

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



MAY 5, 2019  
BELIEVE

# 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:

“Two hundred fifty years of slavery. Ninety years of Jim Crow. Sixty years of separate but equal. Thirty-five years of racist housing policy. Until we reckon with our compounding moral debts, America will never be whole.”

–The Atlantic, June 2014

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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 Eastertide, a period of 50 days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ until Pentecost. The liturgical color of Eastertide is white, which symbolizes the hope of the resurrection, as well as the purity and newness that comes from victory over sin and death, as signified by the paraments and clergy stoles.

## REVIVE US, O LORD

We are currently in an exciting six-week series in worship on welcoming revival and newness of life in our personal lives, our life together as a church and as members of the global family. We'll be diving into the Gospel of John as we highlight practices like forgiveness, telling the truth, healing and being witnesses. During these six weeks we'll enjoy music from the Boyd Family Singers, remember the 50th anniversary of the Black Manifesto, celebrate Mother's Day and radically recommit ourselves and our church to being God's "Easter" people in the world.

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## 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 [trcnc.org/visit](http://trcnc.org/visit).

**Assistive hearing devices and large print bulletins** are available upon request from an usher.

## SINGING

Converse

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear!*

*What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!*

*O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?*

*We should never be discouraged,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?*

*Jesus know our every weakness,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge-*

*Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?*

*Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee  
Thou wilt find a solace there.*

Pass Me Not Oh Gentle Savior

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*Pass me not, O gentle Savior*

*Hear my humble cry*

*While on others Thou art calling*

*Do not pass me by*

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry*

*While on others Thou art calling*

*Do not pass me by*

*Thou the spring of all my comfort  
More than life to me*

*Whom have I on earth beside Thee?*

*Whom in Heav'n but Thee?*

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry*

*While on others Thou art calling*

*Do not pass me by*

*Savior, Savior hear my humble cry*

*While on others Thou art calling*

*Do not pass me by*

Blessed Assurance

*Blessed Assurance*

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood*

*Chorus: This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blessed  
Watching and waiting, looking above  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love*

*Chorus*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

*Chorus*

WELCOME

Rev. Amy Butler

CALLING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

I Will Trust In The Lord

*C.L. Franklin*

*I will trust in the Lord  
I will trust in the Lord  
I will trust in the Lord until I die  
I will trust in the Lord  
I will trust in the Lord  
I will trust in the Lord until I die*

*I will stay on the battlefield...  
I will stay on the battlefield until I die*

*I will stay on bended knee...  
I will stay on bended knee until I die*

*I will watch fight and pray...*

One: When the world tries to divide us,  
**All: Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.**

Rev. Christian Peele

One: When our hearts break with suffering, .  
**All: Come, Holy Spirit, bring your healing power.**

One: When we lose our way,  
**All: Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

## PRAYER

## MUSIC

*Charles H. Gabriel*

His Eye is on the Sparrow

*Victory Boyd, soloist*

## †GOSPEL LESSON

Joan Rater

John 21:1-19  
*(pgs. 115 & 116 in New Testament)*

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

## MESSAGE

Rev. Butler

Interrupted

## †MUSIC

*Spiritual*

We Shall not Be Moved

***Fighting for our freedom, I shall not be moved  
Fighting for our freedom, I shall not be moved  
Just like a tree standing by the water  
I shall not be moved***

***Speaking truth to power, I shall not be moved  
Speaking truth to power, I shall not be moved  
Just like a tree standing by the water  
I shall not be moved***

***God is on our side, I shall not be moved  
God is on our side, I shall not be moved  
Just like a tree standing by the water  
I shall not be moved***

***With love in our hearts, we shall not be moved  
With love in our hearts, we shall not be moved  
Just like a tree standing by the water  
We shall not be moved***

†All who are able, please stand

†SHARING THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Rev. Jim Keat

OFFERING

*Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan*

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord

In the Lord, in the Lord. My soul's been anchored in the Lord. Before I'd stay in hell one day, I'd sing and pray myself away. Gonna shout and pray and never stop until I reach the mountain top. Do you love him? God Almighty? Are you anchored? My soul's been anchored in the Lord. Will you serve him? God Almighty? Are you anchored? My soul's been anchored in the Lord. Hallelujah, will you praise him? God almighty? Are you anchored? My soul's been anchored in the Lord. Lord I'm anchored, Lord I love you, yes I'll serve you, Lord I praise you. Hallelujah! My soul's been anchored in the Lord.

†PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

*The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize the offering of our whole selves to God.*

***To God be the glory,***

***To God be the glory,***

***To God be the glory,***

***For the things You have done.***

†PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND CELEBRATION

Rev. Keat

*Today we celebrate the work of our Black Lives Matter chapter, which affirms the humanity of all and works tirelessly for a world where all Black lives are no longer systematically targeted.*

RADICAL COMMITMENT

Riverside Pastoral Staff

Following each petition, please join in the responses:

One: Come, Holy Spirit,

All: **and fill us with your love.**

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.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Butler

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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 DURING COMMUNION

### ORGAN

### MUSIC

Living Sacrifice

*John Dwight Boyd*

### POEM FOLLOWING COMMUNION<sup>1</sup>

Rev. Butler

### ✚SENDING OUT

### ✚CLOSING MUSIC

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## POSTLUDE

The Lord Will Make a Way

*arr. H. Sexton & R. Henry*

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*Special thanks to our congregational leader:  
Joan Rater*

Liturgical Resources for Today:  
*<sup>1</sup>A New Conversation, by Kristin Geiser*

**The Boyd Family Singers:**

Dubbed a “modern von Trapp family” by their fans, John and his nine children have been singing and warming the hearts of NY residents and tourists in Central Park since 2007. Over the years, the group has expanded to include several classical musicians and additional singers. Now known as the Peace Industry Music Group, they are a unique ensemble of singers and musicians from different nationalities, all promoting the idea of peace through Christ, uplifting music and tranquil sound.

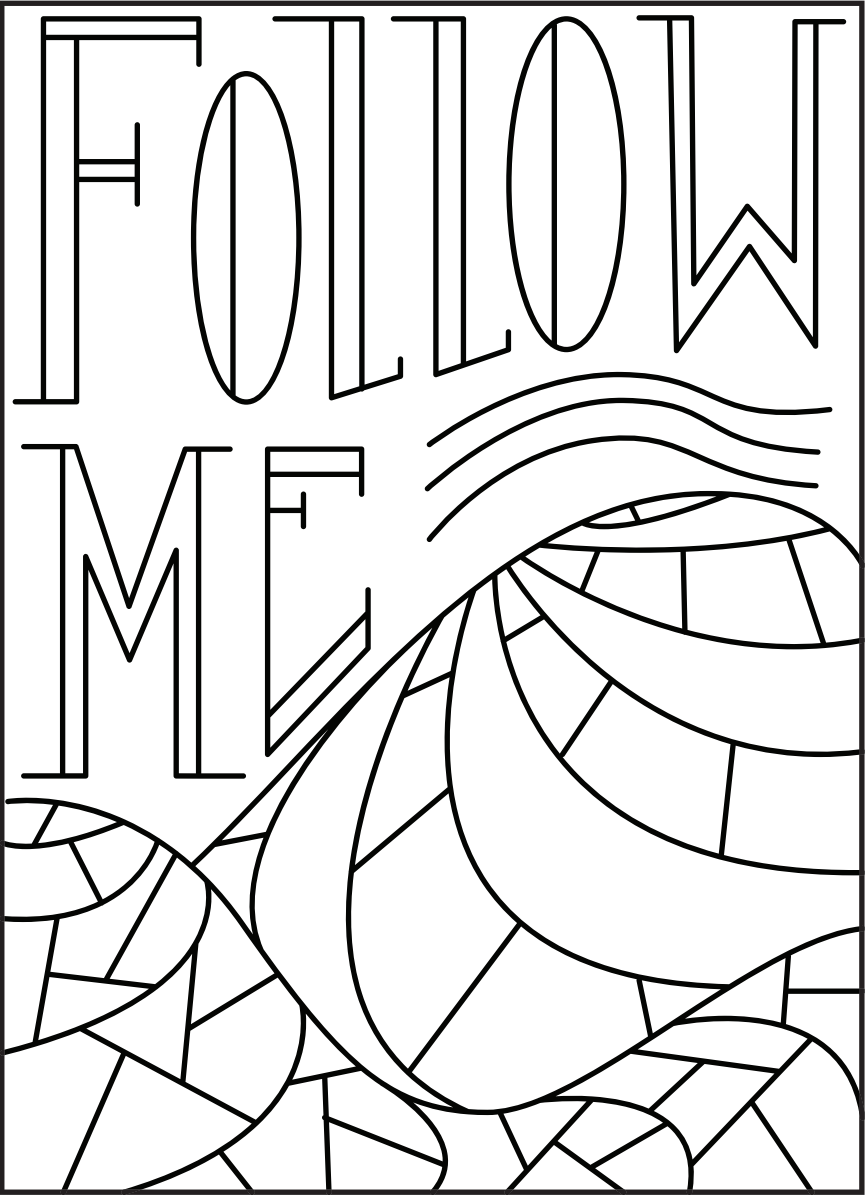
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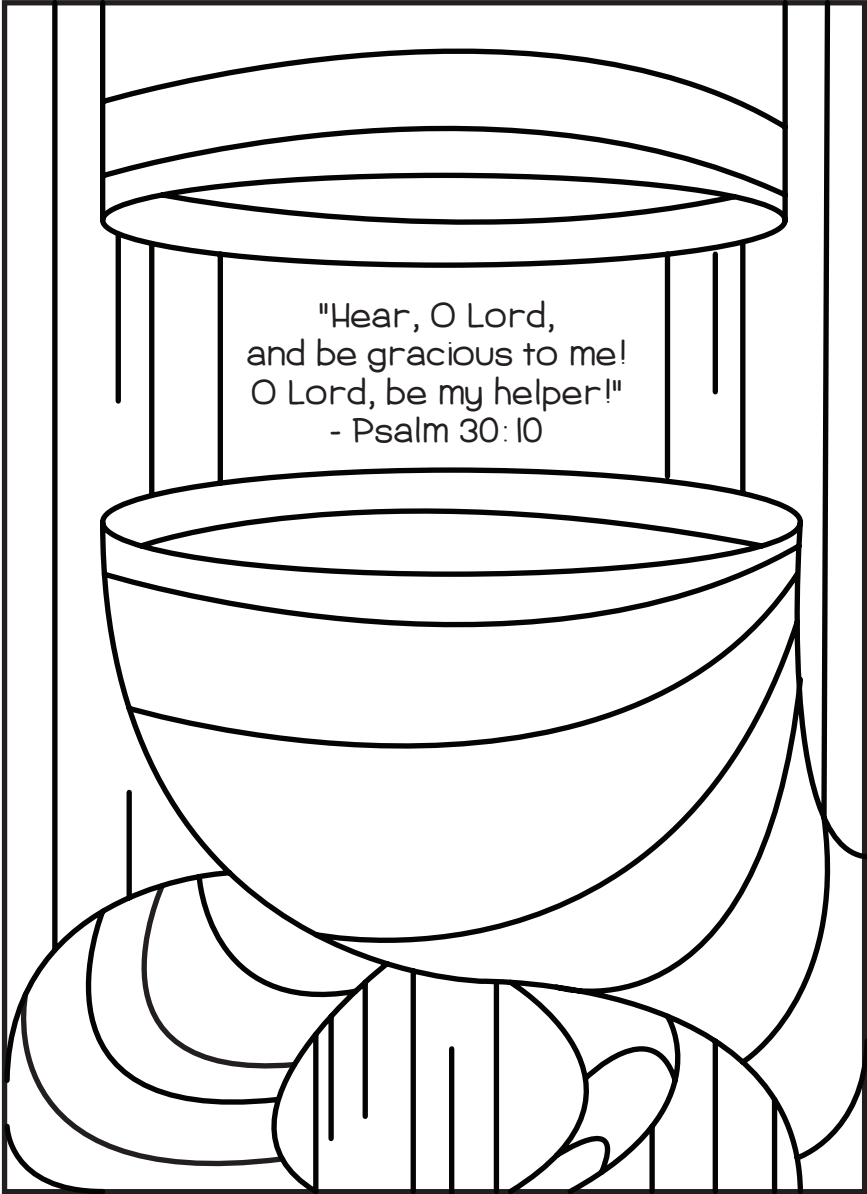
**FLOWER GIFT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

The flowers on the altar on Easter were given by Gloria Griffith in memory of her sons and husband.

“Ever to be remembered by Heather Griffith Peterson and Gloria Griffith; Kenneth, Kenneth Andre, and Hilary Griffith. May They Rest In Peace.”







"Hear, O Lord,  
and be gracious to me!  
O Lord, be my helper!"  
- Psalm 30: 10

## **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](http://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](http://trcnyc.org/Events) for more information and to download a copy.

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## **PARKING - 5/5/2019**

**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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