The Riverside Church
in the City of New York

Gratitude

NOVEMBER 18, 2018
TWENTY-SIXTH 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:

“If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.”
– Meister Eckhart

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 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. Breakfast and lunch for purchase will be in South 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

We Thank Thee (Cantata 29)                     J. S. Bach, trans. Bob Van Wely
Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

ORGAN

Fantasy on “Now Thank We All Our God”           J. Stuart Archer
Improvisation on “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ANTHEM

Praise God, Praise God

Cherub Choir
Sharon Pritchard, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George’s Windsor

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 100

Rev. Jim Keat

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
All: Worship the Lord with gladness;
     come into God’s presence with singing.

One: Know that the Lord is God.
All: It is God that made us, and we belong to God,
     we are God’s people, and the sheep of God’s pasture.

One: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving,
and God’s courts with praise.
All: Give thanks to God, bless God’s name.

One: For the Lord is good;
All: the Lord’s steadfast love endures forever,
and the Lord’s faithfulness to all generations.

INVOCATION

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

ANTHEM
We Thank You, Lord  
Ruth Elaine Schram
Thank you, Lord, for the blessings of friends and family, life and love. Autumn leaves of red and gold; for them all, we thank you, Lord. We thank you, Lord. Our blessings great and small; we thank you for them all. Thank you, Lord for the harvest grain, after summer’s gentle rain. Autumn breezes blowing cold; for them all, we thank you, Lord. We thank you, Lord. Our blessings great and small; we thank you for them all.

The Riverside Rising Voices Choir  
Matthew Hommez, Director  
Yuliya Basis, Accompanist

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS  Rev. Michael Livingston & Anita Bryant
All: 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  Rev. Rachel Johnson
Generous and Loving God,
you have given us so much. Give us one thing more, a grateful heart for your world and all its people. When we would hoard our abundance, set us free to share. When we would exclude those who are different, open our eyes. When we are apathetic in the face of injustice, embolden us. When we fear the future, forgive us, and remind us that we are your people. Your steadfast love endures forever, and your faithfulness to all generations.  
Hear now the confessions of our hearts. (silent prayer). Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON  Carolyn Bland
Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17  
(page 243 in the Old Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.  
All: Thanks be to God.
EPISTLE LESSON
Hebrews 9:24-28
(page 224 in the New Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN
Lord of All Good

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You;
We give our minds to understand Your ways,
God, whose great bounty all creation shows;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill;
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great design,
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
Heart with the flame of Your own love ablaze,
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows;
That our whole life is offered to Your will.
Till for Your glory all our powers combine.
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

GOSPEL LESSON
Mark 12:38-44
(page 49 in the New Testament)
One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON
Pennies and Privilege

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Rev. Livingston

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.

Rev. Keat

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Will Give Thanks to the Lord

Emma Lou Diemer

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all thy wonderful deeds, I will be glad and exult in thee, I will sing praise to thy name, O Most High. Be gracious to me, O Lord! Behold what I suffer from those who hate me, O thou who liftest me up from gates of death, that I may recount all of thy praises, that in the gates of the daughter of Zion, I may rejoice in thy deliverance. I will give thanks unto the Lord! (Psalm 9: 1-2; 13-14)

All who are able, please stand
†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
Rev. Keat
Today we celebrate the work of our Food Pantry Ministry, which opens our doors to the community Tuesday through Friday to provide food for our neighbors needing assistance.

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

†BENEDICTION
Rev. Butler

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 555
Now Thank We All Our God
Nun danket alle Gott

POSTLUDE
Now Thank We All Our God
Paul Manz

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Carolyn Bland and Gregory Muniz

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.

†All who are able, please stand
"Let's hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for God who has promised is faithful."
- Hebrews 10:23
My Heart is Glad
Hannah Prayed & Said:

My heart exults in the Lord.
My Strength is Exalted in God.
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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