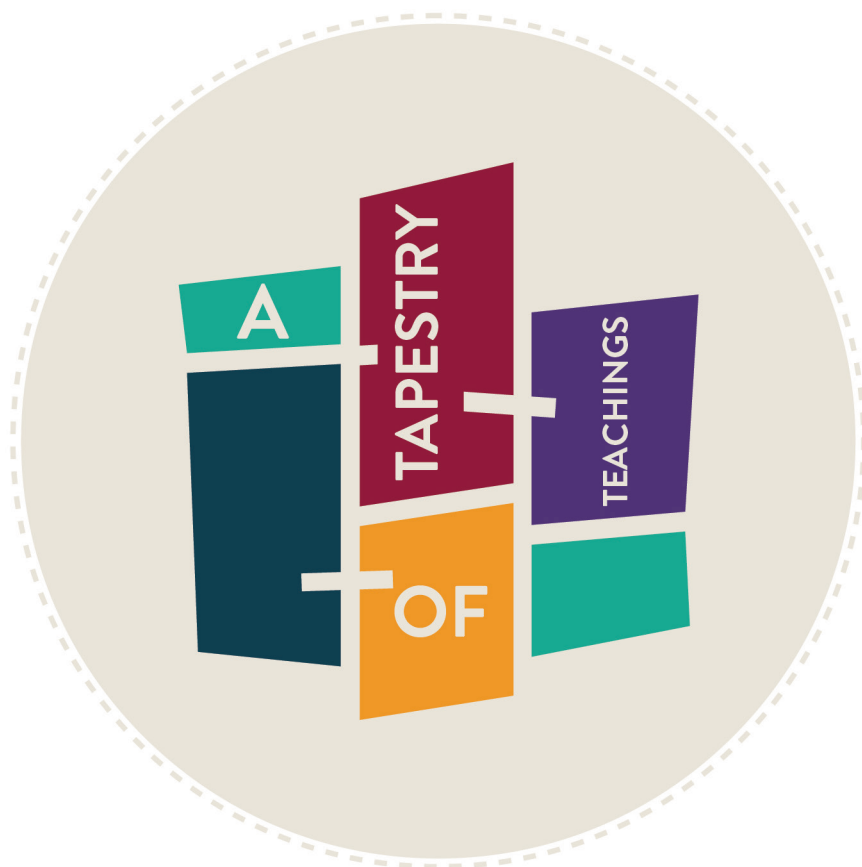


The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JULY 28, 2019
SEVENTH 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:

“Those who cannot rest cannot work; those who cannot let go cannot hold on.”
-Harry Emerson Fosdick

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

Prelude and Fugue in E-Flat (BWV 998)

J. S. Bach

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

ORGAN

Pièce d'Orgue (BWV 572)

J. S. Bach

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hope of the World

Vicar



Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great com - pas - sion,
 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us
 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



Speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
 Bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,
 Show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light;
 From death and deep de - spair, from sin and guilt;
 Who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,



Save us, Thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 Still let Thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
 Walk Thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 We ren - der back the love Thy mer - cy gave us;
 We would be faith - ful to Thy gos - pel glo - rious;



Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 To heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.
 Lure us a - way from Thee to end - less night.
 Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.
 Thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

†All who are able, please stand

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister Derek Jordan

One: Hear and believe the good news: God has called us “my people”!

**All: God has set up a covenant, over and over again,
choosing us even before we can choose,
faithful even when we are faltering.**

One: In the flood, in the wilderness, in exile;
in certainty and doubt, abundance and scarcity;
God’s promise is true to the thousandth generation.

**All: We see the rainbow, we hear our names, we learn the commandments,
we love because God first loved us,
we follow because God first came to us,
we can be faithful because God is faithful.
Come, let us worship God together.**

✦INVOCATION

LISTENING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Cast Thy Burden

Felix Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and God shall sustain thee. Who never will suffer the righteous to fall: and is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed, that wait upon Thee!
(from Elijah)

*Tammy Mesic, soprano Meghann Vaughn, alto
Natalie Bergeron, tenor Christopher Judd, baritone*

PSALTER LESSON

Jamie Crowther

Psalm 85

(pg. 543 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Robbie Patterson

Colossians 2:6-15

(pg. 200 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

✦*All who are able, please stand*

†HYMN 130

Let Every Christian Pray

Laudes Domini

†GOSPEL LESSON

Minister Jordan

Luke 11:1-13

(pg. 72 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

Pray

RESPONDING

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

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

Farley Lord

†*All who are able, please stand*

ANTHEM

I Want to be Ready *Spiritual, arr. Ted Hunter*
I want to be ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John. John said the city was just foursquare, and he declared he'd meet me there. I ain't been to heaven but I've been told, that the gates are pearl and the streets are gold. You said your Lord has set you free, why don't you let your neighbor see? I never shall forget that day, when Jesus washed my sins away.

✠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

Farley Lord

Today we celebrate the work of our Shower Ministry which provides a safe, private, and sanitary space for those in need of a warm shower and laundry service. This is a ministry that has become a sanctuary and a place of respite for 50-60 unsheltered people each week.

SENDING

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

✠BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

✠RECESSIONAL HYMN 371

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

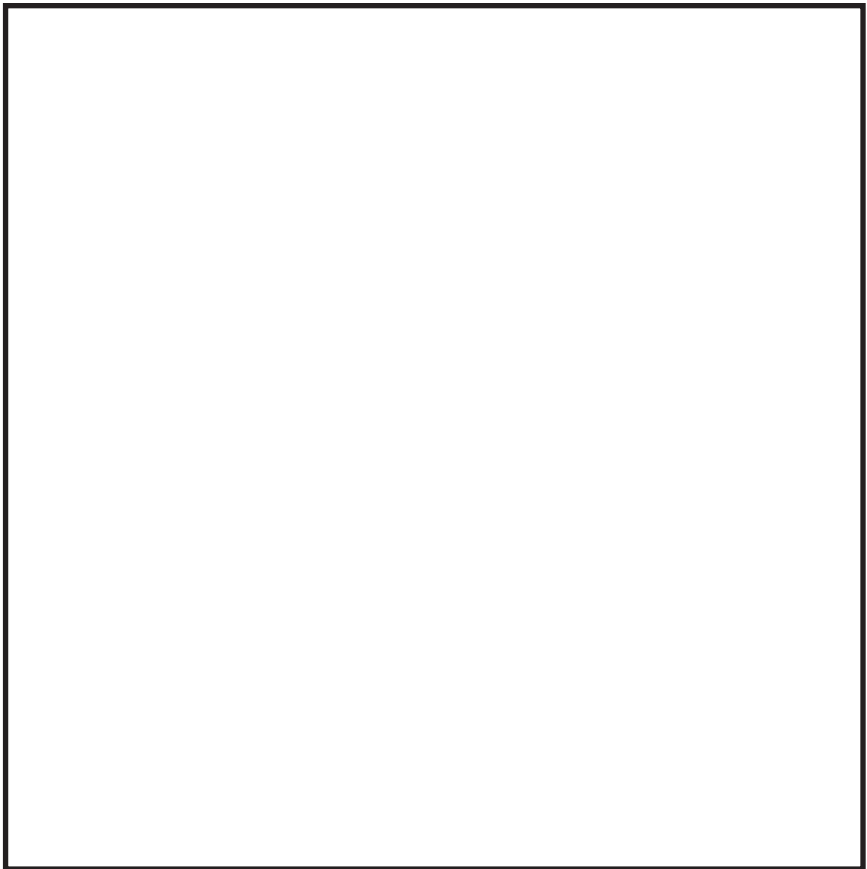
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Robbie Patterson & Jamie Crowther*

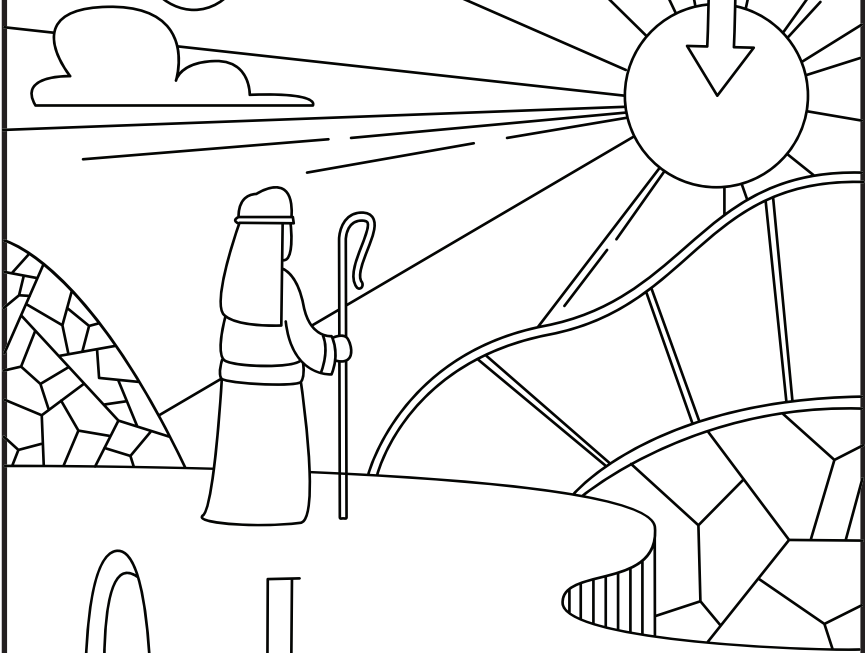


DRAW IT

In Luke 11, Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray. A part of his teaching is to trust God to give us what we need every day. What is one gift God has given you today? Draw a picture of it here.



Search



And you will find.

UNSCRAMBLE IT

For what does the Psalmist listen carefully and want to hear? Unscramble the words to find out?

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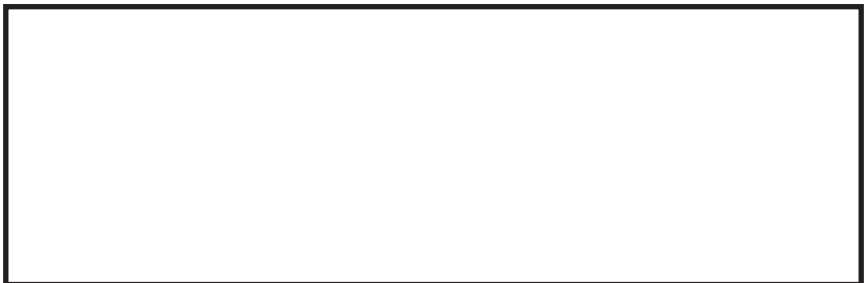
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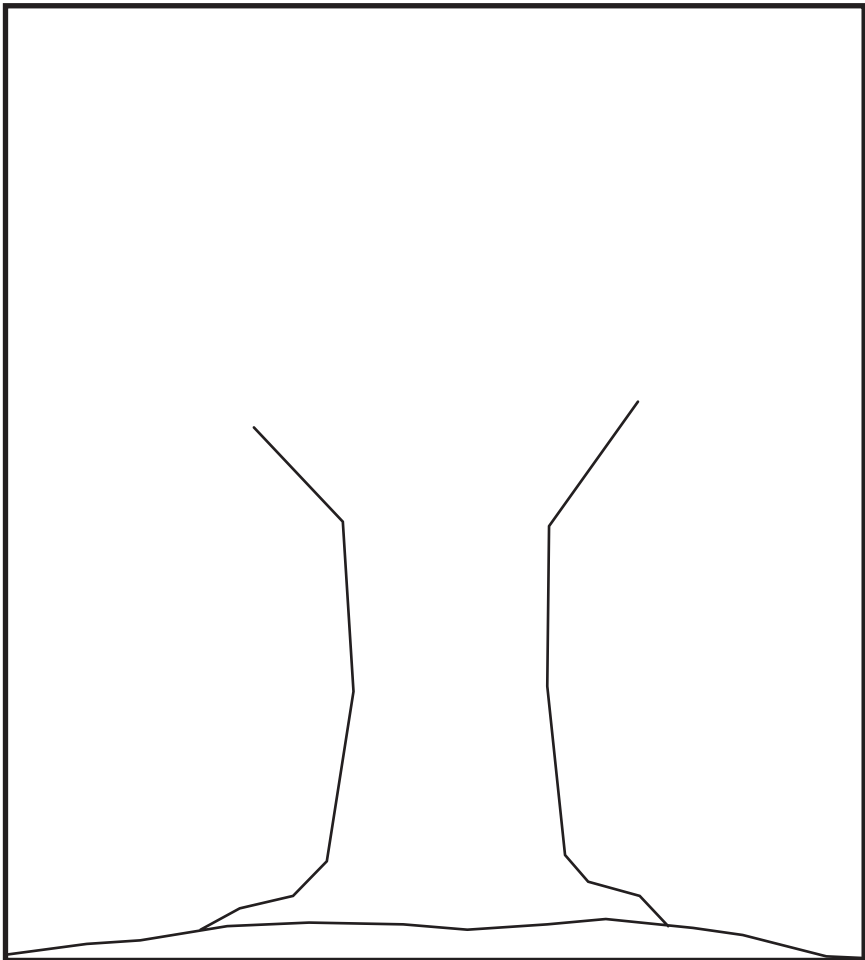
 DOODLE AREA

Draw someone you want to pray for.



FINISH the DRAWING

Colossians 2:6 tells us to "continue to live our lives in Jesus, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith." It's like we are trees whose roots need good soil that will feed us and keep us growing. Finish the drawing of the tree, and inside the tree, draw or write some ways Jesus makes you strong. Think about Jesus as the soil that keeps you healthy and growing.



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 - 7/28/2019

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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