

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JUNE 23, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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:

As we approach the fiftieth anniversary of Stonewall this week, I'm put in mind of the words of historian Barbara Fields, who, in speaking of the Civil War, said, "if we're all citizens, then we have a task to do to make sure that that, too, is not a joke." Personally, I would add that, 'If some citizens live in houses and others live on the street, Stonewall is still going on. It's still to be fought, and regrettably, it can still be lost.'

- Jenny Boylan

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the green paraments and clergy stoles that represent new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

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

Chorale Prelude on "Ach was soll Ich Sünder machen"
(O how Great Thy Compassion)

Ludo Geloen

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

CHOIR

Down to the Valley to Pray
Ave Verum
Alleluia (From 'Exultate Jubilate')
Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Spiritual, arr. Jay Althouse
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
W. A. Mozart
Harold Arlen, arr. Audrey Snyder

Raleigh Boychoir
Jeremy Tucker, conductor
Megan Yoman, pianist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Within Your Shelter, Loving God

Amazing Grace



With - in Your shel - ter, lov - ing God, My ref - uge_ and my
Be - cause I__ trust in You a - lone, No ev - il__ shall come
Your ho - ly__ an - gels bear me up and keep my_ feet se -
As of - ten__ as I call to You, You kind - ly__ hear my
All those who know Your name on earth shall life a - bun - dant



tower,____ I safe - ly____ walk by day____ and____
near.____ The strong____ de - fend - er of____ my____
cure.____ Though fierce____ and____ an - gry foes____ as -
prayer.____ In times____ of____ trou - ble and____ dis -
know.____ On all____ a - bid - ing in____ Your____



night be - neath Your guid - ing power._____
home, with You I have no fear._____
sail, In You my way is sure._____
tress I rest in Your own care._____
love Your sav - ing grace be - stow._____

+All who are able, please stand

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Amanda Meisenheimer

One: Love calls us here!
Come let us worship the God of love.

All: Let us draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone.
We'll stand side by side.

One: Look around and see who is here,
look at all the faces.

All: God calls us into the circle of dreams and visions
where ALL are welcome and included.

One: Reconciling Redeemer, your inclusive love lifts us up,
strengthens us, heals and helps us.

All: Let us worship the God of love and justice
drawing the circle wider and wider still.

+ INVOCATION

LISTENING

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON

Reiko Davis

Galatians 3:23-28

(*pages 189 in the New Testament*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER LESSON

Minister Derrick Jordan

Psalm 42

(*page 515 in the Old Testament*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

+ HYMN 366

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

St. Catharine

+ GOSPEL LESSON

Tré LaVoúx

John 15:12-17

(*page 109 in the New Testament*)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

+ *All who are able, please stand*

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing?

arr. Andy Beck

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far off hymn that hails the new creation. No storm can shake my in-most calm, I hear the music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth. What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my in-most calm, I hear the music ringing. Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Lamont Taylor and Benjamin Edwards, soloists

SERMON

Prof. Jennifer Finney Boylan

How Can I Keep From Singing?

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.

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.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Butler

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Bruce Lamb

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Al Shloscha D'Varim

Andy Naplan

The world is sustained by three things, by truth, by justice, and by peace.

(sung in Hebrew)

+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

Minister Jordan

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Church Council, Commissions and Committees as they begin a new year of dreaming, planning, and discerning the many ways that we might be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Butler

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 145

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Marion

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Frederick Swann

Welcome to the newest members of our
Riverside Church family who joined June 16th, 2019

Angelica Tran
Torey Tran
Belgica Gonzalez

Professor Jennifer Finney Boylan, author of fifteen books, is the inaugural Anna Quindlen Writer in Residence at Barnard College of Columbia University. Her column "Men & Women" appears on the op-ed page of the New York Times on alternate Wednesdays.

She serves on the Board of Trustees of PEN America, the nonprofit advocating for authors, readers, and freedom of expression. From 2011 to 2018 she served on the Board of Directors of GLAAD; she was co-chair of GLAAD's board of directors from 2013-17.

She was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Kinsey Institute for Research on Sex, Gender, and Reproduction, and also provided counsel for the TV series *Transparent* and *I Am Cait*.

Her most recent book is the novel *Long Black Veil*, published by Penguin Random House in April 2017. Two other current projects are *Falcon Quinn and the Bullies*

†All who are able, please stand

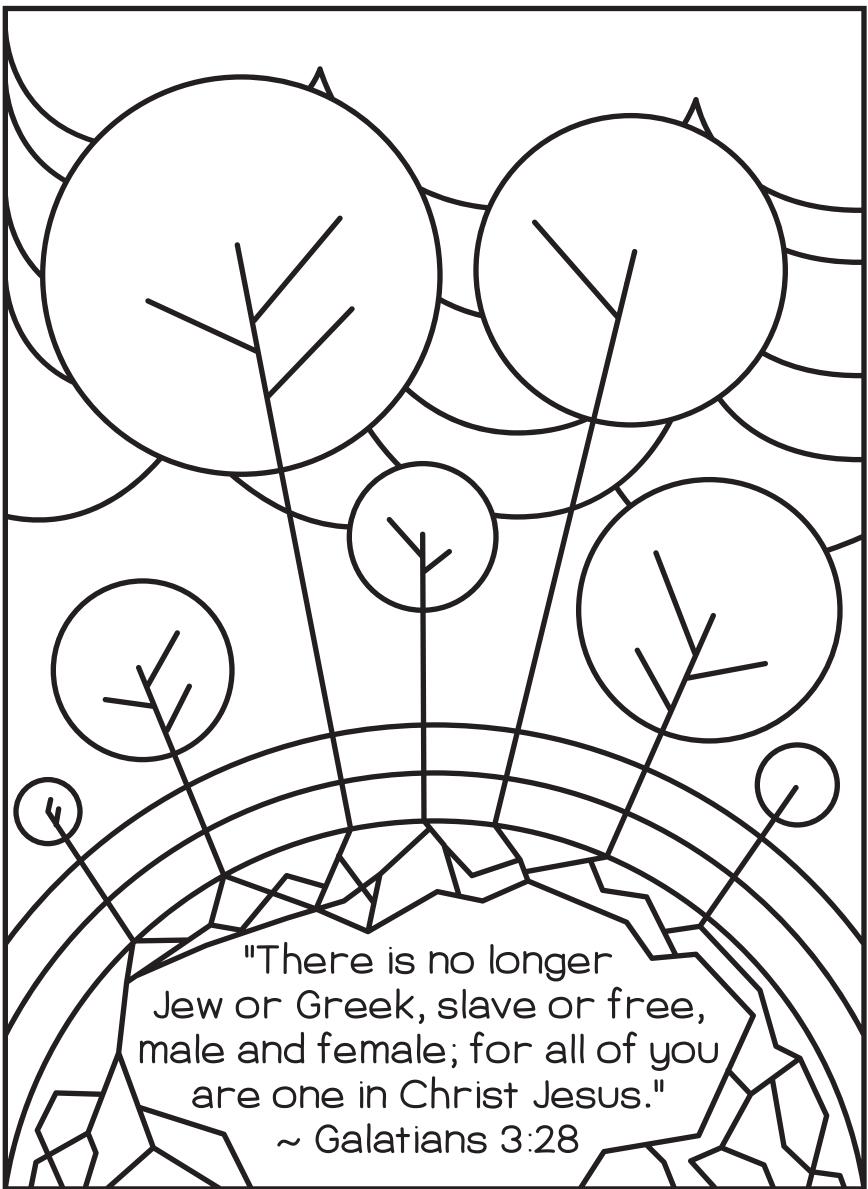
of *Greenblud*, an anti-bullying YA project; and the anthology of women writing about home, *This is the Place*.

Her 2003 memoir, *She's Not There: a Life in Two Genders*(Broadway/Doubleday/ Random House) was the first bestselling work by a transgender American. A novelist, memoirist, and short story writer, she is also a nationally known advocate for civil rights. Jenny has appeared on the *Oprah Winfrey Show* on four occasions; *Live with Larry King* twice; the *Today Show*, the *Barbara Walters Special*, NPR's *Marketplace* and *Talk of the Nation*; she has also been the subject of documentaries on CBS News' 48 Hours and The History Channel.

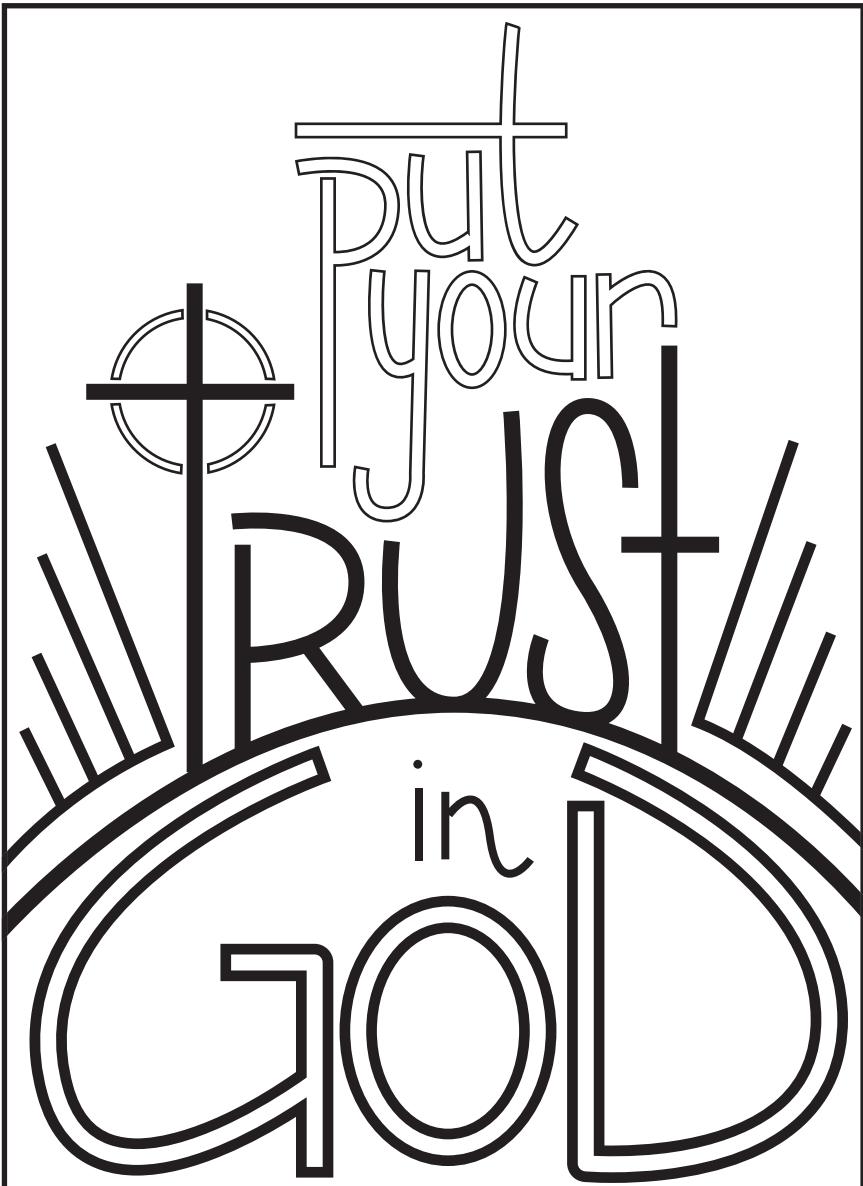
The Raleigh Boychoir is a non-profit organization that educates and trains boys in the art of singing. Its participants learn and perform some of the world's most diverse choral music. The choristers, conductors and musicians of the Raleigh Boychoir contribute generously with their talents to the musical and cultural life of Raleigh, NC and the greater Triangle area and beyond. The Raleigh Boychoir is excited to share its voice in New York City this weekend and has enjoyed performing at St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine.

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Tré LaVoúx and Reiko Davis*

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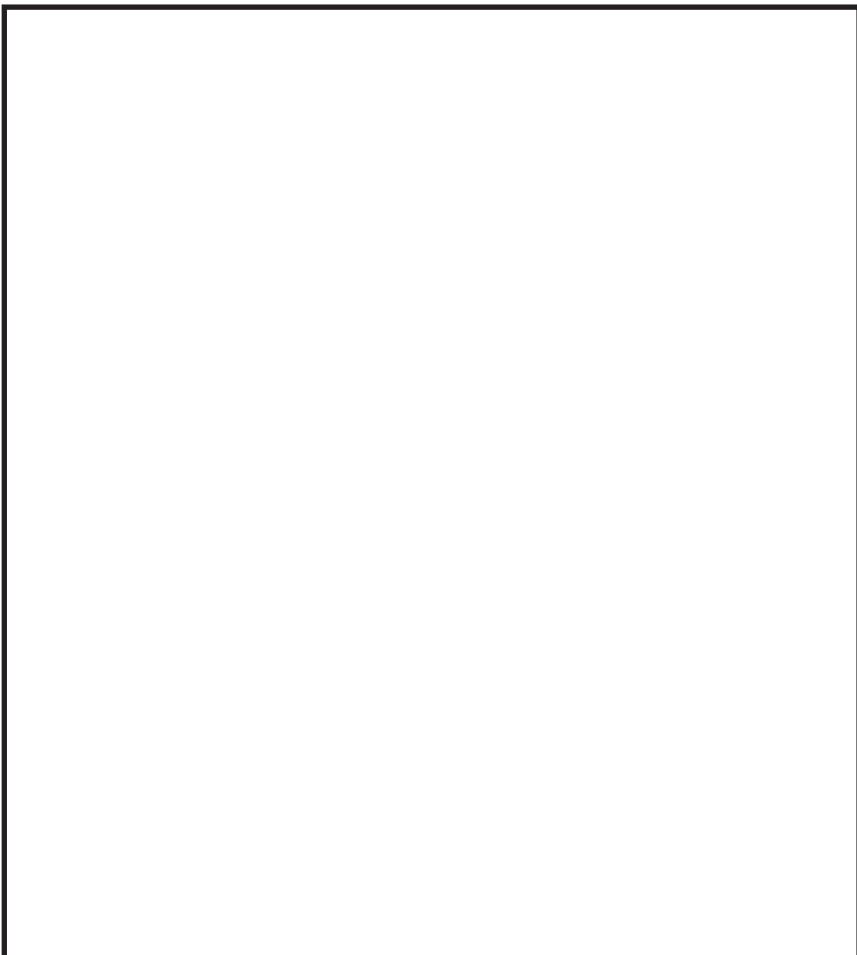
"There is no longer
Jew or Greek, slave or free,
male and female; for all of you
are one in Christ Jesus."
~ Galatians 3:28





DRAW IT

In 1 Kings, the prophet Elijah really wants to hear God's voice. He goes up to a mountain and waits. There is a big earthquake, but God's voice wasn't in the earthquake. There was a fire, but God's voice wasn't in the fire. And then, there was a beautiful silence, and Elijah knew that God was going to speak to him in that stillness. **Draw a picture of Elijah listening for God's voice on the mountain.**



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 - 6/23/2019

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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