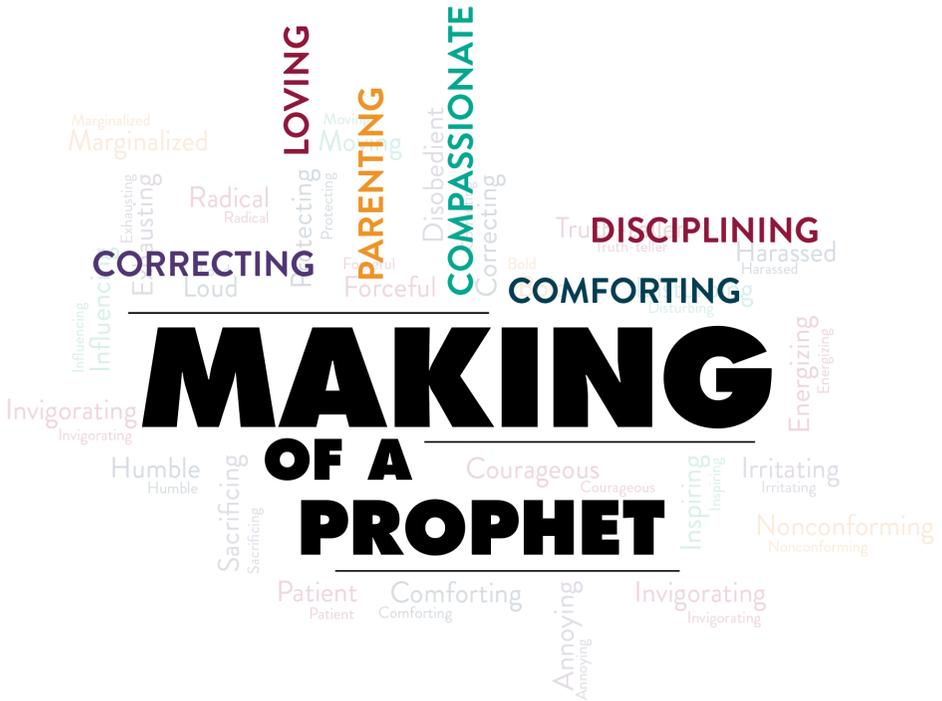


The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



AUGUST 4, 2019
EIGHTH 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:

“Love is an action, never simply a feeling.”

- bell hooks

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.

Healing Prayer, typically offered the first Sunday of every month immediately following Worship, is available today. Two of Riverside's ministers will be at the front of the Nave to pray for anyone who desires it.

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

Suite Liturgique

I. Entrée II. Offertoire III. Communion

Denis Bédard

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

✚PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 391

Take My Life

Hendon

✚CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister Charlene Wingate

One: Here today there is love, freely available to all.

**All: Not our human loving, fragile and conditional,
but God's supreme love.**

One: Here today is love, higher than our loftiest hopes,
deeper than the immensities of time and space,
God's inclusive love.

**All: Here today is love, for all God's people,
lived out in acts of justice and mercy.**

One: Here today is love, as we gather around the table
where Christ taught us to love one another
as he has loved us.

All: Come, let us worship in love!

✚INVOCATION

LISTENING

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

SOLO

I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness (from 'Biblical Songs') *Antonín Dvorák*
I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten
stringed psaltery. Every day will I extol thee, and will bless thy holy name.
Great is God and great his mercy; who shall tell of all his greatness? Who shall
his power declare? My song shall be of praise and honor, and of thy glorious
acts. Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing. Yea, all shall tell of thy great
kindness, of thy wondrous might, and my voice shall proclaim aloud thy glory.
(Psalm 144:9, 145:1-3,5,6)

Irene King, mezzo-soprano

✚*All who are able, please stand*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Bruce Lamb

Hosea 11:1-11

(from the Common English Bible Translation)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Greg Muniz

Colossians 3:1-11

(pg. 201 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 439

In Christ There Is No East or West

St. Peter

†GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Livingston

Luke 12:13-21

(pg. 74 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Alisha Gordon

A Radical Kind of Love

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Minister Derrick Jordan

OFFERTORY SOLO

Eternal Life

Olive Dungan

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred let me sow

love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there

is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to

console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in

giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying

that we are born to eternal life.

†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 the Deaf Ministry, which partners with members of the Deaf Community to embrace their Culture, create and maintain a ministry that includes Deaf, hard of hearing persons, and their families in all aspects of the life of the Church and uses American Sign Language to ensure that all God's children, Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing, are included in the heavenly banquet.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

One: O God, hear our prayer.

All: **God's love endures forever.**

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Livingston

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul-er Al-might - y;

heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Glo-ry be to you, O God.

Bless-ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God...

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

✦ *All who are able, please stand*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

One: The body of Christ, broken for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the bread of life!

One: The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!

*A gluten-free option for communion bread is available
upon request from a communion server.*

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN

*Aria on a Chaconne
Let Us Break Bread Together*

*Joel Martinson
Charles Callahan*

HYMN 514

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Linstead

✠PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Livingston

Compassionate God, you meet us on the mountaintop and you meet us in the valley. Today you have met us in the bread and cup at this your table. As we go from this place may we receive strength to walk with all your children in peace, and witness to the truth of your reconciliation and love. Amen.

SENDING

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

✠BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

✠RECESSIONAL HYMN 452

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

St. Michael

POSTLUDE

Suite Liturgique

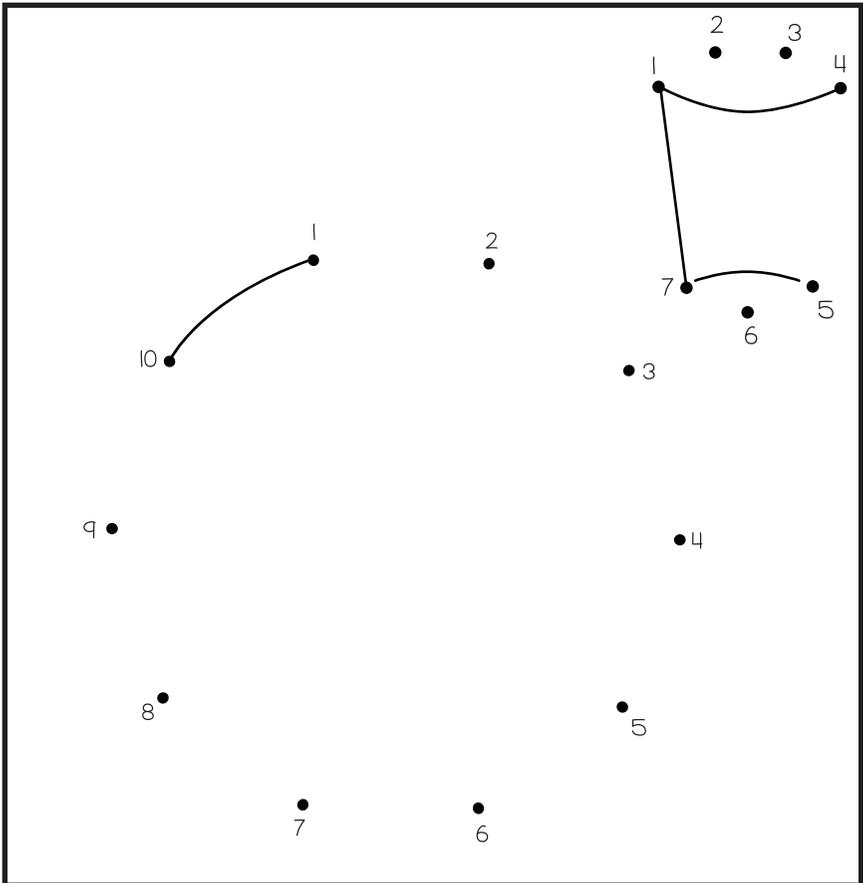
IV. Sortie

Denis Bédard

*Special thanks to our congregational leader:
Greg Muniz*

CONNECT the DOTS

Psalm 107:9 says "God satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry God fills with good things." Connect the dots to form a plate and a cup. Inside the plate, draw or write some ways God taken care of you.



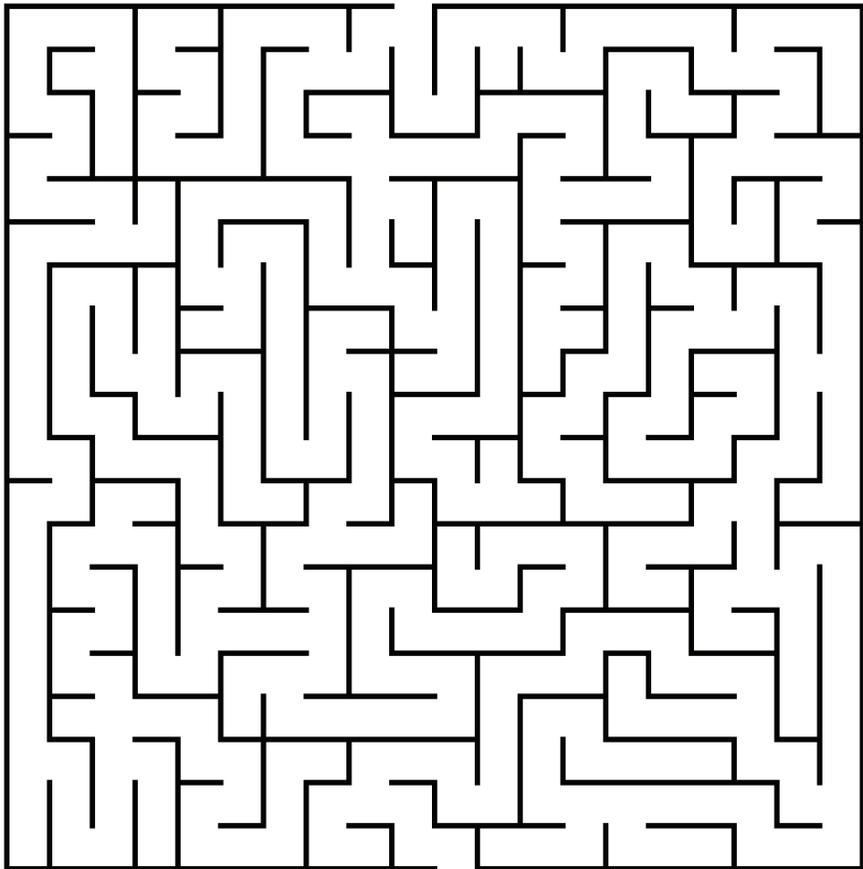
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 107:1-9, 43, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21.



SOLVE (the) MAZE

In Colossians 3, we're reminded to "set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." This means that what is most important to God needs to be most important to us - things like loving others really well, showing kindness, being humble, and practicing patience. **Make your way** through the maze to help your thoughts think "higher" than what you might normally focus on.



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 - 8/4/2019

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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