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:

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

- Hebrews 11:1

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
Hymn Prelude on “Oh, How Fleeting”  
John Knox  
Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

ORGAN
Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness  
Johannes Brahms  
Cantabile, from Symphonie VIII  
Charles-Marie Widor

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY
Rev. Amy Butler

PROCESSIONAL HYMN
Within Your Shelter, Loving God  
Dunlap’s Creek

All who are able, please stand
CALL TO WORSHIP

from Jeremiah 17

Rev. Jim Keat

One: Blessed are we when we put our trust in God.
All: The Lord is our hope and confidence.

One: May we become like trees planted by water,
All: sending our roots deep into God’s love.

One: We will not fear the drought of this world,
All: but instead flourish and produce the fruits of righteousness, justice and peace.

INVOCATION

Rev. Keat

ANTHEM

T.W. Carpenter

Jesus Promised

Oh how wonderful it is, Jesus promised He’ll take care of me! Oh how marvelous it is, Jesus promised He’ll take care of me. I don’t have to worry about the things ahead. All I have to do is live right, and believe in what He said. I can call Him in the morning, I can call Him in the middle of the night. And when I call Him, He makes everything all right. It does not matter how big the problem may be! Jesus promised He’ll take care of me! Jesus promised He’ll take care of me!

The Riverside Inspirational Choir
Nedra Olds-Neal, director
Matt King, piano
Jonathan Peretz, percussion
Emanuel Gatewood, bass

LISTENING

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON
Jeremiah 17:5-10
(page 719 in the Old Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
(page 176 in the New Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

All who are able, please stand
HYMN
Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure in all Your
The eyes of all are fixed on You; By You their
Lord, You are just in all Your ways, and kind in
My mouth shall speak Your praise, O Lord; My soul shall

words, Your gracious deeds; You gently lift all burdened
wants are all supplied; Your open hand is bountiful
everything You do; Forever near You stand to
bless Your holy name; Let all things living join the

souls and well provide for all our needs.
-ful and every soul is satisfied.
hear and help all those who call on You.
song of praise, from age to age the same.

GOSPEL LESSON
Luke 6:17-26
(page 64 in the New Testament)
One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON
The Hope and Fears of All the Years: Faith

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
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

OFFERNTORY ANTHEM
My Faith Looks Up To Thee

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly Thine! May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee pure, warm and changless be, a living fire! While life’s dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow’s tears away, nor let me ever stray from Thee aside. When ends life’s transient dream, when death’s cold, sullen stream shall o’er me roll; blest Saviour, then in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

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
Today we celebrate the ministry of the Riverside Inspirational Choir, whose music has lifted our spirits and inspired a sustaining faith since 1981.

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 389

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Nyland

POSTLUDE

Fanfares and Chorale

Calvin Fuller

Welcome to the newest members of our Riverside Church family who joined February 10, 2019

Vernay Mitchell-McKnight
Rosemary Ojo
Seni Tienabeso
Emma Gibson
Patricia Raburn
Natalie Pattillo
Colton Conroy
Sun Young Chang-Bagdonas
Brian Bagdonas
Barbara Duran
Joel Gibson
Ethan Boothman

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Len Leach & Lucia Herndon

All who are able, please stand
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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.

Everything they do shall prosper.
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.

PARKING - 2/17/2019
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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