The Riverside Church
in the City of New York

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OCTOBER 6, 2019
SEVENTEENTH 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:

“The trouble is that we have a bad habit, encouraged by those concealing ill intent, of insisting that people already suffering should be afflicted with further, unnecessary pain. This is the paradox of tolerance, the treason of free speech: We hesitate to admit that some people are just…evil and need to be stopped.”

– N. K. Jemisin from her short story “The Ones Who Stay and Fight.”

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**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.

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**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.

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**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
Sheep May Safely Graze
Agnus Dei

J. S. Bach
Georges Bizet

George Matthew Jr., guest carillonneur

ORGAN
Procesión y Saeta

José Jesús Estrada

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 471
O Praise the Gracious Power

Christpraise Ray

CALL TO WORSHIP ¹
One: Come.
All: Let us be God’s community.
One: Come with love.
All: The steadfast love of God never ceases.
One: Come with curiosity.
All: We are one body, one planet, one Church.
One: Come with hope.
All: As we gather with the bread and the cup, justice is served.
Let us worship.

INVOCATION

All who are able, please stand
LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

The Lord’s Prayer\(^2\)  \hspace{1cm} \textit{Maurice Duruflé}

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON  \hspace{1cm} \text{Minister Charlene Wingate}

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
\((\text{pg. 871 in the Old Testament})\)
- One: The Word of God for the People of God.
- All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON  \hspace{1cm} \text{Rev. John McCullough}

2 Timothy 1:1-14
\((\text{pg. 211 in the New Testament})\)
- One: The Word of God for the People of God.
- All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness  \hspace{1cm} \textit{Faithfulness}

†GOSPEL LESSON  \hspace{1cm} \text{Bilan Stribling}

Luke 17:5-10
\((\text{pg. 80 in the New Testament})\)
- One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
- All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON  \hspace{1cm} \text{Rev. Livingston}

Redwood in the Backyard…Thanking Your Slave

RESPONDING

We respond to the hearing of God’s word through prayer, passing the peace, offering and monthly communion

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE  \hspace{1cm} \text{Rev. McCullough}

\(\text{†All who are able, please stand}\)
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prayer of Saint Francis

M. Searle Wright

Lord, make me a channel of Thy peace, that where there is hatred, I may bring love; that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness; that where there is discord, I may bring harmony; where there is error, I may bring truth; where there is doubt, I may bring faith; where despair, where there are shadows, where there is sadness I may bring hope, I may bring light, I may bring joy! Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted; to understand than to be understood; to love than to be loved. For it is by giving that one receives; it is by self-forgetting one finds; it is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens unto 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;

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

Today we celebrate the work of Church World Service, which is a grassroots faith-based movement transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster; envisioning “a world where all have food, voice and a safe place to call home.”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

One: God of all people,
All: Hear our prayer.

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.

†All who are able, please stand
INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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!

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

Lied    Louis Vierne
Aria    Healey Willan

CHOIR

O Sacrum Convivium³    Olivier Messiaen

O sacred banquet in which Christ is received, the memory of his Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory to us is given. Alleluia.

HYMN 367

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love    Chereponi

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION    Rev. Livingston

Compassionate God, 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

RECESSIONAL HYMN 435

We All Are One in Mission    Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

POSTLUDE

We Believe in One God (BWV 680)    J. S. Bach

Liturgical Resources for Today:

1WorshipWays
2Sung in French
3Sung in Latin

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Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Rev. John McCullough & Bilan Stribling
God sent the prophet Jeremiah to share important messages to the people. Help Jeremiah through the maze to reach God's people.

1 Timothy 6 talks about contentment. Another word for contentment is gratitude. Draw 3 things for which you are grateful and want to thank God.

Suggested for use on October 6, 2019 based on the RCL.

Lamentations 3 says God's love and mercies are new every morning! Connect the dots to form the sunrise. Around the sun write or draw some "mercies" or gifts from God in your life.

Increase our Faith
Try to find the words from Luke 17 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

APOSTLES  PLOW  SHEEP
LORD       FIELD  TABLE
INCREASE    TREE   SUPPER
FAITH       PLANTED COMMAND
MUSTARD     SEA    EAT
SEED        OBEY   DRINK
2 Timothy 1 talks about Timothy’s mother and grandmother who had strong faith and shared that faith with Timothy. Draw a picture of someone who has taught you about God and faith.
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.

Rev. John L. McCullough is President and CEO of global humanitarian agency Church World Service. For 69 years CWS has worked to end hunger and poverty among the world’s most vulnerable. The agency responds to disasters; helps people recover and rebuild in ways that reduce the impacts of future disasters; supports sustainable food security and economic development programs; provides refugee assistance and immigration services; and advocates for social justice on national and international fronts.
McCullough has led CWS in advocacy aimed at urging the U.S. government to lift the decades-old embargo on Cuba and to normalize relations with the island nation, engaging leaders both in the United States and in Havana. McCullough and CWS also have been outspoken in support of comprehensive immigration reform. Since 2005, McCullough has joined forces with some of the nation’s most diverse and high profile immigration advocates to speak out for just reform that creates a path to citizenship and ensures family unity for America’s 11 million undocumented immigrants. Having served as a member of the White House Task Force on Global Poverty and Development, McCullough visited the White House in 2013 with an ecumenical delegation to address key international concerns.
A graduate of the Boston University School of Theology, McCullough was honored with its Distinguished Alumni Award in 2003. In 2012, he received the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church Ecumenical Award. He is an ordained minister in The United Methodist Church and has served pastorates in the United States and Kenya and held leadership positions at the denomination’s global mission agency before joining CWS in 2000.

PARKING - 10/6/2019
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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