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:

Christians have no business thinking that the good life consists mainly in not doing bad things. We have no business thinking that to do evil in this world you have to be a Bengal tiger, when, in fact, it is enough to be a tame tabby—a nice person but not a good one. In short, Pentecost makes it clear that nothing is so fatal to Christianity as indifference.

-William Sloane Coffin

THE LITURGICAL YEAR
The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. Today we celebrate Pentecost, signified by red paraments and clergy stoles. Red symbolizes the tongues of fire that descended upon the disciples when the Holy Spirit came upon them as described in Acts 2.

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
Gregorian Triptych
John Courter
Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

ORGAN
from Five Versets on “Veni Creator Spiritus”
Nicolas de Grigny
En taille à 5 – Récit de Cromorne – Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY
Rev. Amy Butler

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 129
Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us
Ebenezer

CALL TO WORSHIP
Farley Lord

One: Mighty God, come to us through your Holy Spirit, filling us with peace.
Give us a love for all and a desire to serve,
humidity of mind and gentleness of soul.
All: Nurture your grace in our hearts.

One: Mighty God, come to us through your Holy Spirit,
setting us on fire with love for you.
Fill us with a burning desire to work for your reign,
and cleanse us from all that is unworthy in our lives.
All: Kindle a flame of faith in our hearts.

One: Mighty God, come to us through your Holy Spirit,
breathing new life into our souls.
Fill us with energy and enthusiasm in the service of Christ,
and sweep anything in our lives that keep us from living as your people.
All: Open our lives and touch our hearts as we worship this morning!

INVOCATION
Rev. Butler

BAPTISMS BY IMMERSION
Chizara Dike
Maya Dorer
Jesse Olayinka
William Peterson

All who are able, please stand
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM
Rev. Jim Keat
Rosemary Chiles
Joshua Kim
Alexandra Merkel

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEDICATION
Rev. Keat
Ryan Olayinka

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

ANTHEM
Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit
Spiritual, arr. Wm. Dawson
Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. Jordan river is chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul; there ain’t but one train upon this track, it runs to heaven and right back.

Sidney Outlaw, baritone

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON
Acts 2:1-21
(page 119 in the New Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON
Romans 8:14-17
(page 158 in the New Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 313
Come Down, O Love Divine
Down Ampney

GOSPEL LESSON
John 14:25-27
(page 109 in the New Testament)
One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON
Fire Extinguisher
Rev. Butler

All who are able, please stand
RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER
Rev. Keat

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
Emi Hare-Yim

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS
Amanda Meisenheimer, Pat Ali, Alexa Donaphin

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE
Emiliano Dietrich-Jimenez

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Psalm 46
John Weaver

The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved and though the mountains be tumbled into the depths of the sea; though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; God shall help her at the break of day. The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away. Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, what awesome things God has done on earth. It is God who makes wars to cease in all the world; God breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire. “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exulted among the nations; I will be exulted in the earth.” The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Alleluia!

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       Rev. Kevin VanHook
Today we celebrate the ministry of our Church School teachers, who provide our children with wisdom and inspiration for their faith journeys, and demonstrate to all of us how to serve our youngest siblings in Christ.

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

† BENEDICTION

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 229
From All That Dwell Below the Skies
Lasst uns erfreuen

POSTLUDE
Fanfare to the Tongues of Fire¹
Larry King

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Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Austen Hartke, Betsy Meisenheimer, Jerry Hairston, Emi Hare-Yim, Emiliano Dietrich-Jimenez

Liturgical Resources for Today:
¹Commissioned by The Riverside Church in 1978 for the dedication of the Trompeta Majestatis.

The bulletin cover art is a modern stained glass window from St Aloysius' church in Somers Town, London of the Holy Spirit descending on Our Lady and the apostles, as is recounted in Acts 2:1-11.

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† All who are able, please stand
COLOR IN THE WORDS

if you love me you will keep my commandments

+ All who are able, please stand
All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.
Acts 2 tells the amazing story of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came to a big group of people and amazing things happened - the Holy Spirit looked like “tongues of fire,” a strong wind whooshed around the room, and people were able to understand other languages. Can you remember a time when you felt God’s presence with you and you were able to do something special? Or saw something special? Draw that memory here.
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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 trcny.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 trcny.org/Events for more information and to download a copy.

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