

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



SEPTEMBER 9, 2018  
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

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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:

“O God of a Thousand Faces,  
Who sees through all our pretenses  
to that silent, secret space within  
where our true spirit sojourns,  
prune away the duplicities that mask our best intentions  
and all those quick defenses that disguise who we really are.  
Open us up to you and to all who would touch the truth of our being,  
so all may see the integrity of lives given over to you,  
now and forever. Amen.

– *Miriam Therese Winter,*  
*20th-century American Catholic missionary and liturgist*

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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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## 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: Prelude and Allegro on "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

*Gerard Boedyn*

*Charles Semowich, Guest Carillonneur*

### ORGAN:

*Denis Bédard*

Suite Liturgique

I. Entrée II. Offertoire III. Communion

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

### †PROCESSIONAL HYMN 391

Take My Life

*Hendon*

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Farley Lord

One: Holy God, you have called us to live a life worthy of the gospel.

**All: Today we come into your presence to be reminded of the example of your son, Jesus Christ.**

One: You, O God, have shown us what is good,

**All: to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with you.**

**Come let us worship in spirit and truth!**

### †OPENING PRAYER

†*All who are able, please stand*

## LISTENING

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

### SOLO

My Good Lord's Done Been Here

*Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan*

My good Lord's done been here, blest my soul, and gone away. My good Lord's done been here, blest my soul, and gone. Never did I think that he was so nigh, blest my soul, and gone; he spoke and he made me laugh and cry, blest my soul and gone. Sinner better mind how you walk on the cross, blest my soul and gone; your foot might slip and your soul get lost, blest my soul, and gone.

*Karen McVoy, soprano*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

Rev. Aaron Rogers

God of love,

**you have chosen to honor the poor in the world,  
but too often we have dishonored them.**

**You plead the cause of the afflicted,  
but too often we crush them.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We have favored those with power and money,  
and dismissed those in need with empty words.**

**Soften our hearts and make straight our ways.**

**Forgive us and heal us.**

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

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

#### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Ellen Robison

Proverbs 22:1-1, 8-9, 22-23

One: A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

**All: The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.**

One: Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.

**All: Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

Monique Fortune

James 2:1-10, 14-17

*(page 229 in the New Testament)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**†HYMN 440**

**In Christ There Is No East or West**

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**†GOSPEL LESSON**

Steve Knight

Mark 7:24-37

*(page 42 in the New Testament)*

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Butler

Living a Good Life: A Good Name

**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*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Robison

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.**

**†***All who are able, please stand*

## ✚ PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## VOICES OF WISDOM

### INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Farley Lord

### OFFERTORY SOLO

Here My Prayer

*Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Max Spicker*

Hear my prayer, O God, incline Thine ear! Thyself from my petition do not hide.  
Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee, Without Thee all is dark, I  
have no guide.

My heart is sorely pained within my breast, my soul with deathly terror is  
oppressed, trembling and fearfulness upon me fall, with horror overwhelmed,  
Lord, hear me call!

O for the wings, for the wings of a dove! Far away, far away would I rove! In the  
wilderness build me a nest, and remain there forever at rest.

## ✚ 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

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Butler

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 285

**God, You Spin the Whirling Planets**

*Austrian Hymn*

POSTLUDE

Suite Liturgique  
IV. Sortie

*Denis Bédard*

Liturgical Resources for Today:

<sup>1</sup>*Feasting on the Word, Kimberly Bracken, ed.*

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:*

*Monique Fortune and Steve Knight*

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LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

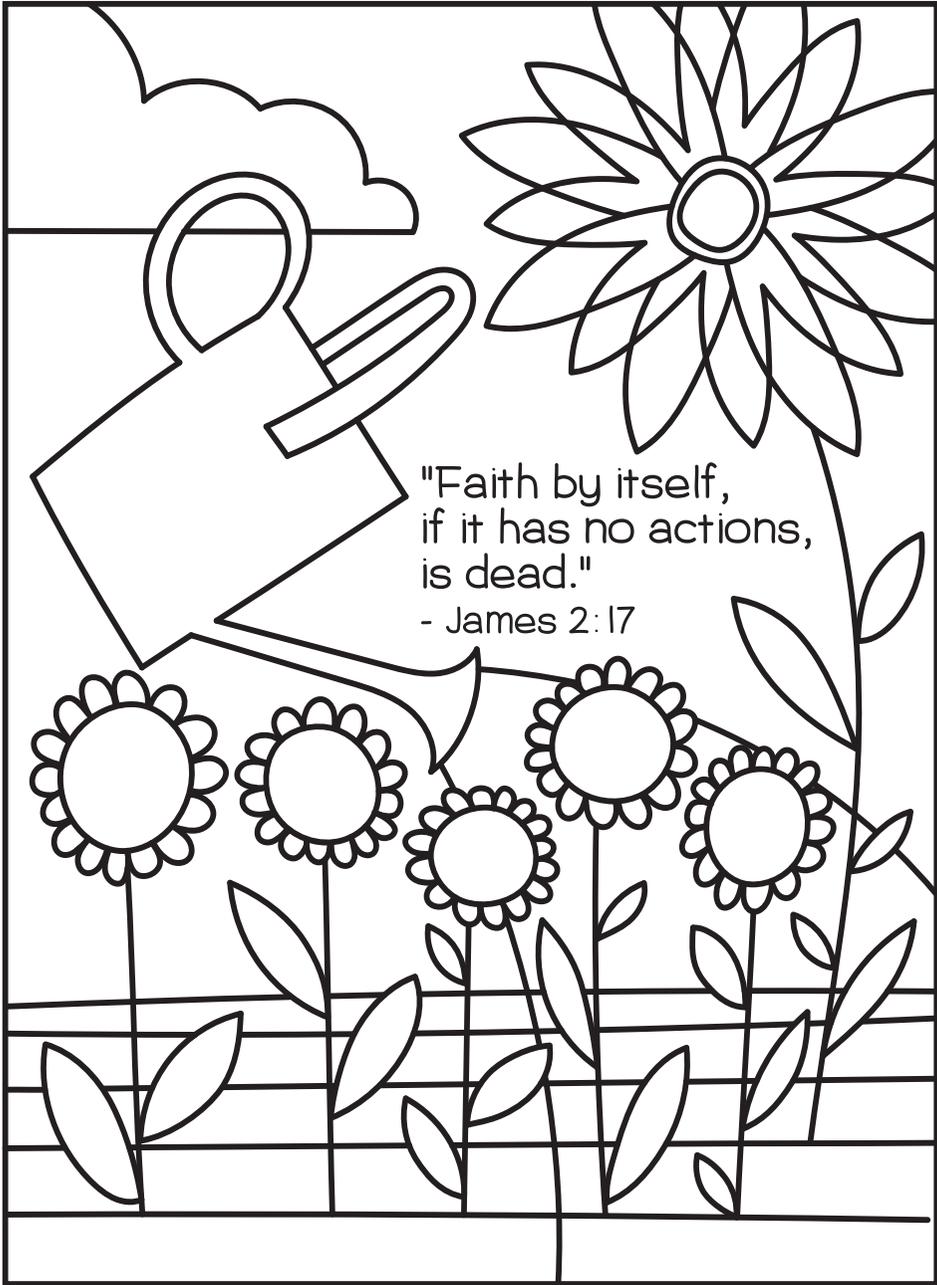
**For announcements of programs and events** in the church, please pick up the *Life of Our Community* bulletin located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center. Or visit our website [www.trcnyc.org](http://www.trcnyc.org).

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# FINISH the DRAWING

In Mark 7, Jesus heals a man who cannot hear and who cannot talk. Jesus lays his hands on him, and then the man can suddenly hear and he begins talking! Imagine that you are with the crowd and watching this happen. Finish the drawing to create a picture of what this looked like.





"Faith by itself,  
if it has no actions,  
is dead."

- James 2:17



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James 2:1-10

## 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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