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:

“How long O Lord?” “…until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.”

- The Book of Common Prayer

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

We are currently in the season after Epiphany, as signified by green paraments and clergy stoles, symbolizing the Holy Spirit, hope, and eternal life.

How did our spiritual ancestors cope in the middle of national disaster after national disaster? Join us for worship in the Nave on Sunday mornings as we continue a five week series that tells the story of the Israelites, specifically the ups and downs of their political and social life as a corporate community, and how some of their experiences mirror the corporate pain we are feeling in our world today. This series will invite us to find hope in the midst of bleak and chaotic times.

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 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

Prelude and Fugue on “How Wondrous Thy Work”
Ronald Barnes
Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

HANDBELLS

Ring Out Joyfully
Kathie Mackie
Morningdance
Cathy Moklebust
The Riverside Ringers
Daniel Potter, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Nicaea

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kevin VanHook

One: We have come to worship God, the living God,
All: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

One: We have come to praise God, the almighty God.
All: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

One: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
All: Who chooses even you and me,
to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.
All glory to God!

INVOCATION

Rev. VanHook

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS  Rev. Bruce Lamb & 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.

ANTHEM

Precious Lord  arr. Arnold Sevier
Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, at the river, Lord, I stand, guide my feet and hold my hand: Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home. Mmm.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON  Rev. Lamb
Isaiah 6:1-13            Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper
(page 635 in the Old Testament)  Rev. VanHook
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON  Rev. VanHook
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

† All who are able, please stand
HYMN

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Pescador de hombres

Refrain (Estribillo)

(Refrain: O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me, and, while smiling, have called out my name. Now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me; now with You, I will seek other seas.)

GOSPEL LESSON

Kara Dago-Clark

(page 62 in the New Testament)
One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

The Hope and Fears of All the Years: Endurance

All who are able, please stand
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. Casteel Harper

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.
One: The Lord be with you.
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.

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

Rev. Lamb

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come Sunday

Duke Ellington, arr. Alice Parker

Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty, God of love, please look down and see my people through. I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky. I don’t mind the gray skies ‘cause they’re just clouds passing by. I believe God is now, was then, and always will be. With God’s blessing, we can make it through eternity. Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty, God of love, please look down and see my people through.

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. Lamb

Today we celebrate the ministry of Maranatha, which is committed to serving God by fostering greater understanding and promoting equity for the LGBTQ community.

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

BENEDICTION
Rev. Livingston

RECESSIONAL HYMN 369
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

POSTLUDE
Fanfares

POSTLUDE
Calvin Hampton

Special thanks to our congregational leader:
Kara Dago-Clark

The flowers on the altar are given in tribute to our beloved Queen Mother, Mrs. Mattye Tollette Bond, 12/5/1895 - 2/10/2002 by Mildred Bond Roxborough and Family.

Liturgical Resources for Today:
1Worship Ways

All who are able, please stand
When I called,

you answered me.
In Luke 5, the disciples have been fishing all night but haven't caught any fish. Jesus tells them to try again, dropping their nets on the other side of the boat. When they do, their nets become overflowing with fish! Draw what you imagine this scene looked like.

Jeremiah 17 says that people who trust in God are like trees planted next to water. They are always connected to their life-source, and know God will take care of them.

Finish the drawing of the tree.

Inside or around the tree, write or draw some ways God has taken care of you.

Try to find the words from Psalm 138 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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S T R E N G T H M A N S I R W
Y C W M H C B S K N A H T M B

THANKS  HOLY  SOUL
LORD  STEADFAST  MOUTH
HEART  LOVE  GLORY
PRAISE  FAITHFULNESS  TROUBLE
SING  ANSWER  PURPOSE
TEMPLE  STRENGTH  DELMER
ABOUT RIVERSIDE
The Riverside Church is an interdenominational, interracial, international, open, welcoming, and affirming church and congregation. The church is a member of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. and the United Church of Christ. Riverside cooperates with the Council of Churches in the City of New York and with the New York State, National, and World Council of Churches. Rev. Dr. Amy Butler is the seventh senior minister of the church and the first woman to serve in this position at the church. Whoever you are: You are safe here. You are loved here. You are invited into full participation in our life together.

Rev. Dr. Amy Butler, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Senior Minister Emeritus

TALK WITH THE PREACHER
Read transcripts of Pastor Amy’s sermons online at trcnyc.org/sermons. Follow Pastor Amy on Twitter at @PastorAmyTRC.

Pastor Amy is available for conversations with members. Email SrMinister@trcnyc.org or call 212-870-6775 to arrange an appointment.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY
For announcements of programs and events at The Riverside Church, please pick up the Life of the Community newsletter located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center. Visit trcnyc.org/Events for more information and to download a copy.

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PARKING - 2/10/2019
Parking is available in the garage below the building. Present this bulletin to the attendant before 6:00 p.m. for a reduced rate of $5.00.
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