

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JULY 21, 2019
SIXTH 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:

There is something to be said for seizing the moment, being fully present, in the moment, taking full advantage of the extraordinary opportunity that is right before you. A moment that will not come again. A moment ripe for a particular word that you might speak, or hear; a sight you could behold, an emotion you could feel, and share; insight bearing, life changing, exquisite

-Rev. Michael Livingston

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

Petit & Fritsen Suite

Willem Vogel

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

ORGAN

Two Preludes on Early American Hymn Tunes

George Shearing

I. So Fades the Lovely Blooming Flower

II. I Love Thee, My Lord

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Coronation

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kevin VanHook

One: We have come into worship seeking God's call.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, and speak words of eternal life.

One: Jesus has called us to love the Lord our God with all our hearts.

All: Lord, open us to healing, restoration, and hope.

One: Jesus has called us to love the Lord our God with all our souls.

All: Lord, stir up our curiosity, wonder, and imagination.

One: Jesus has called us to love the Lord our God with all our strength.

All: Lord, give us resolve to work for justice, reconciliation, and peace.

One: Jesus has called us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

All: Lord, give us the courage to welcome every stranger as a beloved friend.

One: One: Jesus has called us to worship this morning.

All: Come, let us worship God with all our love.

† INVOCATION

† *All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

SOLO

A Simple Song

Leonard Bernstein

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude... Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude... Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, for God is the simplest of all. I will sing the Lord a new song to praise, to bless, to bless the Lord. I will sing God's praises while I live, all of my days. Blessed is the one who loves the Lord, blessed is the one who praises. Lauda, Lauda, Laude... And walks in God's ways. I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the Lord, singing Lauda, Laude. For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand, and the sun shall not smite me by day, nor the moon by night. Blessed is the one who loves the Lord, Lauda, Lauda, Laude, and walks in God's ways. Lauda, Lauda, Laude, all of my days.

Jake Roan, tenor

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Amanda Meisenheimer

Amos 8:1-12

(pg. 856 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Samuel Coleman

Colossians 1:15-28

(pg. 200 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

†GOSPEL LESSON

Jennifer Vazquez-Hili

Luke 10:38-42

(pg. 72 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

†*All who are able, please stand*

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

In The Moment

RESPONDING

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Alisha 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

Amanda Meisenheimer

OFFERTORY SOLO

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland

Come fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers, come join us in singing the praises of Zion. O fathers, don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion? We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

Russell Saint John, baritone

✚*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. VanHook

Today we celebrate the work of our Food Pantry Ministry, which opens our doors to the community Tuesday through Friday to provide food for our neighbors needing assistance.

SENDING

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

✦ BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

✦ RECESSIONAL HYMN 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

POSTLUDE

Finale from Organ Symphony No. 1

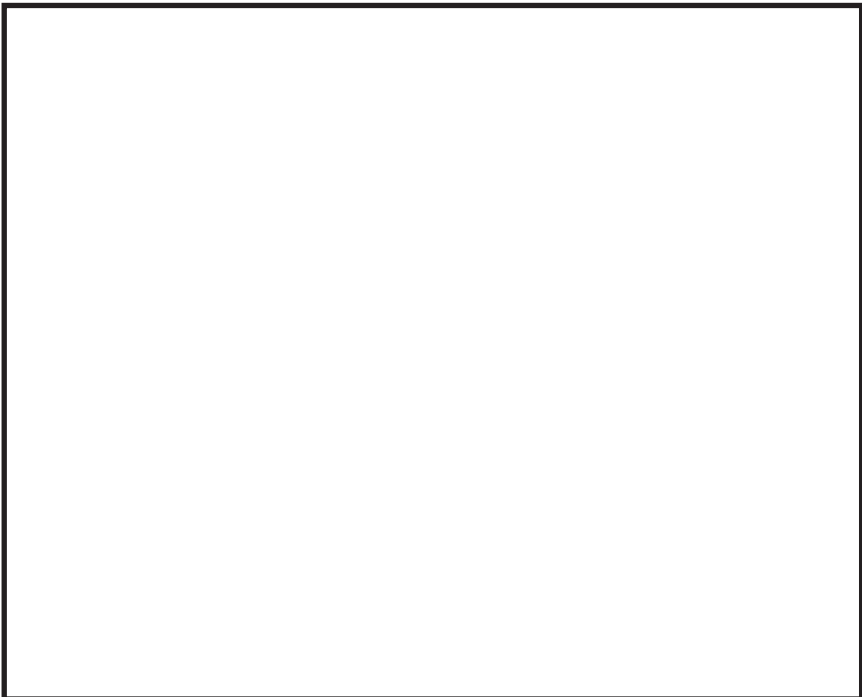
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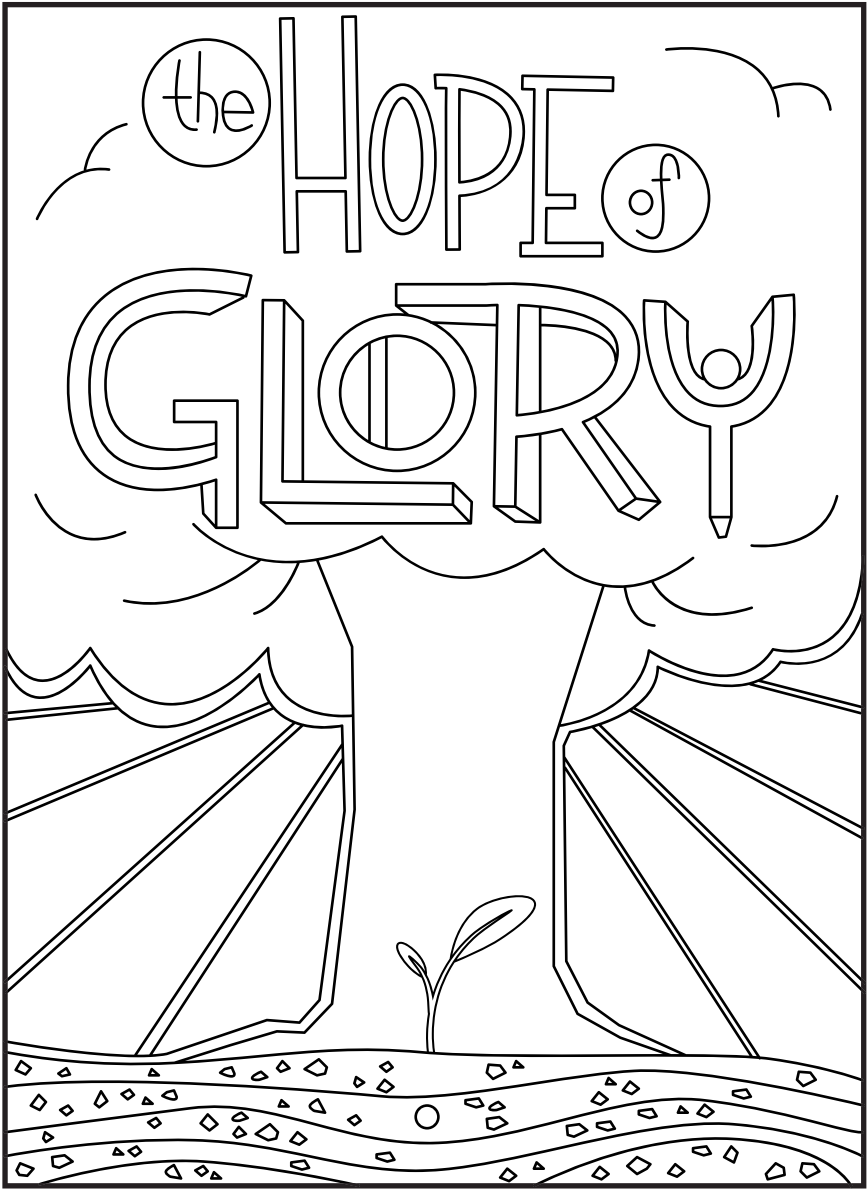
*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Jennifer Vazquez-Hili, & Samuel Coleman*



DRAW IT

In Luke 10, Jesus visits two sisters who are good friends of his - Mary and Martha. Mary chooses to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to his teaching, while Martha wants to serve Jesus by preparing food and a comfortable space for him. Jesus sees Martha is distracted by all the things she needs to do, and he wants her to sit, rest, listen, and be present. **Draw** how you imagine this scene looked.





WORDSEARCH

Try to find the words from Amos 8 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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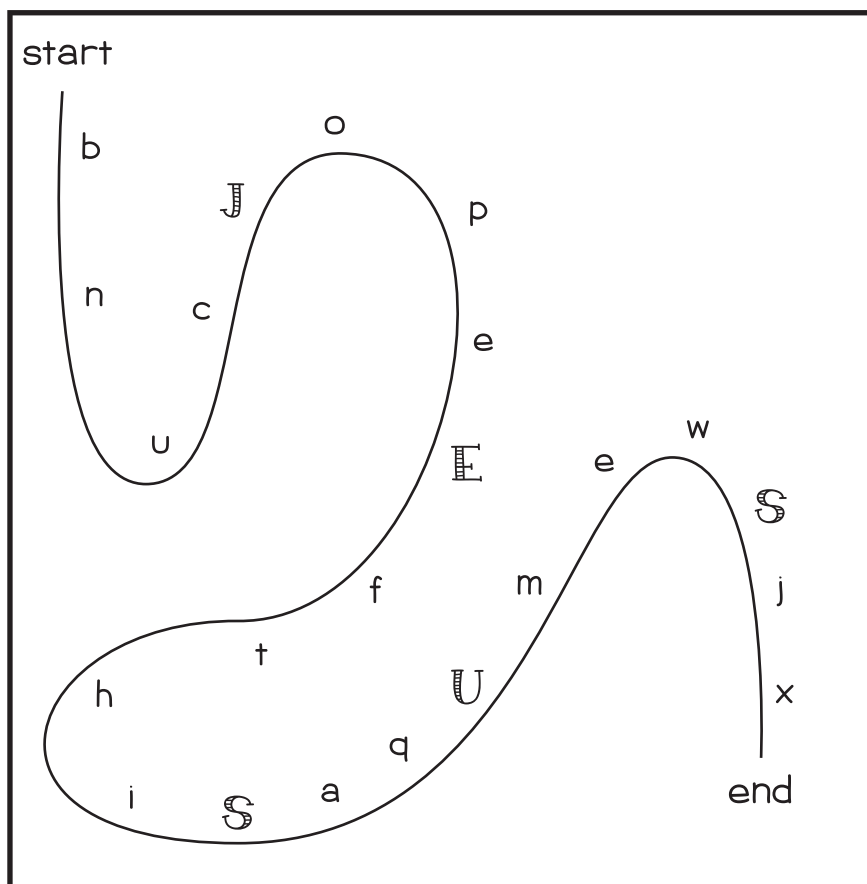
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AMOS
BASKET
SUMMER
FRUIT
ISRAEL

TEMPLE
POOR
LAND
SABBATH
SANDALS
WHEAT

DAYLIGHT
FEAST
SONG
FAMINE
BREAD
BITTER

FOLLOW the PATH

Who does Colossians say is the "image of the invisible God," the "firstborn of creation," and the "head" of the church? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write it below. See whose name is spelled out after you collect all the letters.



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 for more information and to download a copy.

PARKING - 7/21/2019

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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