

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



AUGUST 5, 2018
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

DEAR CHURCH...

Dear Church, over the next four 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



It's Time for Wise Living
Min. Christian Peele

August 26



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

"Nimrod" from Enigma Variations

Edward Elgar

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God Is Here!

Hymn to Joy



God is here! As we Your peo - ple meet to of - fer praise and prayer,
Here are sym-bols to re-mind us of our life - long need of grace;
Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep-herd's flock and fold,
Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an age of change and doubt



May we find in ful - ler mea-sure what it is in Christ we share.
Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit; Here the cross has cen - tral place.
Here, as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus-tains us as of old.
Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel, help us work Your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive:



Wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
Here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
What it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
We, who can - not live with - out You, we a - dore You! We be - lieve!

†All who are able, please stand

†CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Kevin Wright

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

LISTENING

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

SOLO

Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth²

Felix Mendelssohn

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Maker's realm. Joy on their head shall be for everlasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away forever.

Jack Cotterell, tenor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

Rev. Jim Keat

Holy God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world.

**Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church,
making it hard to see that we are your community.**

We act as though we do not need each other.

We do not know and bear each other's burdens. We fail to build each other up.

We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another.

Forgive us and strengthen us so that we may live in your love and peace.

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a

(page 285 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Rev. Ellen Robison

Adrian Bethea

Reuben Martinez

& Hillary Puckett

†*All who are able, please stand*

†HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

St. Brendan's



We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, we are
We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, we will



one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all
walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, and to - geth - er we'll

Refrain



u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are



Chris - tians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll



know_ we are Chris-tians by our love.

Spirit of the Living God

Living God



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me,



mold me, fill me, use me. Spir - it of the



liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. *(repeat)*

EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Butler

Ephesians 4:1-16

(page 193 in the New Testament)

One: I Paul, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Parent of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

One: But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)

All: The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

One: We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.

All: But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Michael Livingston

Dear Church, Unity: Can We Do It?

SILENT MEDITATION

A time for reflection, prayer and contemplation.

RESPONDING

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Farley Lord

†*All who are able, please stand*

OFFERTORY SOLO

Psalm 142

Ned Rorem

I cried unto the Lord with my voice; with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication. I poured out my complaint before the Lord God; I showed before God my trouble. When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me. I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no one that would know me: refuge failed me; no one cared for my soul. I cried unto thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living. Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

✠ 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

Farley Lord

Today we celebrate the work of the Deaf Ministry, which partners with members of the Deaf Community to embrace their Culture, create and maintain a ministry that includes Deaf, hard of hearing persons, and their families in all aspects of the life of the Church and uses American Sign Language to ensure that all God's children, Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing, are included in the heavenly banquet.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

Following each petition, please join in the following responses:

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

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.**

✠ *All who are able, please stand*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Butler

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul-er Al-might - y;
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Glo-ry be to you, O God.
Bless-ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

CALL TO SUPPER

One: The body of Christ, broken for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the bread of life!

One: The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!

A gluten-free option for communion bread is available upon request from a communion server.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
Sarabande on "Land of Rest"

*Spiritual, arr. Roy Belfield
Gerald Near*

HYMN 507

I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

† PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Butler

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your love, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FAREWELL TO DR. AND MRS. FORBES

SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

†RECESSIONAL HYMN

Now Is the Time Approaching

Ellacombe



Now is the time ap- proach-ing, by proph-ets long fore - told, when
Let all that now di - vides us re - move and pass a - way, like



all shall dwell to - geth - er, se - cure and man - i - fold. Let
mists of ear - ly morn - ing be - fore the blaze of day. Let



war be learned no long - er, let strife and tu-mult cease, all
all that now u - nites us more sweet and last-ing prove, a



earth a bless-ed gar - den that God shall tend in peace.
clos - er bond of un - ion, in bless - ed lands of love.

POSTLUDE

"The People Respond - Amen!"⁴

Dan Locklair

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.

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.

Healing Prayer, typically offered the first Sunday of every month immediately following Worship, is available today. One of Riverside's ministers will be at the front of the Nave to pray for anyone who desires it.

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:

¹*Christianaid.org*

²*From "Elijah"*

³*Eunice T. McGarrahan*

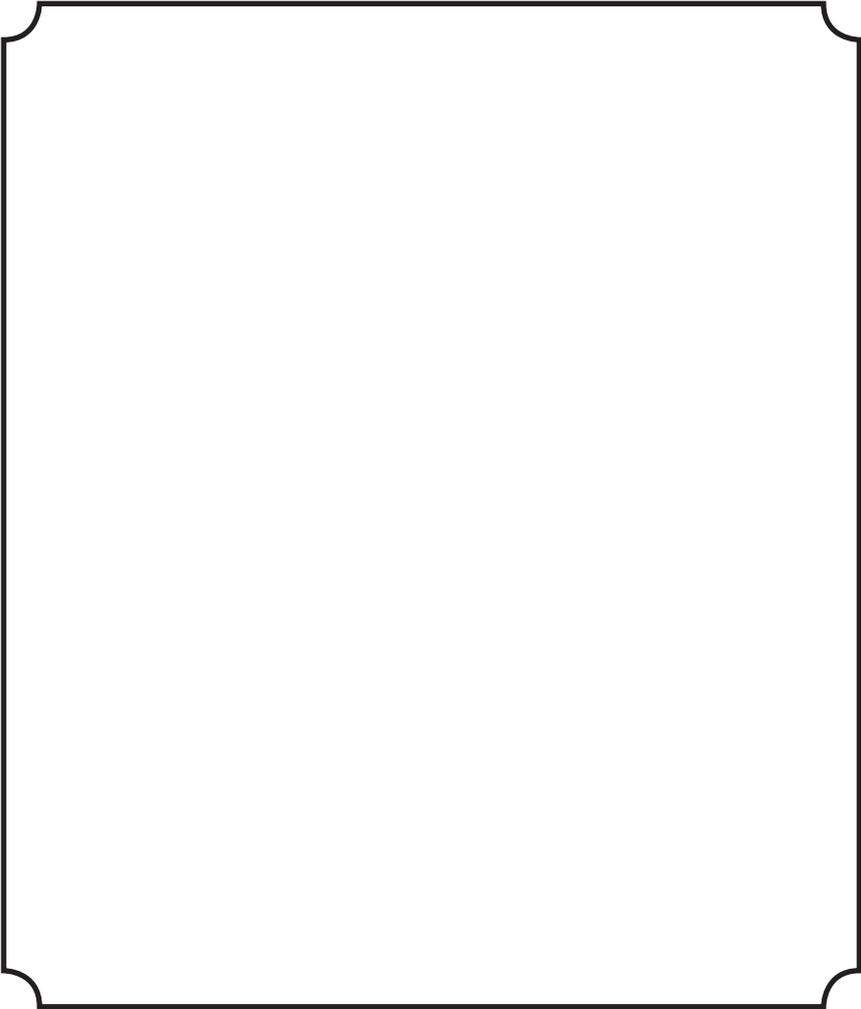
⁴*From "Rubrics"*

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:

Adrian Bethea, Reuben Martinez and Hillary Puckett



DRAW IT



Psalm 51 is a prayer King David made telling God he was sorry. David had done something wrong and hurt people, including himself. Psalm 51 reminds us God loves us, is always ready to forgive us, and loves to help us start over. **Draw a picture for God of something you'd like to say you're sorry about.**

WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Ephesians 4 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

H U M I L I T Y A T M G K F C
V W U J J I D G T N H Z X P P
E E V O L O I L H E E F K M B
S U U R B B E C A E P O Q S E
P R B I R A T V O T B Q O I X
I D S S E N E L T N E G T T D
R Q V V I N U N F V J L W P A
I V Y A O Y M E C N E I T A P
T O S L H T O E C A R G B B M
O L O R D I K J E L R N I G Z
H T H A Y N M Z E F M I H F O
F X Y A C U R Z L F I L S K T
S Z Z L P Q J F G Q Q L Z N G
E H C H I L D R E N G A D O G
O T A O N Y V K E X W C B P S

LORD

LIFE

CALLING

HUMILITY

GENTLENESS

PATIENCE

LOVE

UNITY

SPIRIT

PEACE

BODY

BAPTISM

GRACE

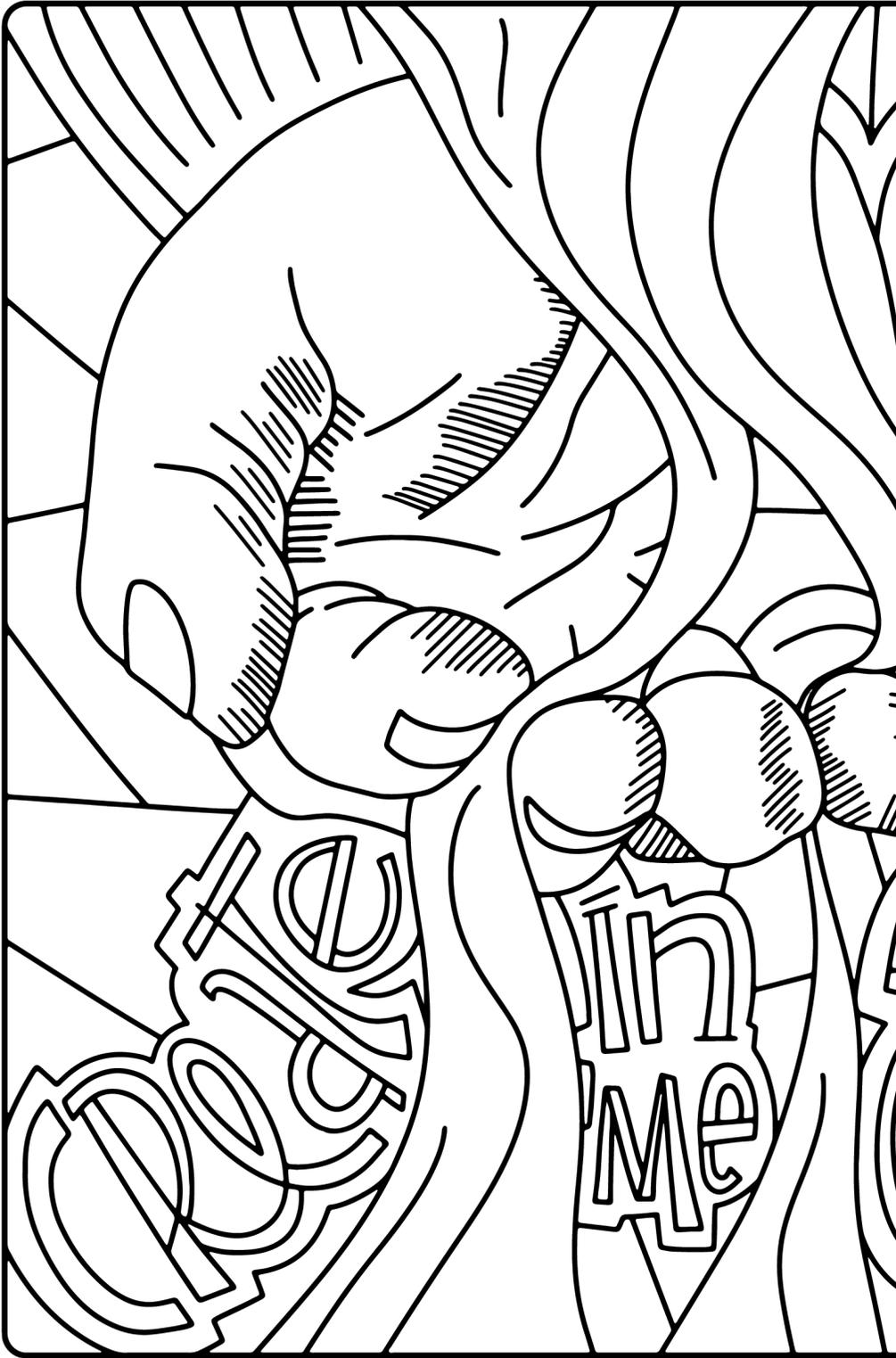
GOD

GIFT

HEAVEN

SAINT

CHILDREN



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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