to compassionate solidarity. Such solidarity is imaginable and capable of performance only when the drivenness of acquisitiveness is broken. Sabbath is not simply the pause that refreshes. It is the pause that transforms.”

- Walter Brueggemann

Sabbath Practice

What are some of the inviolable precepts that guide your life? To be kind? To be grateful? To be honest? To serve your neighbor, to help the earth, to love children? Make a list of principles that shape your days. Include both those you currently follow and those you would like to be able to follow. On Sabbath, take time to speak them aloud, alone or with loved ones. Notice how you feel when you hear them. What resistance, what relief arises? Notice how the memory of these spoken precepts resonates in your body through the day.

- from **Sabbath** by Wayne Muller

The Riverside Church is grateful for the assistance of Rabbi Mike Moskowitz, whose thoughtful consultation allows us to honor our shared traditions and enhance the communal work of God in the world.

GATHERING

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God
Sabbath is the seventh day of creation, and the day of rest.

CARILLON

Meditation

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Nimrod from "Enigma Variations"

Edward Elgar

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

✦CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: **This is a day for peace and proclamation, for rest and renewal, for worship and radical witness.**

One: The sabbath day is a holy day, consecrated by the Creator as a gift to creation. We are commanded to honor and preserve it.

All: **The sabbath day is a holy day, wherein we realize that all days are God's days; a day of rest, wherein we realize that all work is God's work; a day of peace, wherein we can realize that God is our maker and our mender, too.**

One: Together, let us keep the sabbath.

✦PROCESSIONAL HYMN 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

SABBATH RITUAL

Psalm 29

(in English and Hebrew)

Rev. Butler

Rabbi Mike Moskowitz

SHALOM ALEICHEM

Samuel Goldfarb

Please join in singing verses 1 and 4 at the direction of the cantor.



1. Sha - lom a - lei - chem mal - a - chei ha - sha - reit, mal - a - chei El -
4. Tzeit - chem l' - sha - lom mal - a - chei ha - sha - lom,



yon, mi - me - lech mal - chei ham' la - chim, ha -



ka - dosh ba - ruch Hu.

16
(cantor - verses 2 & 3)

*Peace be to you, O ministering angels, {Enter in peace, Bless me with peace, Depart in peace, }
O messengers of the Most High, the supreme Ruler of rulers, the Holy One, blessed is God.*

✦All who are able, please stand

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Rev. Bertram Johnson

Lord of the Sabbath, hear our prayer.

It is hard for us to stop working, and learn to rest.

We confess that our busyness often substitutes for our holiness.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us to be still enough to know you.

Help us to understand that your sabbath is the opportunity for us to share a radical witness.

In this quiet, peaceful time, we honor you, we rest in you,

and we witness to your love, justice and mercy in radical ways.

Through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God.

Hear now the confessions of our hearts. *(silent prayer)* Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

LISTENING

We listen for the word of God through song, Scripture, and preaching

ANTHEM

Little David, Play on Your Harp

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Little David play on your harp, hallelu, hallelujah; Little David play on your harp, hallelujah. Little David was a shepherd boy. He killed Goliath and shouted for joy. Joshua was the son of Nun. He never would quit 'til the work was done.

*Liz Lang, soprano; Meghann Vaughn, mezzo-soprano
Christopher Judd, tenor; Sidney Outlaw, baritone*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Rachel Johnson

Ezekiel 2:1-5

(page 770 in the Old Testament)

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

†HYMN

O God, in a Mysterious Way³

St. Anne



O God, in a mys - te - rious way Great won - ders You per - form; You
Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines Of nev - er - fail - ing skill You
O fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The clouds you so much dread Are
Our un - be - lief is sure to err And scan Your work in vain; You



plant Your foot steps in the sea And ride up - on the storm.
treasure up Your vast de - signs And work Your sov - reign will.
big with mer - cy and shall break In bless - ings on your head.
are Your own in - ter - pret - er, And You will make it plain.

†All who are able, please stand

† GOSPEL LESSON

Carol Fouke-Mpoyo

Mark 6:1-13

(page 40 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Butler

Sabbath as Radical Witness

RESPONDING

We respond to the hearing of God's word through prayer, passing the peace, offering and monthly communion

SILENT MEDITATION

A time for reflection, prayer and contemplation.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Michael Livingston

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. B. Johnson & Minister Charlene Wingate

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

Trad. hymn, arr. Alice Parker

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore, as I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the lamb! Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM! And my soul, tho' stain'd with sorrow, fading as the light of day, passes swiftly o'er those waters, to the city far away. Souls have cross'd before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest; And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.

† *All who are able, please stand*

✚ AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY

The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize the offering of our whole selves to God.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✚ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION Rev. B. Johnson

Today we celebrate the work of the Men's Class Ministry, which provides all members of the congregation with opportunities to grow in faith and service by addressing issues of social injustice that plague our community.

FAREWELL TO REV. BERTRAM JOHNSON

SENDING

We are sent out into the world to love God and our neighbors

✚ BENEDICTION

Rev. Butler

✚ RECESSIONAL HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light of God⁴

Siyahamba

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, we are marching, we are marching in the light of God.

We are praying...

We are loving...

We are going...

POSTLUDE

March from Symphony No. 3

Charles-Marie Widor

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹*The Center for Christian Ethics at Baylor University*

²*The Center for Christian Ethics at Baylor University*

³*Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-717132*

Ibid.

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:

Carol Fouke-Mpoyo, Rabbi Mike Moskowitz and Minister Charlene Wingate

LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

For announcements of programs and events in the church, please pick up the *Life of Our Community* bulletin located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center. Or visit our website www.trcnyc.org.

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the green paraments and clergy stoles that represent new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:

Complete a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate as it passes.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in South Hall Lobby directly after Worship. As you leave the Nave, take a right and follow the hallway past Christ Chapel. Signs and greeters are available to provide direction. You'll find fair trade coffee from Javesca Coffee, a children's play area, a greeting area to learn about membership at Riverside, and indoor seating.

A church tour is offered each Sunday after Worship free of charge. Meet in the 1st balcony. Tours also take place on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. leaving from the Gift Shop. No reservations are necessary.

Assistive hearing devices and large print bulletins are available upon request from an usher.

COMING HOME/REV. BERTRAM JOHNSON TRIBUTE

We have seen and experienced how Rev. Bertram's ministry expresses radical welcome, commitment to the poor, love across boundaries, and servant leadership. In honor of Rev. Bertram Johnson's ministry at The Riverside Church, you are invited to contribute a financial offering to the Riverside Coming Home program, which embodies these values. Coming Home is a Riverside ministry that seeks to empower men and women who are returning to the community from incarceration. This program is a beautiful, tangible, transformative, and powerful example of Riverside's mission in action; and of Riverside at its best, just as Rev. Bertram has been.

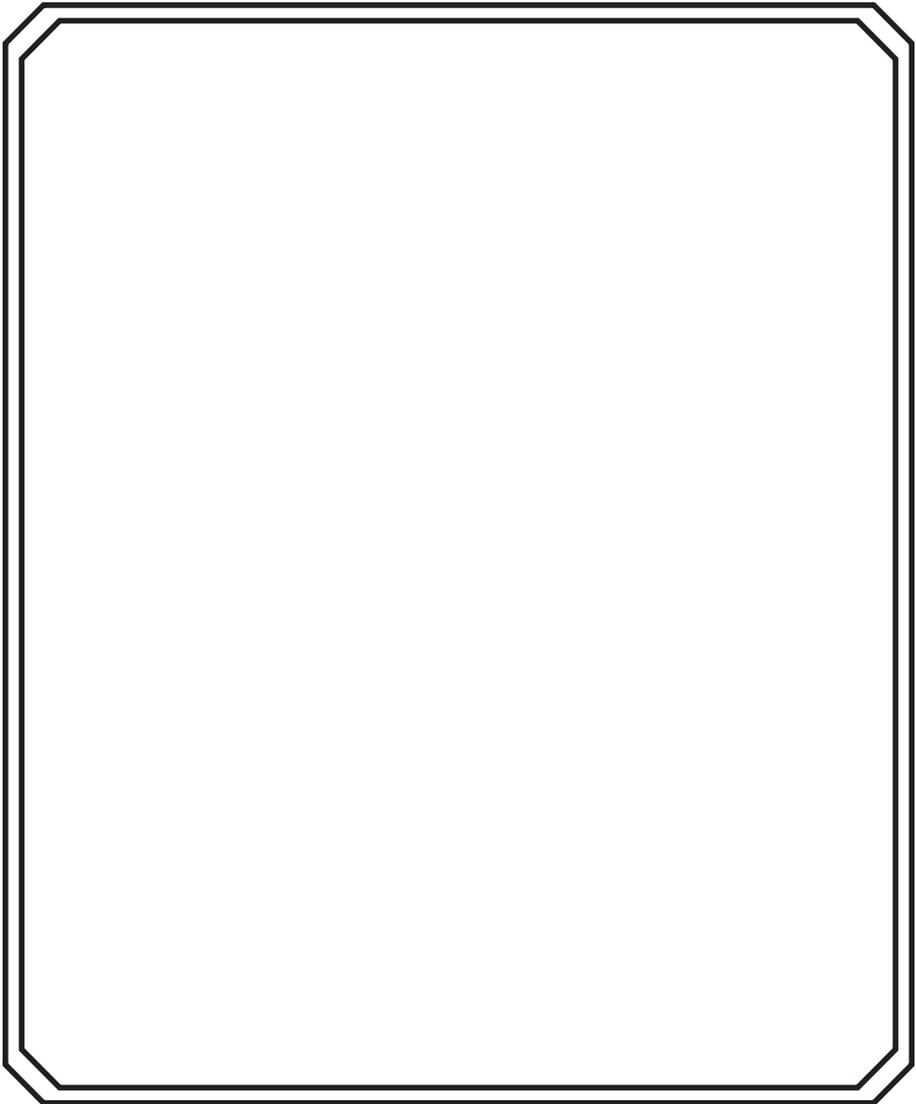
In the next week, we hope to raise the \$30,000 to cover the costs of offering Coming Home this fall, including materials, meals, metro cards for participants, and staff leadership. Please make your checks out to The Riverside Church and indicate "Coming Home/In Honor of Rev. Bertram" in the memo line. Members of Stewardship and Development and the MSJ Commission will be in the Narthex after worship to speak with you further and receive gifts.

My radical witness is...

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners, intended for writing a radical witness statement. The box is white with a thin black border and occupies the majority of the page's width and height.



DRAW IT



Mark 6 tells the story of Jesus teaching in the temple. People were amazed at Jesus' wisdom! Imagine you are sitting with the crowd of people, listening to Jesus teach. What does this scene look like? Who would be there with you, listening to Jesus?





TALK WITH THE PREACHER

Read Pastor Amy's blog online at talkwiththepreacher.org.

Printed copies are also available in the Welcome Center/Gift Shop.

Pastor Amy is available for conversations with members by appointment.

Please email srminister@trcnyc.org or call 212-870-6775 to arrange an appointment.

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