# The Riverside Church

# in the City of New York



# OCTOBER 27, 2019 REFORMATION SUNDAY TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · 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:

> Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda secundum verbi Dei. "The Church is reformed and always being reformed by the Word of God."

> > -Jodocus van Lodenstein, 1674.

#### **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. Today we are celebrating Reformation Day, remembering the work of God in the church through individuals like John Hus, Martin Luther, Elisabeth Cruciger, Elizabeth Melville, John Calvin, and many more. This day is signified by the red paraments and clergy stoles to represent the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit as the church is reformed and always being reformed.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA SUNDAY

This year at The Riverside Church we are celebrating Reformation Sunday with Social Media Sunday, an ecumenical effort to share the good news about building community online. Social Media Sunday originated in the Episcopal Church and is an annual event which gives faith communities an opportunity to consider how to reach out online, digitally welcome people, and share their stories.

500 years ago the Reformation was fueled by the printing press, a new communications technology that allowed the Bible to be written in the language of the people and easily distributed. Today we are reformed and are always being reformed by the Spirit of God. New communications technologies like social media allow us to share the good news of God's love and justice by any media necessary.

When churches use social media it allows the stories of their ministries to be shared beyond the walls of their building and the borders of their neighborhood. When individual Christians use social media they can embrace digital evangelism, sharing their stories of God's work in their lives and our world, following Jesus' invitation to go into all the world (wide web) to share the gospel.

This morning you are invited to share your worship experience on your preferred social media platforms. You have permission to use your phone in worship, following the prompts in the bulletin as you capture quotes, share photos, and stream live video from your point of view. This is not an interruption of worship but an extension of worship, allowing what happens in this space to be shared with every space. Include #SocialMediaSunday in your posts so we can easily see what everyone is posting for Riverside's Social Media Sunday.

If you have any questions, contact Rev. Jim Keat, Riverside's Digital Minister, at jkeat@trcnyc.org, or send us a message on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

#SocialMediaSunday





#### *GATHERING We gather* as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

#### CARILLON

Triptych on Hymns by Martin Luther

Johann Th. Lemckert

I. There are the Holy Commandments

II. With Peace and Joy I Go There

III. The Day is Coming near the Last Judgment

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

## ORGAN & HANDBELLS

Land of Rest All Things Bright and Beautiful arr. Betty Garee arr. Jane McFadden

The Riverside Ringers Daniel Potter, director

#### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

# + PROCESSIONAL HYMN 260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein feste Burg

What is your favorite line from this hymn? Share it online. #SocialMediaSunday

# + CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister Charlene Wingate

- One: This is the day that God has made.
- All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: It is God who gathers us. In person, online and in every place:

- All: We reflect the love of God to the world around us.
- One: At home, at work, with friends, families, and even enemies:
- All: We reflect the love of God to the world around us.
- One: With every "like" on Facebook, every "favorite" on Twitter, every "Direct Message" on Instagram:

## All: We reflect the love of God to the world around us.

One: Because every day is a day that God has made

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

As we prepare for worship, post a photo of something in the space around you that is calling you to worship. #SocialMediaSunday

## + INVOCATION

Go live! Share a live video of the handbells on your favorite social media platform, allowing your social networks to hear their beautiful sounds. #SocialMediaSunday

#### HANDBELLS

When in Our Music God is Glorified

arr. Arnold B. Sherman

Christopher Creaghan, organist

#### **HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Ioel 2:23-32 (pg. 848 in the Old Testament) The Word of God for the People of God. One:

All: Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE LESSON** 

Minister Derrick Jordan

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (page 213 in the New Testament)

The Word of God for the People of God. One: All: Thanks be to God.

What is your favorite line from + HYMN 316 this hymn? Share it online. Breathe on Me. Breath of God #SocialMediaSunday

#### + GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:9-14 (page 81 in the New Testament)

All: Thanks be to God. Luvon Roberson

Rev. Livingston

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

Capture your favorite quotes from the sermon and post them on social media. #SocialMediaSunday

#### **SERMON**

Tell A Story

+All who are able, please stand

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

Trentham

Jewel Clark

#### RESPONDING

*We respond* to the hearing of God's word through confession, offering, passing the peace, and monthly communion

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

Bruce 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.

What are you praying for this morning? Post it online and invite your friends to join you in prayer. #SocialMediaSunday

#### CHORAL AMEN

#### + PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

#### INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** 

Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto Thee shall the vow be perform'd in Jerusalem. Thou that hearest the prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Blessed is the one whom Thou choosest and receivest unto Thee. They shall dwell in Thy courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of Thy house, e'en of Thy holy temple. Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on Thee. Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace because they trust in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Let the people praise Thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth bring forth its increase: and God shall give us great blessing. "Peace be with you!" Pass the peace on your favorite social media platform. #SocialMediaSunday

Rev. Jim Keat

Malcolm Boyle

## + 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

#### Minister Jordan

"Thank you God, for \_\_\_\_\_

Post your prayer of thanksgiving online. #SocialMediaSunday

Today we celebrate the ministry of Movies at Riverside, which shows thoughtprovoking movies on the last Sunday of each month, covering topics such as the environment and political conflicts. These movies are meant to raise questions on themes related to social justice and/or insight into the experiences of people whose stories are often unfamiliar.

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

What is your favorite line from this hymn? Share it online. #SocialMediaSunday

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Wareham

Rev. Livingston

#### POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Great Day"

+ RECESSIONAL HYMN 421

Take a selfie with a friend in coffee hour and share it online. #SocialMediaSunday

> Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Luvon Roberson & Jewel Clark

> > FLOWER GIFT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given in dedication by Julian Suez, in loving memory of mother, Rhoda How.

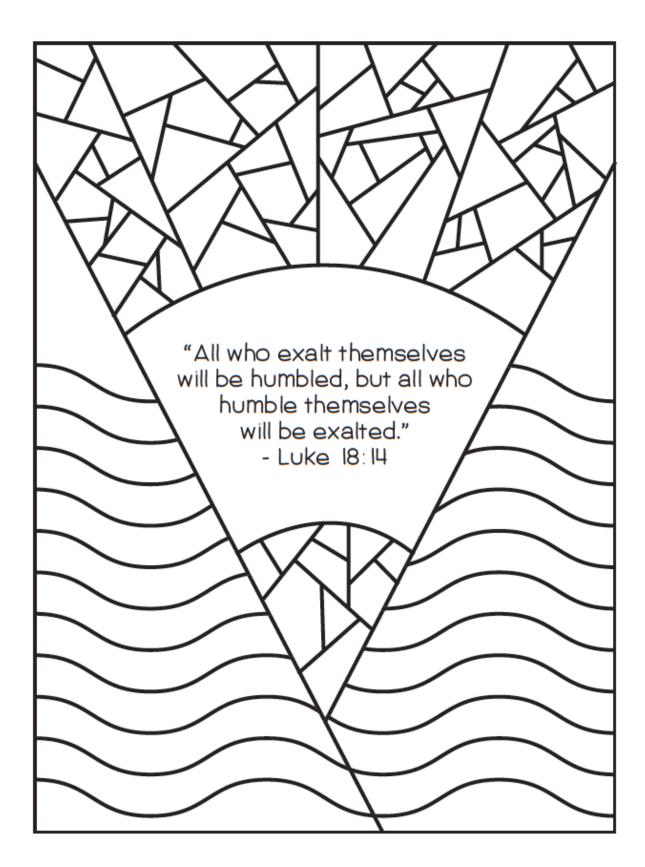
Welcome to the newest members of our Riverside Church family who joined October 20, 2019

Krishna O'Neal **Christine Clemmings** Sheryl McCarthy Leonard Hollie

Sidney Outlaw Meghann Vaughn Sylvia J Singletary

Adolphus Hailstork

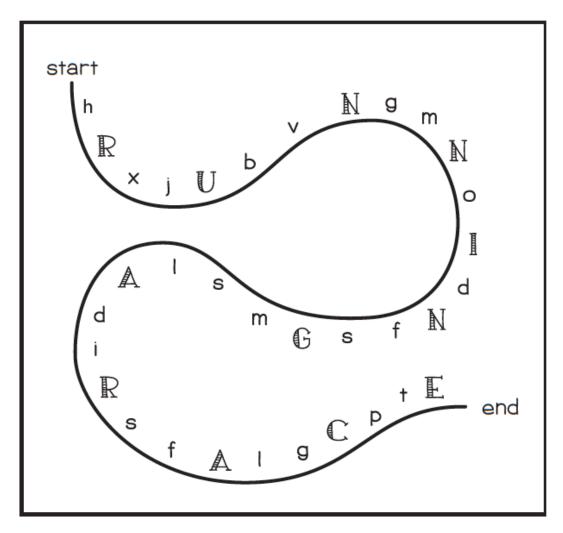
+ BENEDICTION





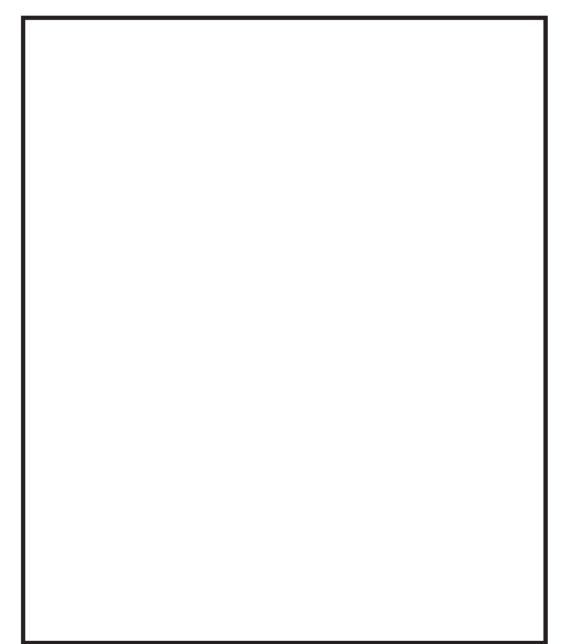
FOLLOW the PA

To what does Paul compare living a life of faith? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see what's spelled out below.





Psalm 65 praises God for the many ways we see God's love, care, and power in creation. God created mountains, God calms the ocean, God gives people food, God brings the water fields need to grow, and more. Draw a picture of how you see God in creation.



#### **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.**trcnyc.org/Events** for more information and to download a copy.

#### 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.

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#### PARKING - 10/27/2019

**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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