

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



NOVEMBER 3, 2019
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

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:

A Saint is not a person who does not sin but a sinner who never stops doing good.”

-Bangambiki Habyarimana *The Great Pearl Of Wisdom*

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.

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

Variations on “Oh, How Fleeting”

Paraphrase on “Land of Rest”

Variations on “Oh, How Fleeting”

John Knox

Doug Gefvert

Georg Bohm

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

The Joy of the Redeemed

Clarence Dickinson

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 526

For All the Saints

Sine nomine

†CALL TO WORSHIP from Revelation 21

Farley Lord

One: Behold the dwelling of God is with us.

All: God will dwell with us and we shall be God's people.

One: God will wipe away every tear from our eyes,
and death shall be no more.

**All: Neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore,
for the former things have passed away.**

One: Behold, I make all things new.

All: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

†INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand*

ANTHEM

A City Called Heaven

Spiritual, arr. Leonard de Paur

I am a poor pilgrim of sorrow, I'm tossed in this wide world alone. No hope have I for tomorrow, I've started to make heav'n my home. Sometimes I am tossed and driven. Lord, sometimes I don't know where to roam. I heard of a city called heaven, I've started to make it my home. My mother has reached that pure glory, my father still walkin' in sin. My brothers and sisters won't own me, because I am tryin' to get in.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

**Holy and Loving God,
you came to dwell among us,
calling us to be your faithful people.
Yet too often your image is marred in our lives.
We hurt and abuse those who are different.
We neglect and ignore the vulnerable.
We disgrace ourselves and dishonor your name.
Forgive us; unbind us from our sin, and set us free
so that we might carry on the work of your saints.
Hear now the confessions of our hearts. (silent prayer) Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

LISTENING

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

PSALTER LESSON

Karen McVoy

Psalm 149

(pg. 583 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Geraldine Howard

Ephesians 1:11-23

(pg. 192 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 453

O Holy City, Seen of John

Morning Song

†GOSPEL LESSON

Jerome Hairston

Luke 6:20-31

(pg. 64 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Debra Northern

Rich Inheritance for All

RESPONDING

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

NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Rev. Harper

Dr. Laury Ann Betha

Martha Ford

Steven McCadney

Frank Bizzell

Mary Ida Gardner

Sue Miles

David Carey

Vera Smith Holzman

Dee Powell

Jane Curtis

John Larberg

Wilma Dean Small

Elizabeth Dunbar

Allen Lorick

Katherine Wilcox

PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS

Almighty God, we give you thanks for all your servants, who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace and strength to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness to carry on the work they have begun, to your honor and glory; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Jerome Hairston

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

We shall walk through the valley in peace, for Jesus himself will be our leader.

We will meet our loved ones there, for Jesus himself will be our leader. There will be no more trials there, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

†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 our Memorial Society which assists members and friends with end of life planning.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

Following each petition, please join in the following response:

One: O Lord our God, have mercy,

All: and wipe away our tears.

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.

CHORAL 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.

✠ *All who are able, please stand*


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.

CALL TO SUPPER

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

Lamento

Denis Bédard

†All who are able, please stand

CHOIR

In Paradisum¹

Gabriel Fauré

May the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs receive you in your coming. And may they guide you into the holy city, Jerusalem. May the chorus of angels receive you, and with Lazarus once poor, may you have eternal rest.

ORGAN

Song of Peace

Jean Langlais

HYMN 515

Now to Your Table Spread

Love Unknown

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Livingston

God of the ages, 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

✠ RECESSIONAL HYMN 475

O That I Had a Thousand Voices

O dass ich tausend Züngen hätte

BENEDICTION

Please be seated.

Rev. Northern

POSTLUDE

Pardon, O Christ, Your Servants

Marcel Dupré

Liturgical Resources for Today:

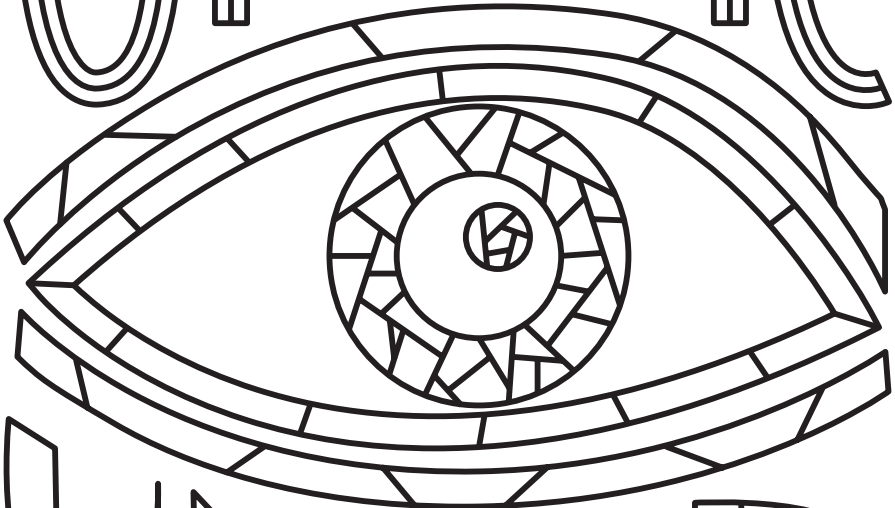
¹*From Requiem, sung in Latin*

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:

Karen McVoy, Jerome Hairston, & Rev. Geraldine Howard

✠ *All who are able, please stand*

GIVE MA

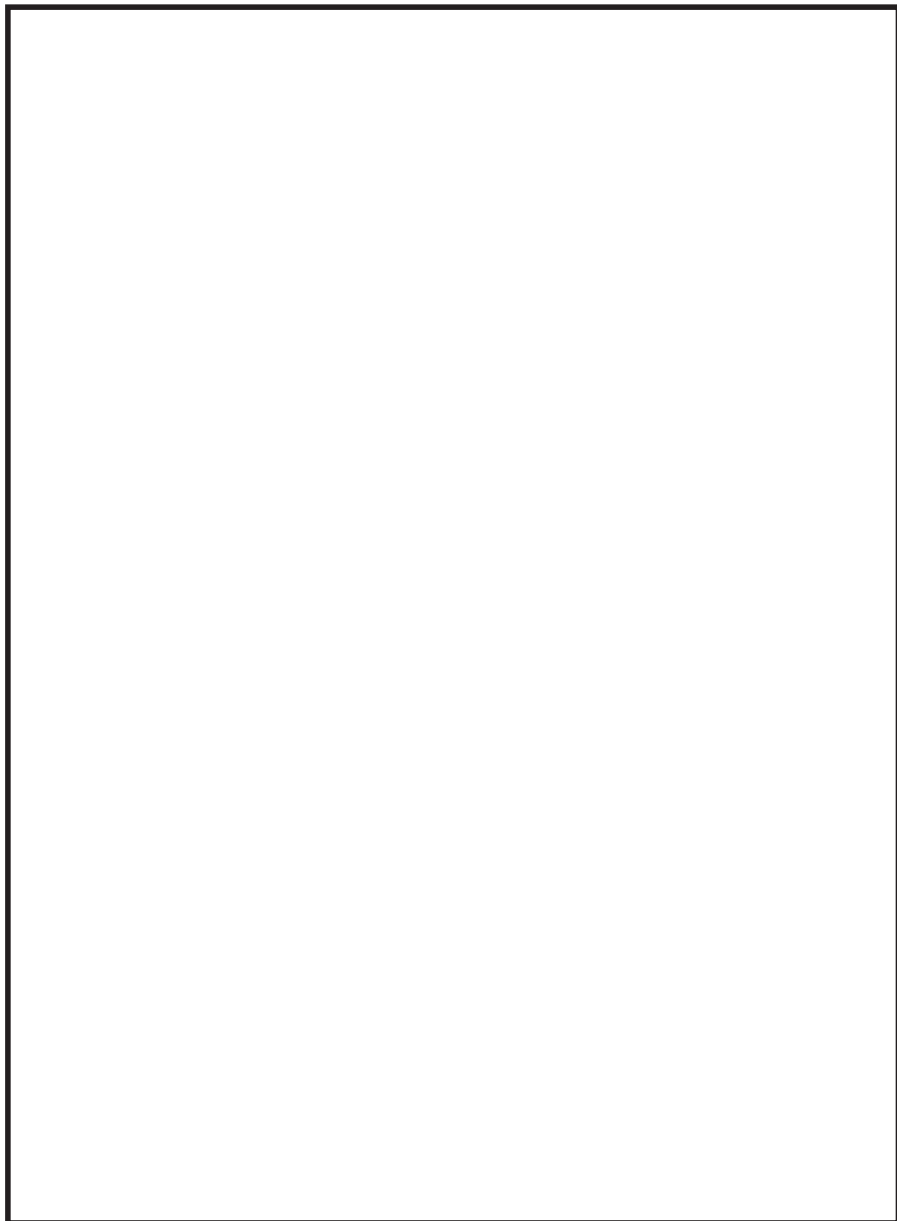


UNDER
STANDING



DRAW IT

Luke 19 tells the story of Zacchaeus climbing a tree to see Jesus walk by in a crowd of people. Draw a picture of how you imagined this looked.



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 - 11/3/2019

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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