

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



SEPTEMBER 2, 2018  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

WORSHIP is at the center of the life of The Riverside Church. As you prepare yourself for Worship, we invite you to reflect quietly on these words:

“Listen! The wages of the labourers who mowed your fields,  
which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters  
have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.”

– James 5:4

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## 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.

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

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## 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.



## GATHERING

*We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God*

### CARILLON

Meditation:

*Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Adagietto, Ops 16, No. 11  
Sarabande (from “Baroques”)

*Léon Boëllmann  
Seth Bingham*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

### ✚ PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### ✚ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*St. Denio*

### ✚ CALL TO WORSHIP

Amanda Meisenheimer

One: God, you have called us to be people of faith  
in the midst of the world,

**All: and so we join together our worship and our work,  
our faith and our life.**

One: On this day we celebrate the work of your hands  
and the work you have given us to do.

**All: We thank you for the call you have placed on our lives  
and ask that you bless our work and worship this day.  
Come, let us worship!**

### ✚ OPENING PRAYER

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

## LISTENING

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

### SOLO

#### Hear My Prayer

*Antonín Dvorák*

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear unto my cry. Thou art my refuge and my hope, thou shalt tread down my enemies. I will dwell forever in thy tents and hide me in the shadow of thy wings. Lord, thou art indeed my God, yea, I will seek thee early. My soul is faint, my body longeth after thee in a barren desert where there is no water. Now I will bless thee daily and lift my hands in prayer and adoration; yea, my lips shall praise thee all my life long.

*Yi Wang, soprano*

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Stephen Pierre-Paul

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

*(page 160 in the Old Testament)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Ellen Robison

James 1:17-27

*(page 229 in the New Testament)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### ✚ HYMN 276

#### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Faithfulness*

### ✚ GOSPEL LESSON

Jean Schmidt

Mark 7:1-23

*(page 42 in the New Testament)*

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Rev. Livingston

Listen, See, Act

### SILENT MEDITATION

*A time for reflection, prayer and contemplation.*

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

## RESPONDING

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

## INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Aaron Rogers

## OFFERTORY SOLO

Ich folge dir (St. John Passion, BWV 245)

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

I follow you, likewise, with joyful steps, and will not forsake you, my life, my light. Lead me on my way, and do not cease to draw, push, and urge me on.

*(sung in German)*

## ✚ 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. Rogers

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE<sup>1</sup>

Riverside Pastoral Staff

*Following each petition, please join in the following responses:*

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: bless the work of our lives.**

## 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.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Livingston

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

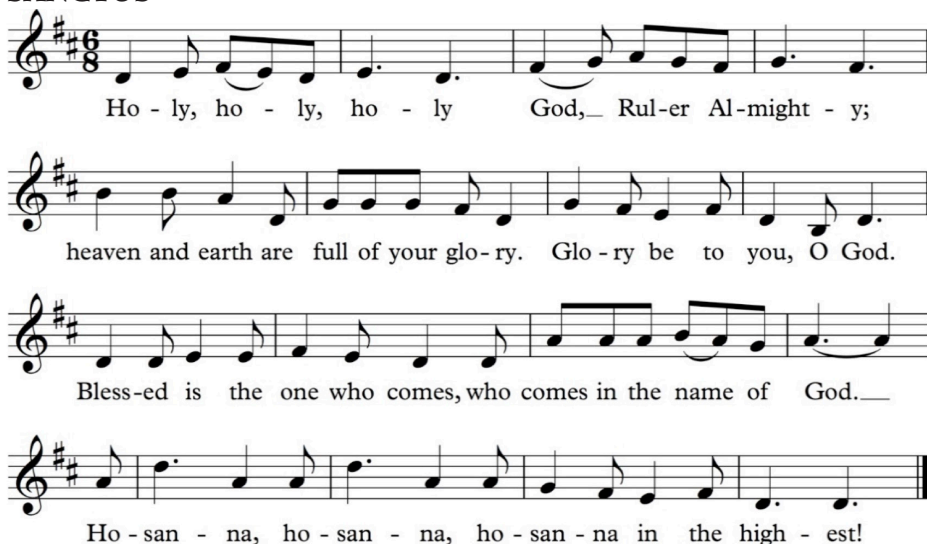
One: Lift up your hearts.

**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

Elevation

Beloved Jesu, We Are Here (BWV 731)

*L. Boëllmann*

*J. S. Bach*

### HYMN 521

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

*Finest Wheat*

## ✚ PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Livingston

**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.**

### SENDING

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

## ✚ BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

## ✚ RECESSIONAL HYMN 386

O For a World

*Azmon*

### POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

*Alfred Hollins*

Liturgical Resources for Today:

<sup>1</sup><http://re-worship.blogspot.ca/2011/08/labour-day-litany.html>

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:*

*Stephen Pierre-Paul and Jean Schmidt*

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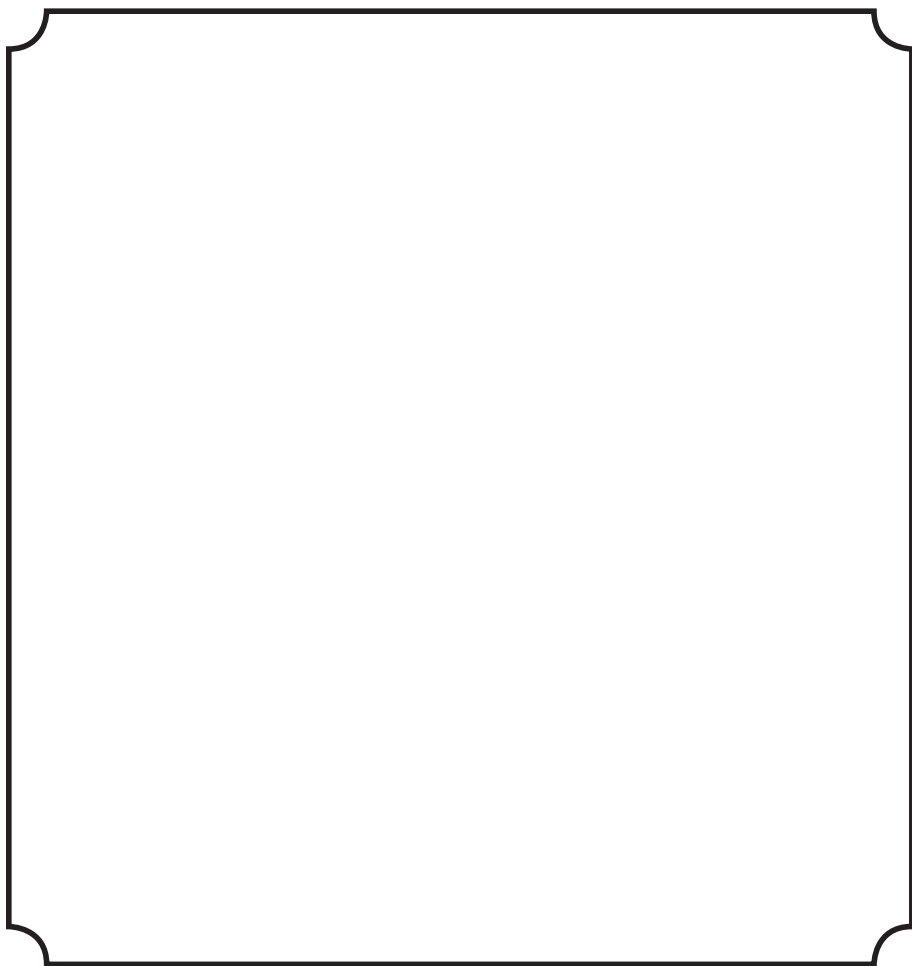
## LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

**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](http://www.trcnyc.org).

✚ *All who are able, please stand*



# DRAW IT



In Mark 7, Jesus describes how it's not what's on the outside of us that's important, but what's inside – our hearts. What we hold in our heart – the feelings and thoughts and choices – is what really matters to God. Draw a picture of your heart. Inside the heart, write or draw things that you think would make God happy. For example, thinking of others instead of yourself, talking to God, sharing, or whatever you think of!



# WORDSEARCH

Try to find the words from James 1:17-27 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

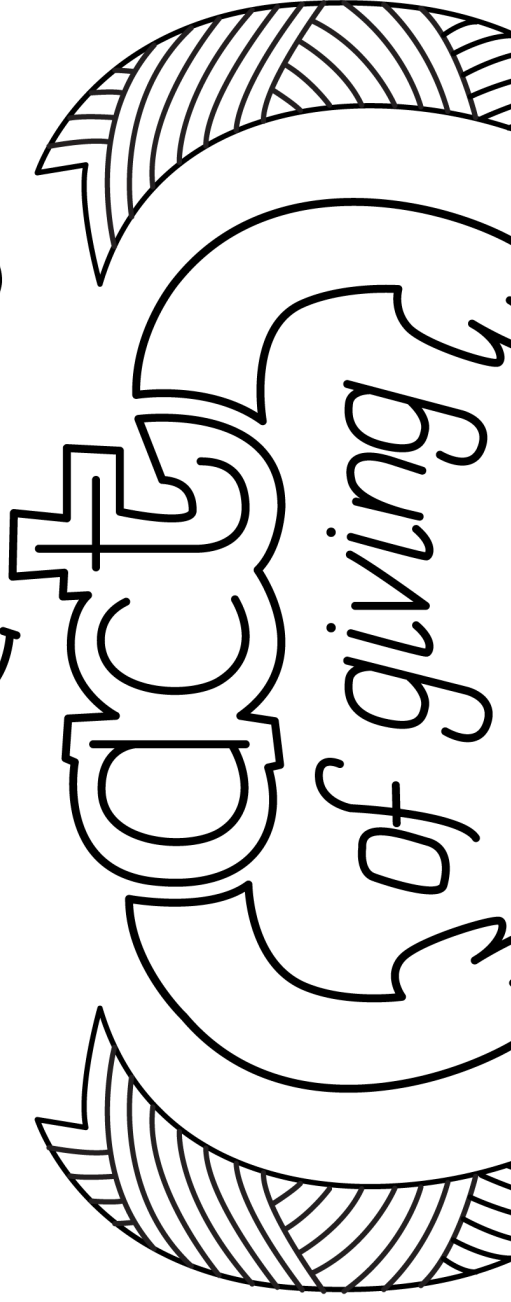
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PERFECT  
FATHER  
LIGHTS  
TRUTH

FRUIT  
LISTEN  
SPEAK  
SLOW  
ANGER  
GOD

MEEKNESS  
SOUL  
DOER  
MIRROR  
PERSEVERE  
BLESSED

Every  
GENEROUS





## 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.

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For full staff directory visit [trcnyc.org/directory](http://trcnyc.org/directory)

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