The Riverside Church
in the City of New York

THE HOPES AND FEARS
OF ALL THE YEARS

FUTURE

TRUTH WITNESS ENDURANCE FAITH FUTURE

FEBRUARY 24, 2019
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
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:

“Memories are the key not to the past, but to the future.”

- Corrie Ten Boom

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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.

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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 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
Psalms-Meditation
Edward Lee Cobb
Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

ORGAN
Reverie, from Suite Sebastienne
Where All is Peace
Thomas H. Kerr
Kimo Smith

ANTHEM
We Shall Overcome
Cherub Choir
Sharon Pritchard, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY
Rev. Michael Livingston

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 479
Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
Lauda Anima

†CALL TO WORSHIP
Rev. Debra Northern
One: God of our past,
All: We are reminded of your steadfast love and faithfulness to all generations.

One: God of our present,
All: we are emboldened to work for justice and peace for all your children.

One: God of our future,
All: we are filled with hope as we move toward your coming Reign. Let us worship!

†INVOCATION
Rev. Northern

†All who are able, please stand
ANTHEMS
I Will Praise You, Lord

Susan Naylor Callaway

Lord, you are God and I will praise You; Lord, you are God and I will exalt You; Lord, You are God and I will adore You. I'll sing songs of praise to You. I will praise You, Lord, for You have become my salvation. For You are my strength and song, my song. Lord, You are God and my heart will adore You; Lord, You are God and my hands will applaud You; Lord, You are God and my voice will exalt You. I'll sing songs of praise to You!

Set Down Servant

Spiritual, arr. Roger Emerson

Set down servant, I can't set down. My soul's so happy that I can't set down. My Lord, you know you promised me, a long white robe and a pair of shoes. Go yonder angel, fetch me some shoes, and place them on-a my servant's feet. Now servant, please set down! Set down servant, I can't set down. My soul's so happy that I can't set down. My Lord, you know you promised me, a long white robe and a starry crown. Go yonder angel, fetch me a crown and place it on-a my servant's head. Now servant, please set down! Set down servant, I can't set down. My soul's so happy that I can't set down. My Lord, you've been so good to me. My soul has been set free! Set down servant, I can't set down. My soul's so happy that I can't set, not yet, won't set down. I can't set down!

The Riverside Rising Voices
Matthew Hommez, director
Yuliya Basis, piano

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Dr. Kurt Adams
Rev. Kevin VanHook

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
(page 42 in the Old Testament)

One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER LESSON

Rev. Northern

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
(page 510, in the Old Testament)

One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.
HYMN
Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;
Be still, my soul: for God will undertake;
Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here;

bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
to guide in future days as in the past;
when we shall be with God whom we adore,

Leave to your God to order and provide;
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
with disappointment gone, no grief nor fear,

in ev’ry change God faithful will remain;
al now mysterious shall be clear at last;
sorrow replaced with joy forevermore.

Be still, my soul: your best eternal friend;
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know;
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
how Jesus’ power ruled them long ago.
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

All who are able, please stand
GOSPEL LESSON


(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: Future

Rev. Jim Keat

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.

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

All who are able, please stand
PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. VanHook

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hymn to the New Age Lee Hoiby

Through the long night we have come, the sun is bright the wars are done. We will unite, we will be one, a new light has begun. Smile, heaven, on our loving land. Shine blessings on our fair kingdom. Enrich our time to come with growing love, with joy abundant, and long prosperous days. God’s blessings are renewed again. The face of freedom is revealed in sunlight. Now sing in praise of life, with poems praise, with voices raise, with drums, with trumpets praise. God’s loving kingdom come to us; the gift of life and the gift of freedom. Now shall peace reign, truth be revealed and all wounds be healed. So was it ever meant to be, resplendent hope of humankind: to follow with the dove, the way of peace, the way of love. So shall it be, so shall it ever be

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. VanHook

Today we celebrate the work of our Prison Ministry, which conducts advocacy and outreach programs on behalf of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people, their families, and their communities.

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

Rev. Keat

All who are able, please stand
RECESSIONAL HYMN
For the Healing of the Nations

For the healing of the nations,
Lead us now, Lord, into freedom,
All that kills abundant living,
You, creator God, have written,

Lord, we pray with one accord;
From despair your world release;
Let it from the earth be banned;
Your great name on human-kind;

sharing Of the things that earth affords.
hatred All may come and go in peace.
schooling Dogmas that obscure your plan.
likeness Bring the life of Christ to mind:

To a life of love in action
Show us how through care and goodness
In our common quest for justice
That by our response and service

Help us rise and pledge our word.
Fear will die and hope increase.
May we hail life's brief span.
Earth its destiny may find.

POSTLUDE
Grand Chœur in D Major

FLOWER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The flowers on the altar are given by the Inspirational Choir in celebration of our beloved members Vera Smith Holzman and Harold McQuilla on the occasion of our 38th annual concert. Additionally, the flowers on the altar are given by the Gianas Family in loving memory of James Gianas, Father, Son, Husband, Pappou, Hero.

“So it is true, when all is said and done, grief is the price we pay for love.”

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Dr. Kurt Adams & Angela Aidala
"Commit your way to God; Trust in God, and God will act."
- Psalm 37:5
In ancient times, people believed that God lived on a mountain. In Psalm 99, it says to “worship God at God’s holy mountain.”

Finish the drawing of the mountain. Then, write or draw some things that you want to praise and worship God for.

Genesis 45 shares the story of Joseph seeing his brothers for the first time after many, many years. His brothers had been very mean to Joseph, but Joseph forgave them. He gave them big hugs and cried when he saw his brothers.

Draw what you think this looked like in the first box. In the second box, draw a picture of a time you forgave someone.

In Luke 6, Jesus says that he wants us to love everyone— including our enemies.

Connect the dots to form a heart. Inside the heart, write or draw some ways you can love people that are hard to love.
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 - 2/24/2019
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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