

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



MARCH 3, 2019
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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:

“Out there, up there, above us, there is a wisdom, a beauty, an organizing principle, a physics, a natural order, a deep unity that is positively wild with beauty and variety, deep dazzling darkness in which exists brilliant color and heat, shades of color we don’t have names for and temperatures we cannot accurately measure. God is in this, of this, defined by it, yet defying definition..”

– Rev. Michael Livingston

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 Epiphany, as signified by green paraments and clergy stoles (except on communion Sundays) symbolizing growth.

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 "Our Father in Heaven"

Chris Dubois

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

ORGAN

Praise Be Thou, Jesu Christ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now (BWV 655)

Johann Sebastian Bach

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

+CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Minister Charlene Wingate

One: Behind all things
there is a glory escaping,
born of heaven
and belongs to heaven.

All: **A light that welcomes
a more profound way of seeing things,
that transfigures the world.**

One: That casts a spell of hope,
that sees the glory in the cross,
and life within death.

All: **It is a glory that meets us here
on this mountain,
where Jesus Christ,
covered in the dust of the world
is caught up in the glory of heaven.
Come let us worship.**

+INVOCATION

ANTHEM

Arise, Shine

Jean Berger

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

+*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Bruce Lamb

Exodus 34:29-35

(page 81 in the Old Testament)

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Bryant Harris

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

(page 180 in the New Testament)

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

✚HYMN 327

O Word of God Incarnate

Munich

✚GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

Luke 9:28-36

(page 69 in the new Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

Above, Below

RESPONDING

We respond to the hearing of God's word through prayer,
passing the peace, offering and monthly communion

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Farley Lord

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

And then shall your light break forth (Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn

And then shall your light break forth as the light of morning breaketh, and
your health shall speedily spring forth then; and the glory of the Lord ever shall
reward you. Lord our Creator, how excellent Thy Name is in all the nations.
Thou fillest heaven with glory. Amen!

✚*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;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✚ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Farley Lord

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Career Day Committee, which works to provide students from near and far with exciting vocational opportunities as they imagine their futures... "Building bridges and building the city of tomorrow."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

Following each petition, please join in the following responses:

One: God of glory,

All: hear our prayer.

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 THE TABLE

Rev. Livingston

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul-er Al-might - y;
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Glo-ry be to you, O God.
Bless-ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

CALL TO SUPPER

One: The body of Christ, broken for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the bread of life!

One: The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!

A gluten-free option for communion bread is available upon request from a communion server.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN

Communion
Adagio, from Symphonie V

Louis Vierne
Charles-Marie Widor

CHOIR

The Call

Arr. Erik Routley

What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flowers in spring?
Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty, hear you not heavenly caroling?
What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flowers in spring?
What is this light so fair, so tender, breaking upon our wondering eyes? Never
the morning star so radiant followed course o'er eastern skies. What is this
light so fair, so tender, breaking upon our wondering eyes? Shepherds, O
haste with eager footsteps, seek the Savior born today. Low at His feet we lay
our treasure, heart's adoration, love for aye. Shepherds, O haste with eager
footsteps, seek the Savior born today.

HYMN

Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face

Morecambe



Here, O our Lord, we see You face to face,
We have no help but Yours, nor do we need
This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear.
Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pas - ses by,

Here would we touch and han - dle things un - seen,
A - no - ther arm and save Yours to lean u - pon.
This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble for us spread;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
Yet, pass - ing, points to that glad feast a - bove,

Here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed,
Here let us feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
The bread and wine re - move, but You are here,
Giv - ing sweet fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,

And all our wear - i - ness u - pon You lean.
Our strength is in Your might, Your might a - lone.
The fel - low - ship of liv - ing wine and bread.
Near - er than e - ver still our shield and sun.
The Lamb's great brid - al feast of bliss and love.

✚PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Livingston

Compassionate God, you meet us on the mountaintop and you meet us in the valley. Today you have met us in the bread and cup at this your table. As we go from this place may we receive strength to walk with all your children in peace, and witness to the truth of your reconciliation and love. Amen.

SENDING

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

✚BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

✚RECESSIONAL HYMN 411

Arise, Your Light is Come!

Festal Song

POSTLUDE

Toccata

John Weaver

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Bryant Harris & Micah McVoy*

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹Rev. Roddy Hamilton

UNSCRAMBLE IT

Unscramble the words!

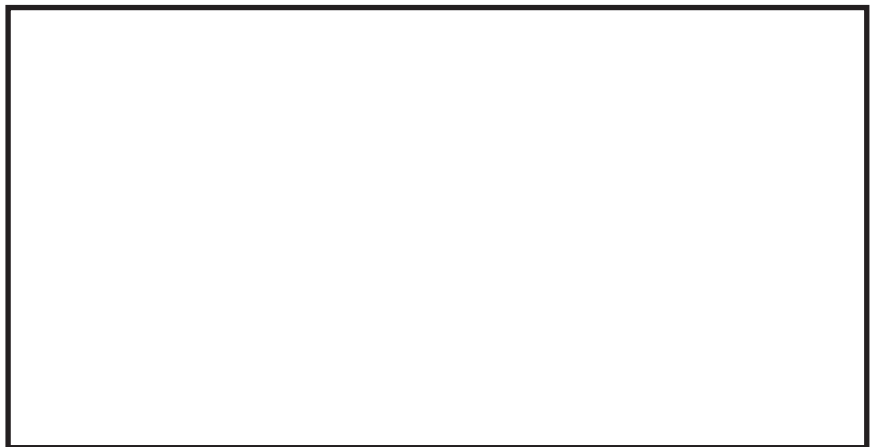
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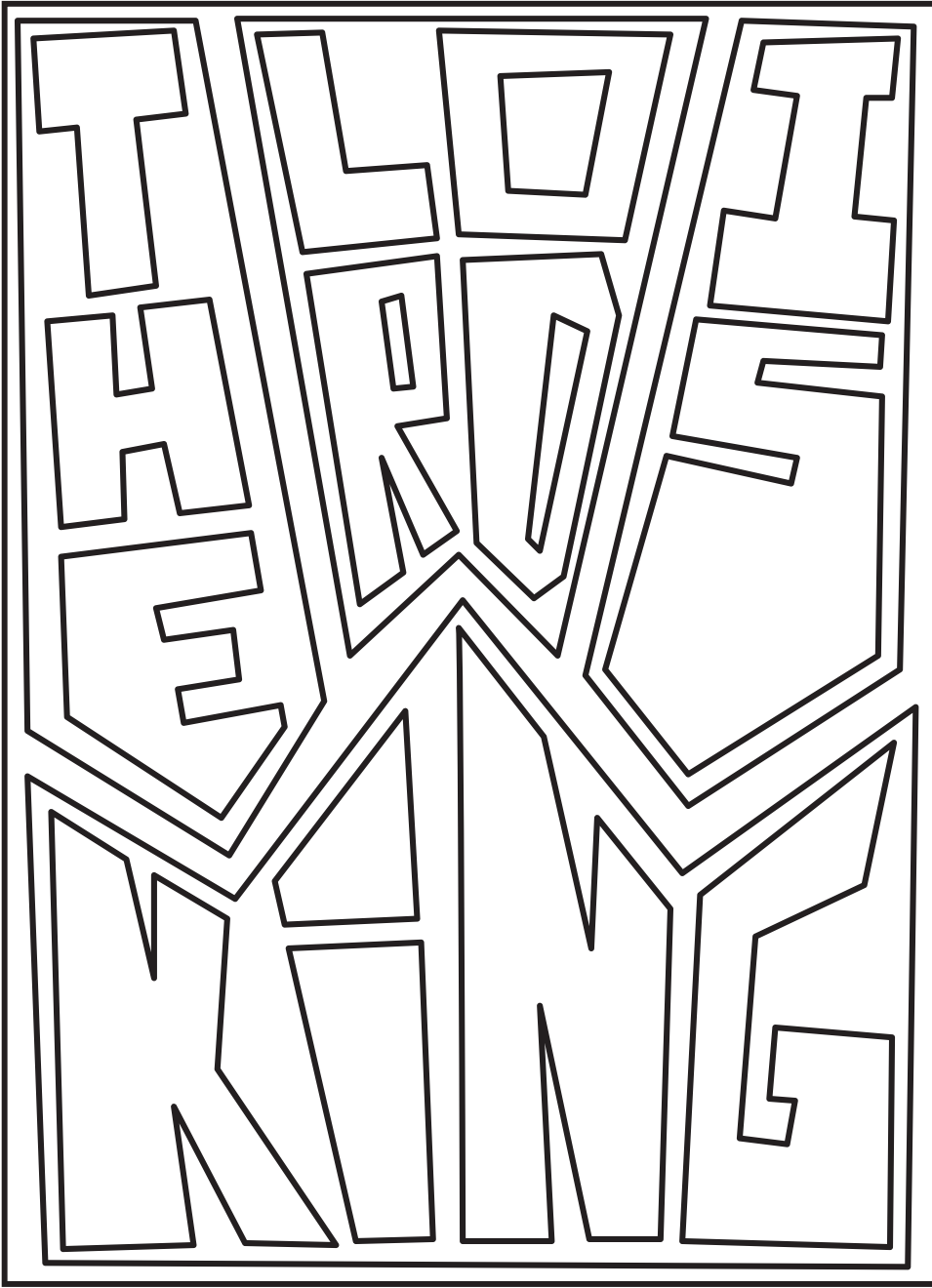
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DOODLE AREA



Draw something you 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 - 3/3/2019

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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