The Riverside Church
in the City of New York

FEBRUARY 2, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

DO JUSTICE
LOVE MERCY
WALK HUMBLY
MICAH 6:8
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:

Hey, tell me haven’t ya heard?
Luv, is a serious word
Hey, I think it’s time ya learned
I don’t care what they say
I don’t care care what ya heard
The word luv, luv is a verb

-DC Talk

The art on the cover of today’s bulletin is of a mural painted by artist Christopher Cardinale, which was commissioned by Riverside’s Stewardship & Development Department for the church’s 2019 Homecoming Festival. The work features words from today’s lectionary text, Micah 6:1-8, as well as the familiar faces of today’s Riversiders.

The Liturgical Year

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the season of Epiphany, as signified by white paraments and clergy stoles, symbolizing joy in the light of Christ’s birth.

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
Variations on The Heavens are Telling The Glory
Alleluia, God on High

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN
Spirituals for Organ
City Called Heaven
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
This Little Light of Mine

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

PASSING OF THE PEACE
One: The Peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 207
How Lovely, Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP
One: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
All: May our hearts be open to a new version of love. One where we all can see God.
One: With our new vision and God’s love, direct us to the ways we can do.
All: Allow our faith to be seen by our works for we are blessed because we do.
One: Prepare us for a walk that will grow our faith into action.
All: O God of life, love and effort gather us together in your light. Grant us the will, courage and strength to journey together in company with You.

INVOCATION

All who are able, please stand
Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.¹

Micah 6:1-8

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

Psalms 15

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

Lord, Who May Dwell Within Your House

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

Do. Love. Walk.

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

All who are able, please stand
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst, after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

†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

Today we celebrate the work of the Ecclesia Ministry, which leads services and serves lunch monthly in Marcus Garvey Park, as we seek to reach people who wish to praise and worship God in community.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each petition, please join in the following response:

    One:      Light of the world,
    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
GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy God, Ruler Almighty;
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory 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.

†All who are able, please stand
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
Prayer
In Quiet Mood

George Walker
Florence B. Price

CHOIR
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Moses Hogan

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

HYMN 513
Let Us Break Bread Together

Let Us Break Bread

†PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION
Rev. Northern

God of hope you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love, and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 386
O for a World

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BENEDICTION
Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare and Chorale

Calvin Fuller

Liturgical Resources for Today:
1Sung in Latin
Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Dr. Colleen Birchett & Aida Montero
†All who are able, please stand
From Micah 6:8, what does God want from us most? Unscramble the words to find out! (“To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.”)

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DOODLE AREA

Draw a picture of someone you want to pray for.
Matthew 5 shares one of Jesus’ best known teachings - “The Sermon on the Mount.” Many people gathered on a mountain to listen to him teach. Imagine sitting with the crowd listening. Draw what do you picture and see?
Try to find the words from 1 Corinthians 1 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

**WORD SEARCH**

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MESSAGE
CROSS
POWER
GOD
WISE
FOOLISH
BELIEVE
STRENGTH
WEAK
BROTHER
SISTER
LIFE
HUMAN
BOAST
LOW
SAVED
CHRIST

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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 - 2/2/2020
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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