The Riverside Church
in the City of New York

AUGUST 12, 2018
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Dear Church, over the next three weeks we will be exploring ways in which we, the church of Jesus Christ at 490 Riverside Drive, New York, NY, can grow together in faith and mission to the world. Together we will explore: who we are, who is welcome, how we love, what we do, how we fail, how we succeed, and why we’re here.

As Paul wrote to our partner church at Corinth, “You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.”

July 15

It's Good to Be Us
Rev. Ellen Robison

July 22

What Do We Do When the Walls Fall Down?
Rev. Kevin Wright

July 29

Share the Love
Rev. Rachel Johnson

August 5

Unity: Can We Do It?
Rev. Michael Livingston

August 12

Time Out
Rev. Amy Butler

August 19

Week 6

It's Time for Wise Living
Min. Christian Peele

August 26

Week 7

What's the Point?
Rev. Amy Butler
GATHERING
We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

CARILLON
Meditation

*Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur*

ORGAN
Suite Gothique, Op. 25
Choral – Menuet – Prière à Notre-Dame

*Léon Boëllmann*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY
Rev. Amy Butler

PROCessional HYMN 487
When Morning Gilds the Skies

*Laudes Domini*

†CALL TO WORSHIP†
Rev. Jade DeSaussure

One: O God, you are the gathering one
All: who calls us into community with each other;
to love and work, to support and heal.

One: You are the gathering one
All: who calls us into community with all people;
to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.

One: You are the gathering one
All: who calls us into community with the whole creation;
to live in harmony, to cherish and renew.

Let us worship the God who makes us one.

OPENING PRAYER

†All who are able, please stand
LISTENING
We listen for the word of God through song, Scripture, and preaching.

SOLO
Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled Nancy Wertsch
Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. I am the way, the truth, and the light.
Jonathan Keeley, bass

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty God,
we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission
of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your people.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
Hear now the confessions of our hearts. (silent prayer) Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

A RESPONSIVE READING OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
Muhammad Daud
One: Hea the commandments of God to God’s people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.
All: We will not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
with which we were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.
One: You shall not make for yourself any idol.
All: We will be imitators of God.
One: You shall not invoke with malice the name of the Lord your God.
All: No evil talk will come out of our mouths;
only what is useful for building up.
One: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.
All: As beloved children, we will live in love, as Christ loved us.
One: Honor your father and your mother,
All: for we are members of one another.

†All who are able, please stand
One:      You shall not commit murder.

All:     We may be angry, but should not sin. We will not let the sun go down on our anger and make room for the devil.

One:      You shall not commit adultery.

All:     We will be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as Christ has forgiven us.

One:      You shall not steal.

All:     We will give up stealing and work honestly, so that we have something to share with the needy.

One:      You shall not be a false witness.

All:     We will put away all falsehood and speak the truth to our neighbors.

One:      You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

All:     We will put away all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

One:     These are the commandments of God to God’s people.

All:     Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 304
Jesus Loves Me!

†HYMN 335
Though I May Speak

EPISTLE LESSON
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
(page 194 in the New Testament)

One: So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

All: Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

†All who are able, please stand
Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Dear Church, Time Out

A time for reflection, prayer and contemplation.

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

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

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.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

All who are able, please stand
OFFERTORY SOLO
Evening and Morning  
Max Spicker

Comes at times a stillness as of even, steeping the soul in memories of love; as when the glow is sinking out of heaven, as when the twilight deepens in the grove, the twilight deepens in the grove.
Comes at length a sound of many voices, as when the waves break lightly on the shore; as when at dawn the feather’d choir rejoices, singing aloud because the night is o’er. Comes at times a voice of days departed, on dying breath of evening borne: sinks then the trav’ler faint and weary hearted, long is the way it whispers and forlorn! Comes at last a voice of thrilling gladness, borne on the breezes of the rising day, saying, the Lord shall make an end of sadness, the Lord shall wipe all tears away.

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;  

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION  Amanda Meisenheimer
Today we celebrate the work of the Freedom School, which partners with the Children’s Defense Fund to provide an enriching summer experience of literacy and social justice for fifty children from our community.

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

BENEDICTION  Rev. Butler

RECESSIONAL HYMN 540  
God Be with You Till We Meet Again  Randolph

POSTLUDE  
Toccata from Suite Gothique, Op. 25  Leon Boëllmann

All who are able, please stand
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.

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.

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.

Liturgical Resources for Today:

1Christianaid.org
2Worship Sourcebook

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Muhammad Daud, Carolyn Bland and Freedom School students and teachers
Taste and see that the LORD is Good
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Be tender-hearted. Be kind.
**TALK WITH THE PREACHER**

Read Pastor Amy’s blog online at [talkwiththepreacher.org](http://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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