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:

Birthrights and blessings are not prescriptions, they are not possessions gifted from one generation to the next and available only to the highly favored or the first born. They can’t be bought or stolen and retain any value. Our way is through a garden of thorns and delights, ripe with the fruit of mercy, forgiveness, grace and love.

- Rev. Michael Livingston

The liturgical calendar is a way for us 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.

If This is your First Visit:
Complete a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate as it passes.
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 on “The King’s Majesty”  
Milford Myhre
Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

ORGAN
March Religieuse on “Lift Up Your Heads”  
Alexandre Guilmant

ANTHEM
Sing Hosanna  
Cherub Choir
Sharon Pritchard, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY  
Rev. Amy Butler

† PROCESIONAL HYMN 88
All Glory, Laud, and Honor  
Valet will ich Dir geben

† CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 118  
Rev. Kevin VanHook

One:  O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;  
God’s steadfast love endures forever!
All:  Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
One:  The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
All:  This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
One:  This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
All:  Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Come let us worship!

† INVOCATION

† All who are able, please stand
LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

Hosanna!

Hosanna, hosanna let the nations sing! Hosanna, hosanna to the coming King! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Behold our King, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, hosanna let the nations sing! Hosanna, hosanna to the coming King! Lift up your heads, O ye gates! Be lifted up you everlasting doors and the King of Glory shall come in! Hosanna, hosanna let the nations sing! Hosanna, hosanna to the coming King! (Based on Psalm 24:7)

Victor C. Johnson

The Riverside Rising Voices Choir
Matthew Hommez, director
Yuliya Basis, accompanist

A TEACHING MOMENT

Amanda Meisenheimer

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Michael Livingston & Anita Bryant

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.

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.

Lord Have Mercy

Lord have mer-cy; Christ have mer-cy. Lord have mer-cy on me.

†All who are able, please stand
WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Valerie Henning-Piedmonte

Genesis 25:19-34
(page 21 & 22 in the Old Testament)

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

HYMN 90

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

The King’s Majesty

GOSPEL LESSON

Joshua Elson

(page 83 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

Esau & Jacob: Simon & Jesus

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. Butler

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.

All who are able, please stand
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
Rev. Rachel Johnson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Sanctus
Maurice Duruflé
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

†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. Johnson
Today we celebrate the work of our Greeters Ministry, which offers hospitality and welcome to everyone who enters the doors of The Riverside Church.

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

†BENEDICTION
Rev. Livingston

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 89
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Ellacombe

POSTLUDE
Fugue on “Jesu, meine Freude”, Op. 87, No. 2
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Valerie Henning-Piedmonte, Joshua Elson

Liturgical Resources for Today:
*CCLI Song Number 2989578

†All who are able, please stand
Support Riverside’s Flower Ministry at trcny.org/giveflowers.

With your donation of $50 or more to the Flower Fund, Riverside Florist and the Flower Guild will create beautiful floral arrangements for the Chancel this holiday season.

Honoree names will be listed in worship materials during the holiday season.

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FLOWER GIFT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The flowers in the sanctuary today were given by Rev. Geraldine Howard in celebration of the life and love of Donald G. Day.

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HEAVEN!
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.

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 - 4/14/2019
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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