

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JULY 14, 2019
FIFTH 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:

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power,
and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience

-Colossians 1:11

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.

In July we will dive into the middle of some of the most beloved gospel passages in Luke's gospel. These weeks will give us the opportunity to hear these words of Jesus again and consider how they're woven together to create a rich and full picture of what he was trying to show his first disciples about what it meant to follow him. The voices of Riverside's pastoral team will weave together to help all of us understand more clearly what these ancient stories mean for our modern context. And all of these threads will find their way into the tapestries of our own lives, creating depth and beauty we might never have anticipated. Join us as we weave together an ancient story and our modern stories, and just watch what beauty emerges.

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

Free Variations on “A Rock, the Church Doth Stand”

Ulla Laage

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

YOUTH ENSEMBLE

“Spring” from Four Seasons, first movement (Allegro)

Antonio Vivaldi

“Faith” (arranged from Song Without Words, for strings)

Felix Mendelssohn

Wondrous Love

G. Winston Cassler

Alleluia, O Praise the Lord Most Holy

J. S. Bach

The Youth Ensemble of New England

Dr. Connie Drexler, Director

Amelia Koval, Violin

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

✚CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 25)

Rev. Alisha Gordon

One: We come to worship the Holy One we call “Teacher,”
seeking to gain a heart of wisdom:

All: Make us to know your ways, O God; teach us your paths.

One: Lead us in your truth, and teach us,

All: For you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long.

One: Good and upright is our God, instructing even the most reluctant learners.

**All: The Almighty leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble God’s way.**

One: To you, we lift up our souls in worship,
ready to learn and to stretch wide our hearts.

All: Teach us the ways of steadfast love and faithfulness.

✚INVOCATION

✚*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

MUSIC

Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

Jeff Cranfill

Youth Ensemble of New England

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rueben Martinez

Amos 7:7-17

(pg. 855 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Carol Fouke-Mpoyo

Colossians 1:1-14

(pg. 199 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

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†GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Kevin Van Hook

Luke 10:25-37

(pg. 71 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

Getting to Good

†*All who are able, please stand*

RESPONDING

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Gordon

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

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

OFFERTORY SOLO

Lean Away

Gene Scheer, arr. Andrew Thomas

I let my sail out slowly, taking pains to find the wind. But until I turned my boat away, the sail could not be trimmed. Tacking towards the wind, but never face to face. I feel what I don't see: an invisible embrace. Lean away, lean away. Some things can't be known, like the wind that takes you home. I remember hearing a melody, but when I started to describe all the things it made me feel, it's spirit slowly died. Now I choose to hum the things I cannot explain. And feel my roots spread out like a tree that drinks the rain. I remember when I saw you. It was a cold winter night. The moon was hidden by the clouds. I remember only light. I have searched to find a way love to understand. But I finally gave up trying. It's enough to hold your hand.

Tammy Mesic, soprano

✠*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

Rev. Van Hook

Today we celebrate the work of the Stephen Ministry, which equips and empowers lay members to provide Christ-centered care to people in need of encouragement and support.

SENDING

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

✚BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

✚RECESSIONAL HYMN 343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major

Théodore Dubois

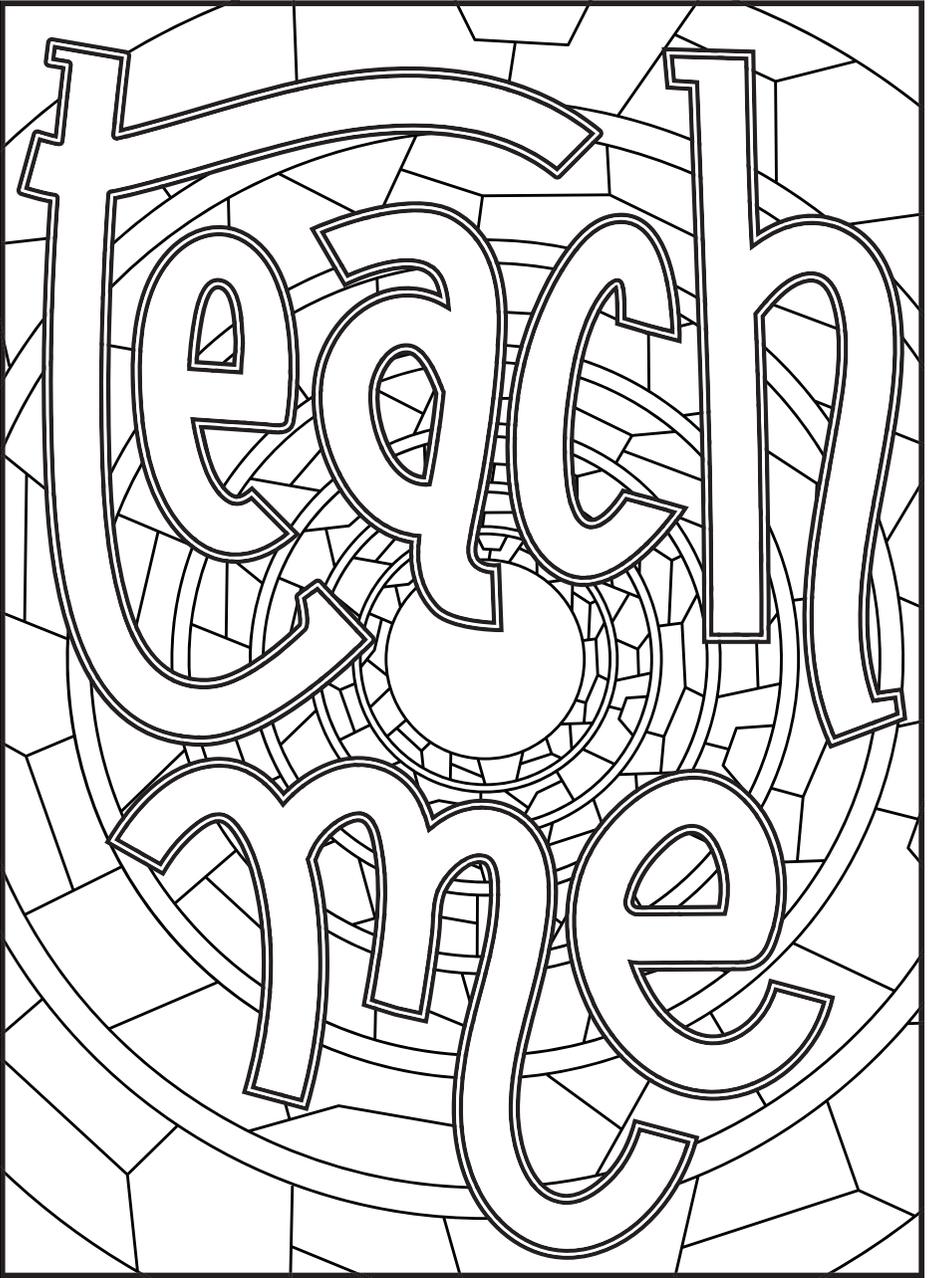
YOUTH ENSEMBLE

March of the Priests (from "Athalie")

Felix Mendelssohn

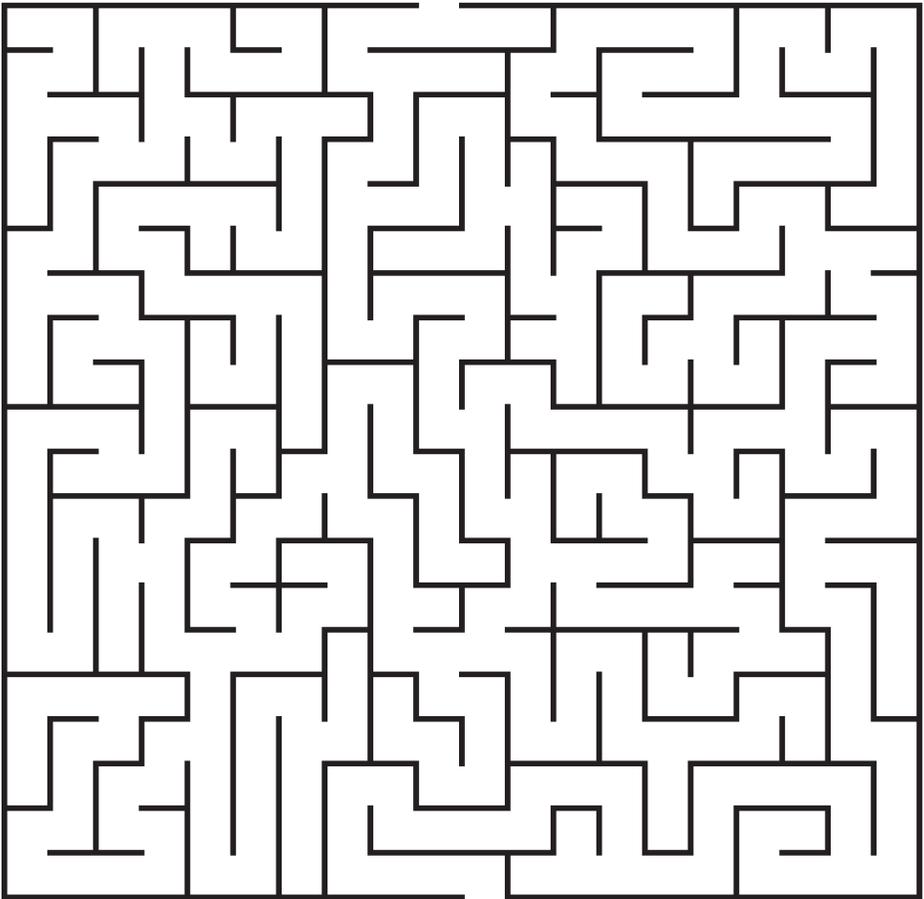
*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Rueben Martinez & Carol Fouke-Mpoyo*

The Youth Ensemble of New England is made up of around 35 young musicians, ages 10 to 20. The orchestra rehearses at Thayer Performing Arts Center in Lancaster, Massachusetts, and plays over 30 concerts a year for local venues – including schools, churches, libraries, assisted living facilities, and other community organizations. They have played many concerts for fundraisers for music schools, various music festivals, and charities, and have a special interest in performing for children's charity organizations. Recent examples include concerts for an orphanage that serves children of AIDS victims in Zimbabwe, Africa, and for organizations that help children affected by natural disasters.



SOLVE (the) MAZE

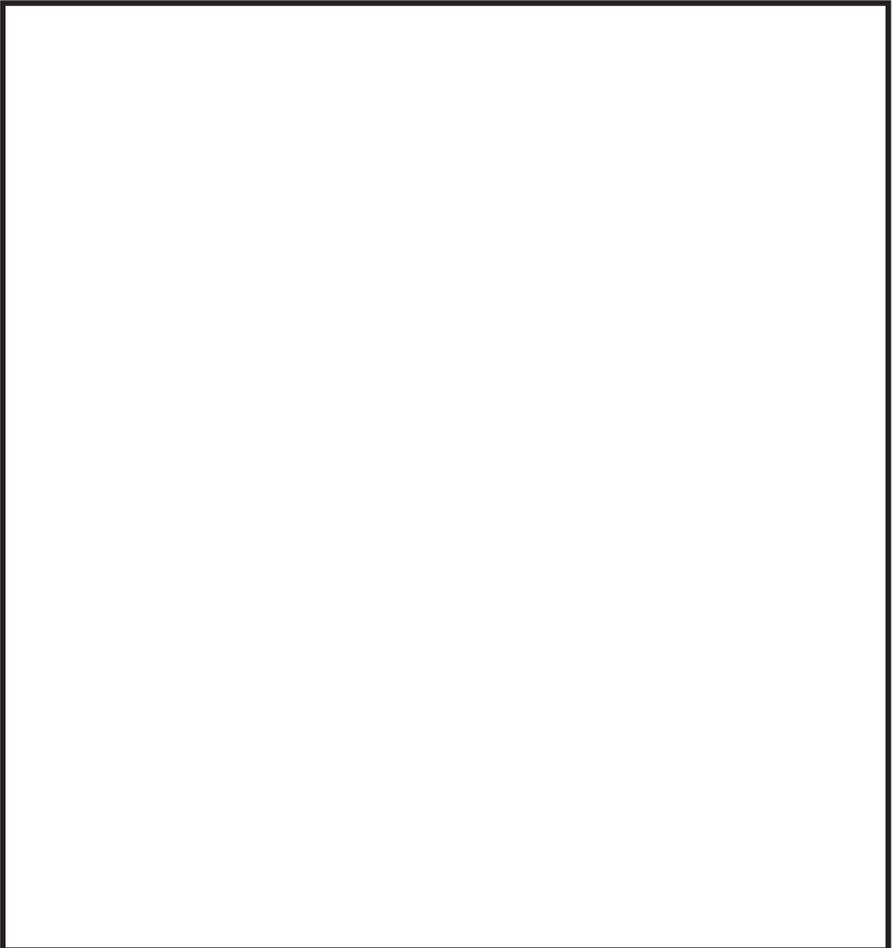
In Amos 7, Amos remembers when God called him to be a prophet and share God's message with the people. Help Amos find his way to God's people to share a message of love, forgiveness, and change.





DRAW IT

In Luke 10, Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. In it, a Samaritan man saves the life of a Jewish man. In many situations, Samaritans and Jews did not get along or like each other. But Jesus is asking his followers to love and care for not just the people they like, but people they struggle to like. Draw a picture of the Samaritan man helping the Jewish man, or draw a picture of a way you can live like the Good Samaritan.



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. Whoever you are: You are safe here. You are loved here. You are invited into full participation in our life together.

Rev. Michael Livingston, Interim Senior Minister

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.

PARKING - 7/14/2019

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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