

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:

“Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off?”

-Jeremiah 23:23

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 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

Suite in D

George F. Handel, arr. Bernard Winsemius

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

ORGAN

Andante religioso - Allegretto, from Sonata IV
Prelude on Ein feste' Burg

*Felix Mendelssohn
Johann Gottfried Walther*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Bruce Lamb

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein feste' Burg

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Farley Lord

One: God is the vine; we are the branches.

All: We draw together as one connected body.

One: We bask in the beauty and provision of Creation

All: And give thanks for God's presence among us.

One: As we live and grow by seeking the sunshine of God's face,

All: we entwine God's word in our hearts.

One: Although we have felt burned by the drought and fire of the world,

All: we find peace in the soothing rain of God's mercy.

One: Although we have felt overwhelmed by floods and wind,

All: we still our hearts in the shelter of God's love.

One: As living fruits of God's creative and healing power,

All: we worship God together.

†INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

SOLO

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee *arr. Paul Stephan*
O Master, let me walk with thee, in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way. Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer, company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give, with Thee, O Master, let me live.

David Orcutt, Baritone

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Brittany Kendrick

Jeremiah 23:23-29

(pg. 726 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ethan Boothman

Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2

(pg. 226 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

†GOSPEL LESSON

Farley Lord

Luke 12:49-56

(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. Dr. Andrea C. White

How Long?

RESPONDING

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lamb

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

Give Me a Faith

Roberta Bitgood

Give me a faith, O Lord, I pray, a faith that makes me strong each day, that helps me face the storms of life, that takes away the sting of strife. Give me a joy that faith will bring, a joy that helps my heart to sing, whate'er the tasks and perils be, and trials sore that trouble me. Give me the peace that faith will give, a peace that shows me how to live above the loud and mighty roar of winds and waves upon life's shore. Give me the hope that faith bestows, a hope that triumphs through all woes, to see the dawning of the hour when all shall recognize thy power. Give me a faith that ever grows in spite of clouds and cruel foes; a faith that holds me close to thee, and from all ills will set me free.

†*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

Farley Lord

Today we celebrate the ministry of the South Africa/Cuban Support Group, whose programs include educational travel to South Africa and support for truth and reconciliation, trauma care, hospitality, housing and microloans as well as partnering with IFCO/Pastors for Peace for the work they do in Cuba.

SENDING

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

✦ BENEDICTION

Rev. Lamb & Dr. White

✦ RECESSIONAL HYMN 289

O God of Every Nation

Llangloffan

POSTLUDE

Allegro assai vivace, from Sonata I

Mendelssohn

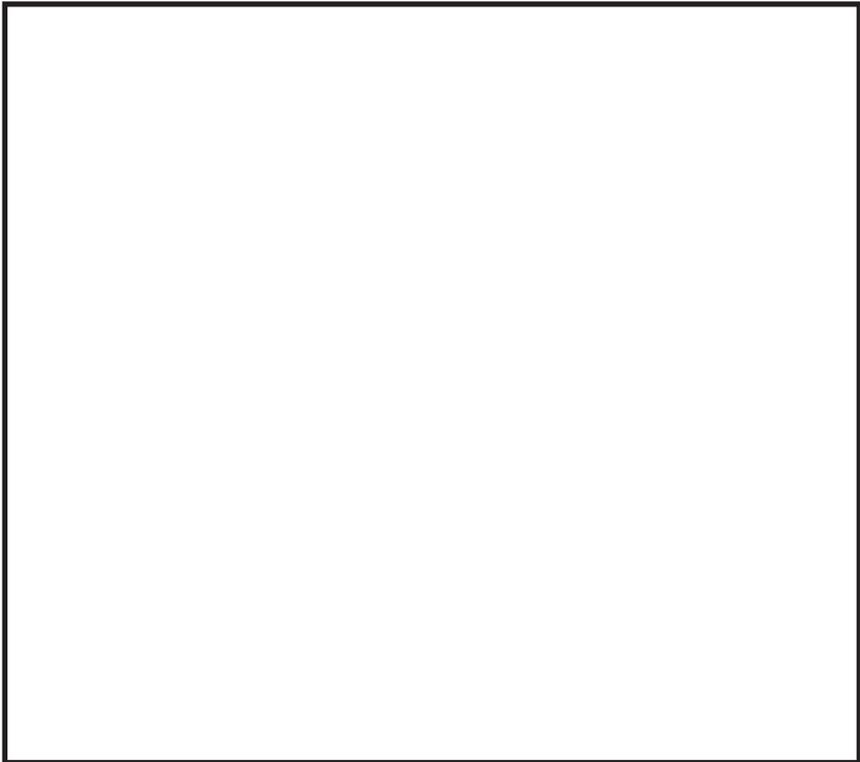
*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Brittany Kendrick & Ethan Boothman*

The Rev. Dr. Andrea C. White is Associate Professor of Theology and Culture at Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York. She has been an ordained American Baptist minister for over twenty years and served as Executive Director of the Society for the Study of Black Religion, as chair of the American Academy of Religion Black Theology Group, and on the editorial board of several academic journals. She has delivered lectures in Brazil, Denmark, India, Scotland, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland and across the United States. She holds a Ph.D. from The University of Chicago Divinity School, Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School, and Bachelor of Arts from Oberlin College. She is a native New Yorker, and she and her husband, The Rev. Richard Landers, and their two girls, Mara (14) and Chloe (11), have been members of The Riverside Church since 2015.



DRAW IT

In Psalm 80, the people of God have gone through a very hard time. They ask God to "restore" them - to bring them back to full and joyful life. **Draw a picture of what you think a joyful and meaningful life looks like. Who is with you? What are you doing? What do you have? Where are you? Think about all these things as gifts from God.**



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56.



WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Luke 12 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

B D P H Q J B J E S U S S U Q
I N T E R P R E T A L K K L H
Q C P Y B A W S A Q Y I W W S
Z I R L L D J F T P J P U H S
R I U O O R L J R X E D U T G
B H S K W G I O I S I A J R X
D X T I I D S S H V V Q C A B
N E Z H N F R K I E G D L E T
I I N Q G E J S H N S A U B B
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D G R E H T A F N Y K R H X L

FIRE
EARTH
BAPTISM
PEACE
DIVISION
HOUSEHOLD

FATHER
SON
MOTHER
DAUGHTER
CROWD
RISING

WIND
BLOWING
INTERPRET
SKY
HEAT
JESUS

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 for more information and to download a copy.

PARKING - 8/18/2019

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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