**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:

“And ever has it been known that love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation.”
- Khalil Gibran

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**THE LITURGICAL YEAR**

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the season of Lent, a period of forty days leading to Easter marked by repentance and reflection on everything in our lives that separates us from God. The liturgical color of Lent is purple as signified by the paraments, wall hanging, and clergy stoles (excepting communion Sundays when clergy wear white stoles).

**GOD & US: STORIES OF SIN AND LOSS**

During the season of Lent we will explore some of the stories of sin and loss from the book of Genesis. In these stories we begin to understand more fully the relationship between God and Us, and the many ways in which we suffer a loss of connection with the divine through sinful choices we make. Stories of sin and loss are stories of the human experience. In telling them we can find ourselves and we can be found by God, who always welcomes us back into relationship with the Divine.

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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
Variations on “Most Beloved Jesus”  
Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

ORGAN
Méditation, From Symphonie I  
Charles-Marie Widor
Jesus Christus, unser Heiland  
Dieterich Buxtehude
Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley  
Dale Wood

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY
Rev. Amy Butler

++PROCESSIONAL HYMN 303
Jesus, Lover of My Soul  
Aberystwyth

++CALL TO WORSHIP
Rev. Kevin VanHook
One:  Prepare us for our Lenten journey, O God;  
All:  give us the courage to venture into the challenging places  
of heart and spirit.
One:  Come with us on our Lenten journey, O God;  
All:  strengthen us that we might learn and grow as disciples of  
Jesus Christ.
One:  Join us with others on our Lenten journey, O God;  
All:  in faithful solidarity, we will search out dark forces of oppression  
and defeat them in the light of Christ.
One:  Be with us at the end of our Lenten journey, O God;  
All:  that at the foot of the cross we might look up  
and understand the gift of your love.

++OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM
Now Is the Cool of the Day  
Jean Ritchie

My Lord, he said unto me: Do you like my garden so fair? You may live in this garden  
if you keep the grasses green, and I'll return in the cool of the day. Now is the cool of  
the day. O this earth is a garden, the garden of my Lord. And he walks in his garden  
in the cool of the day. Then my Lord, she said unto me: Do you like my garden so pure? You may live in this garden if you keep the waters clean, and I'll return in the  
cool of the day. Then my Lord, he said unto me: Do you like my pastures green? You  
may live in this garden if you will feed my lambs; and I'll return in the cool of the day.  
Meghann Vaughan, Mezzo-soprano

++All who are able, please stand
A MOMENT FOR LENT

Rev. Butler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
The minister offers words of confession, to which the congregation responds as follows:

One: Lord have mercy.
All: Christ have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON
Minister Christian Peele
Genesis 3 (paraphrase)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 91
Grail/Gelineau

Jessica Marsten, cantor

EPISTLE LESSON
Rev. Michael Livingston
Romans 10:8b-13
(page 160, 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 80
Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

GOSPEL LESSON
(page 61 in the New Testament)
One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON
Paradise Lost
Rev. Butler

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.

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE
Minister Peele

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
For God shall give the angels (Elijah) Felix Mendelssohn
For God shall give the angels charge over thee; that they shall protect thee in all the ways thou goest; that their hands shall uphold and guide thee, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

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 Minister Peele

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Welcome Center/Gift Shop, which offers hospitality to all – visitors, members, and staff, and provides items for sale that support the various programs and promote the general mission of our church and faith community.

SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION Rev. Butler

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 184 How Blest Are Those Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

POSTLUDE

Toccata, from "Plymouth Suite" Percy Whitlock

Special thanks to our congregational leader:
Abby Hershberger

†All who are able, please stand
"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.
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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.

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 - 3/10/2019
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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