

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:

“Our liturgy is vanity if it does not empower our work for justice, if it does not lead us into the ballot box, the homeless shelter, the halls of congress, the streets of the city, the council meeting, the detention centers and prisons covering our landscapes like wild vines on an ivory tower.”

-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.

During the month of August, we will meet three of the most famous of Israel's prophets: Hosea, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. We'll learn who they were as people; we'll learn why they did what they did and what it cost them, and we'll learn the story of how their work impacted the grand story of the Israelites, and then we'll ask whether we've considered the work of prophetic witness in our own lives. After all, the times in which we live require people willing to risk it all, to tell the truth.

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 trcny.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

Preludes 1, 6, and Allegro

Matthias Van Den Gheyne

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

ORGAN

Cantabile, from Symphonie No. 8

Charles-Marie Widor

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Farley Lord

One: God welcomes all children to worship today.

All: Come, children, let us worship together.

One: God welcomes all children who hunger and thirst.

All: Come, children, let us feast with the Lord.

One: God welcomes all children in danger or in war.

All: Come, children, let us find courage among friends.

One: God welcomes all children from Freedom School, Church School,
and children who do not have access to school.

All: Come, children, let us seek wisdom together.

One: God welcomes all children from every place on earth.

All: Come, children, let us feast with the Lord.

†INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

SOLO

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Edwin T. Childs

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, thy child let me be, thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise; thou my inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Kimberly Walton, mezzo-soprano

FREEDOM SCHOOL MOMENT

Amanda Meisenheimer

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

Isaiah 1:1,10-20

(pg. 630 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Isaac Myers III

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

(pg. 225 & 226 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 383

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Olivet

†GOSPEL LESSON

Linda Cole

Luke 12:13-21

(pg. 75 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

No Justice...No Worship

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

Nancy Wertsch

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. I am the way, the truth, and the light.

Eric Lindsey, bass

†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.

†*All who are able, please stand*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Farley Lord

Today we celebrate the work of our Children and Families Ministries, which provide a worshipful space for children and families to engage the stories of our faith through the lens of love and justice.

SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 399

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek

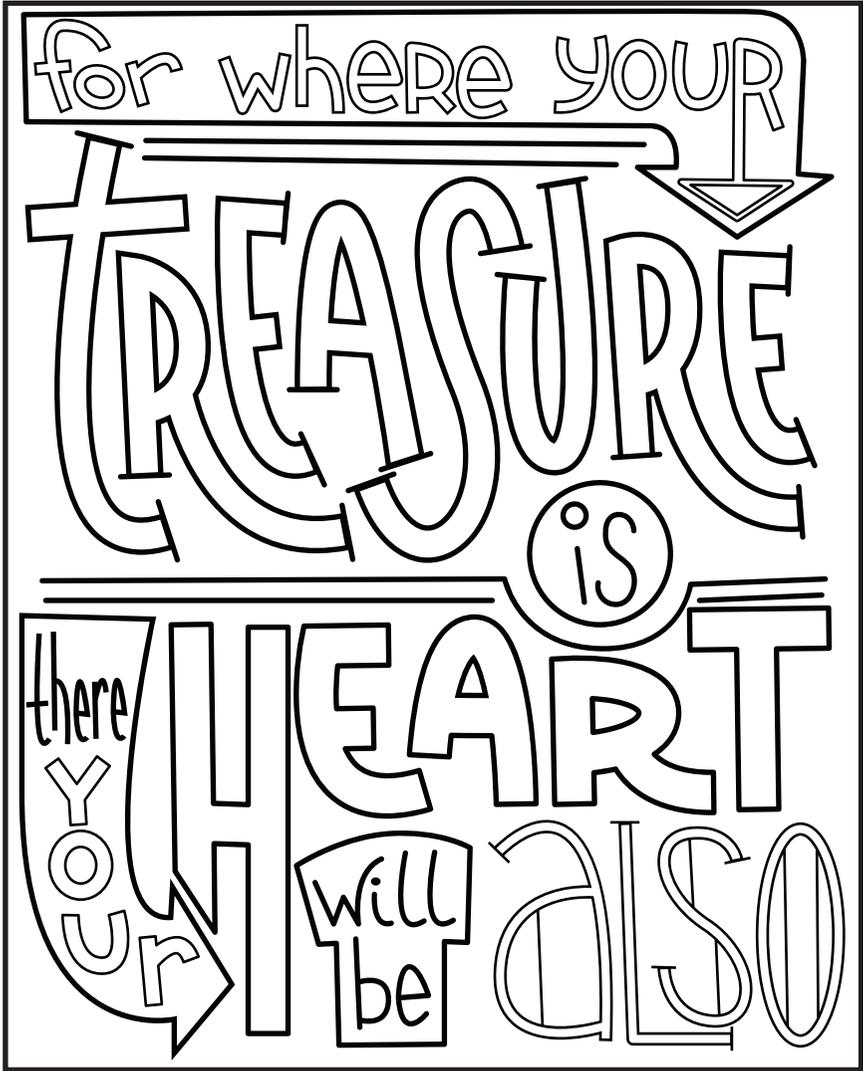
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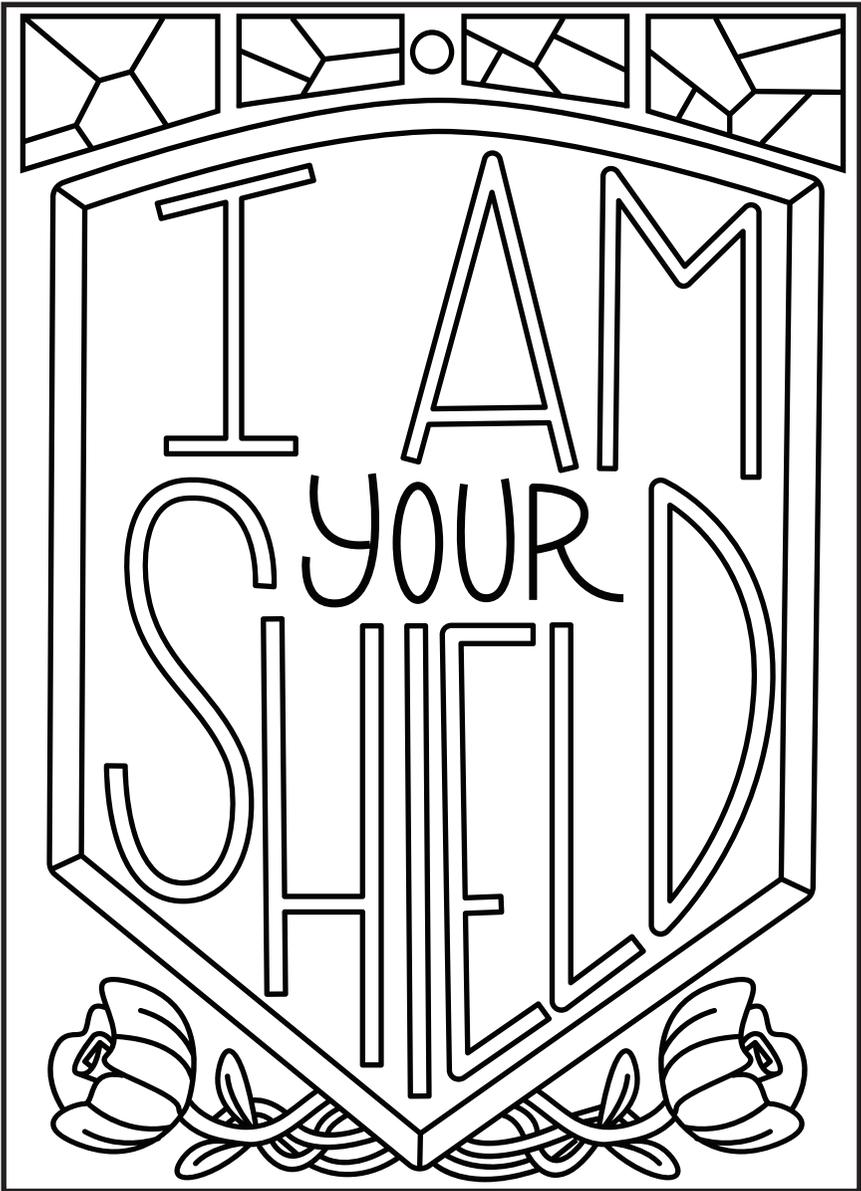
Carillon

Herbert Murrill

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Linda Cole & Isaac Myers III*

COLOR IN THE WORDS







DRAW IT

In Hebrews 11, we learn about many women and men who loved God and did courageous things because of their faith. Draw a picture of someone or some people who have modeled strong faith to you.

A large, empty rectangular box with a solid black border, intended for drawing a picture of someone or some people who have modeled strong faith to you.

FOLLOW the PATH

What is one of the most important things the prophet Isaiah tells the people to do? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write it below. See what instruction is spelled out after you collect all the letters.

The maze contains the following letters and capital letters:

- Start: start
- Path: I, l, o, v, e, y, o, u
- End: end

Other letters in the maze include: h, t, c, d, k, q, f, m, b, s, v, e, o, i, s, l, d, j, x, g, v, r, a, e, k, m, e, z, b, u, S, C, T, S.

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
Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Senior Minister Emeritus

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 - 8/11/2019

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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