OCTOBER 21, 2018
CHILDREN’S SABBATH
TWENTY-SECOND 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:

“It is the responsibility of every adult...to make sure that children hear what we have learned from the lessons of life and to hear over and over that we love them and that they are not alone.”

– Dr. Marian Wright Edelman

Join Rev. Michael Livingston on Sunday, October 28 for a Sermon Talk Back after worship at the front of the Nave.

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 Coffee Hour in South hall 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. Breakfast and lunch for purchase will be in Assembly Hall.

A free church tour is offered each Sunday after Worship. Meet in the 1st balcony, no reservation necessary. Tours also take place Wednesday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., as church schedule permits, leaving from the Welcome Center / Gift Shop. Reservations recommended. Visit trcnyc.org/visit.

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
Free Variations on “Built on a Rock the Church Doth Stand”  Ulla Laage
Charles Semowich, Guest Carillonneur

ORGAN
Arioso, from Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D (BWV 1068)  Johann Sebastian Bach
arr. Frederick Hohman

ANTHEM
Praise the Lord  Amanda Meisenheimer
Cherub Choir
Sharon Pritchard, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY  Rev. Michael Livingston
Amanda Meisenheimer

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 267
All Things Bright and Beautiful  Royal Oak

†CALL TO WORSHIP  Amanda Meisenheimer
One: Come as a child, full of wonder and hope.
All: We come as children of the light.
One: Come as a child, bubbling over with curiosity and questions.
All: We come as children eager to learn.
One: Come as a child with an open heart and unbridled joy.
All: We come as God’s beloved children to worship today!

†INVOCATION

†All who are able, please stand
LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

Be Strong!  
Trilby Jordan and Sandy Wilkinson

From wisdom of the Bible we know God loves us so. We know that God is by our side wherever we may go. But when we look around us at problems on parade, sometimes we need to hear and heed: “Be strong! Don’t be afraid!”

Be strong, be strong, our God has given this command. We are held in God’s righteous hand. Old Joshua had courage and Bible readings show, in days long past with trumpet blast, he conquered Jericho. God strengthened him with courage to see the challenge through, take up the song, “Be strong, be strong!”

There’s so much we can do. “Be strong! God has given this command. We are held in God’s righteous hand.”

The Rising Voices Choir
Matthew Hommez, director
Yuliya Basis, accompanist

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Livingston
Anita Bryant

We welcome you with joy and friendship into the common life of The Riverside Church. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s love and grace and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister Derrick Jordan

Dear God,
You are a great and awesome God.
Today we come to you with a prayer of confession.
We are sorry for not always acting kind and loving, and for the times we we didn’t share.
Help us remember the stories you told about people like us, and how to follow your example all our lives.
Listen now to what our hearts are saying. (silent prayer). Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

All who are able, please stand
HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON
Christina Saint Louis
Job 38:1-7, 34-41
(page 484 in the Old Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON
Annike Pfeiffer
Hebrews 5:1-10 (from The Message translation)
(page 220 in the New Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN
Creating God, Your Fingers Trace
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GOSPEL LESSON
Simone Blaylock-Shand
Luke 9:46-48
(page 69 in the New Testament)
One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

A TEACHING MOMENT
Amanda Meisenheimer

SERMON
Dr. Marci Vandiver
Jesus Loves the Little Children

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. 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.

All who are able, please stand
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.

CHORAL AMEN

PASSING OF THE PEACE
One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE
Minister Jordan

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Prayer of Saint Francis
Searle Wright

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.

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
Minister Jordan
Today we celebrate the ministry of our Riverside Kids Worship, which provides a sacred space for children to connect with God in song, movement, art and storytelling.

All who are able, please stand
SENding
We are sent out into the world to love God and our neighbors

Benediction
Dr. Vandiver

Recessional Hymn
Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service
Holy Manna

Postlude
“Someone’s Singing, Lord” from Variations on Kum Ba Yah
John Behnke

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Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Christina Saint Louis, Annike Pfeiffer and Simone Blaylock-Shand

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 trcny.org/events.
CONNECT the DOTS

In Job 38, God talks to Job in the midst of a big storm. God talks to Job about all the things God has created. Connect the dots to form the clouds. Inside or around the clouds, draw or write some things you want to praise God for making.
Activities based on Job 38:1–7 (34–41), Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c, Mark 10:35–45.

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THE EARTH IS FULL OF YOUR Creatures
Whoever wants to be great
shall be servant of all.

Serve Me.
Mark 10:34-45

Great among you must be your servant.

No, I'm #1!

Number 1!
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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