

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



FEBRUARY 23, 2020
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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 year 2020 is proving to be ‘one wild ride.’ As we prepare for what lies before us, we must have a clear vision of ourselves. There are many paths in life we can take - some will have an abundance of blessings while others will be void of God’s direction. Yet, God reminds us that we called to be courageous people who bring positive change in all we do.”

- Rev. Roland Stringfellow

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.

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 Praise to the Lord Almighty

Gerard Boedyn

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Lead, Kindly Light

Robert Hebble

Tempo Ordinario - Allegro

George Frideric Handel

from Organ Concerto in B Flat, Opus 4, No. 2

ANTHEM

Take a Little Love and Pass It On

Cherub Choir

Sharon Pritchard, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 75

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Deo gracias

✠CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Minister Charlene Wingate

One: We hear your challenge, O God, and your call:

All: Come! says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

One: We hear you, Holy One, but we are afraid.

What will we find there?

All: Come! says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

One: Mighty One, we know you are a lover of justice. Come! Regain insight to see the least among you, those whose rights have been trampled upon. Anoint us as your priests to those who live on the margins- the outcasts, the lonely, the ignored.

All: Come! Let the anointing oil of Your Spirit open our eyes, our ears and our hearts to receive your Word.

Come! Let us worship God!

✠INVOCATION

✠*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

✚ PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

I'm Gonna Sing/Over My Head *Traditional Spiritual, arr. Terry D. Taylor*

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says "sing" and obey the Spirit of the Lord. Over my head, there is music in the air. God's love reaches everywhere. I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says "shout" and obey the Spirit of the Lord. There is music everywhere.

The Rising Voices

Matthew Hommez, director

Yuliya Basis, piano

EPISTLE LESSON

Ronald Moore

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

(pg. 167 in the New Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✚ HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

✚ GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Bruce Lamb

Matthew 5:38-48

(pg 5 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Roland Stringfellow

2020 Vision

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Livingston

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to 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.

CHORAL AMEN

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Ronald Moore

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Can Tell the World

Spiritual, arr. Jester Hairston

I can tell the world, I can tell the world about this. I can tell the nations I'm blessed, tell them what my Lord has done, tell them that the comforter has come and he brought joy to my soul. My Lord done just what He said. Yes He did, oh Lordy yes He did. He healed the sick and He raised the dead. My Lord stood on the mountain top, and He told old Pharaoh's host to stop! Yes He did, oh Lordy yes He did.

✦ 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 Wingate

Today we celebrate the ministry of Riverside's Coming Home program, which seeks to empower those who are returning to the community from incarceration by working with facilitators and mentors to support personal healing and growth, skill development, and reintegration into the community.

SENDING

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

✦ RECESSIONAL HYMN 536

Lord, Make Us More Holy

Spiritual

BENEDICTION

Please be seated.

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Finale, from 'Grand Pièce Symphonique'

César Franck

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Welcome to the newest members of our
Riverside Church family who joined February 16, 2020

Dr. Carl Prince
Princess Prince
Stephanie Williams
Joya Campbell Priveterre

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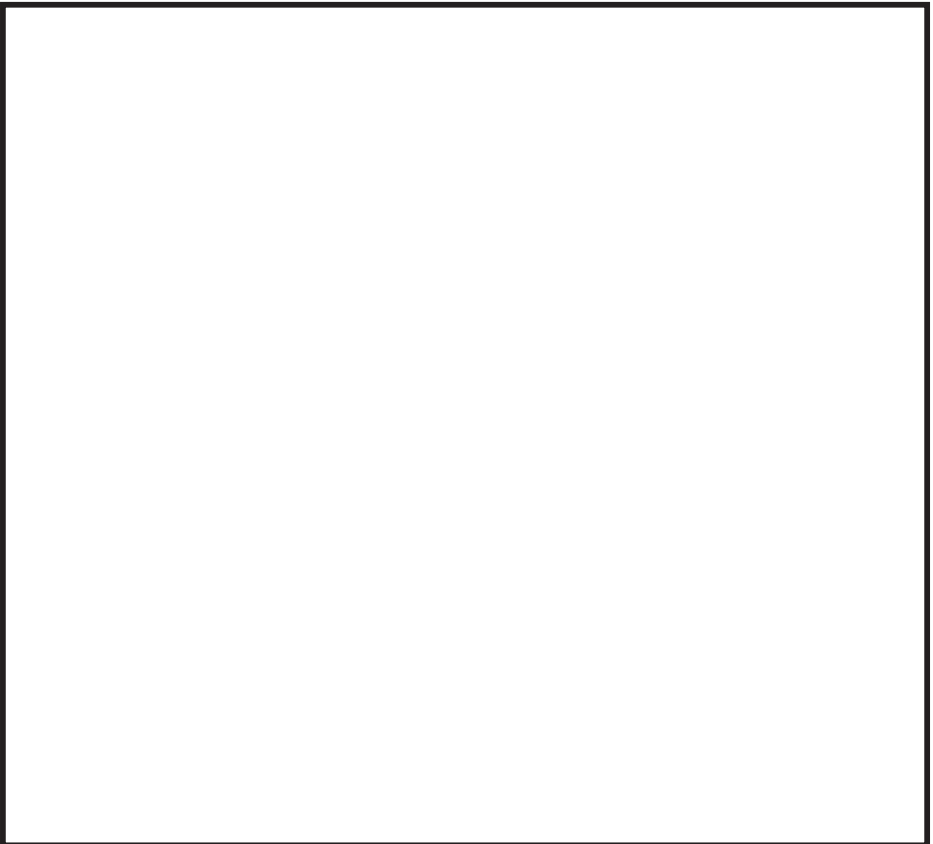
*Special thanks to our congregational leader:
Ronald Moore*

✦ *All who are able, please stand*



DRAW IT

Matthew 17 tells the amazing story of the “transfiguration.” In this special experience, Jesus was with some of his disciples on the mountaintop. Suddenly, Jesus changed - he was shining, his clothes were bright white, and a voice spoke from the sky. Draw what do you think this looked like.



Listen
to Him



WORD SEARCH

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

D W E L L I N G M R S J G O U
T M O S E S S H A R L J O H N
R L V P X E W E P S E R E N N
A C R R M H P Z Z E M T V Y K
N N Q A I P P A L A I W E E G
S B J T A S F I P L H Y L P X
F E E K W U J L I M B Z W T D
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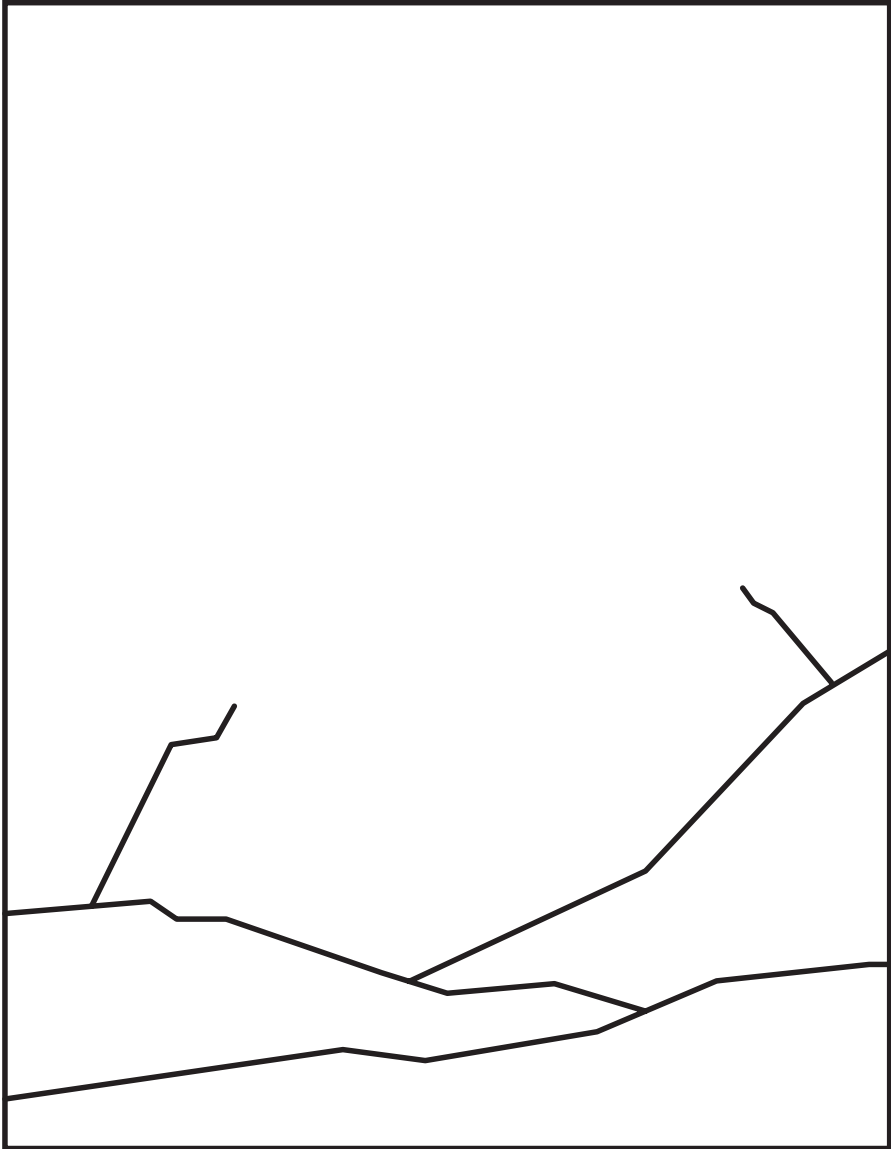
JESUS
PETER
JAMES
JOHN
MOUNTAIN
TRANSFIGURE

DAZZLE
WHITE
MOSES
ELIJAH
DWELLING
CLOUD

VOICE
BELOVED
PLEASED
LISTEN
DISCIPLES
APPEAR

FINISH the DRAWING

In Exodus 24, Moses goes up on a mountain to meet with God. This is the place where Moses will receive the ten commandments. Finish the drawing of the mountain. Draw how you imagine it looked for Moses to meet God.



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

RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST

Are you receiving our weekly emails? Check your junk folder, add us to your “safe sender list,” or visit trcnyc.org/Email to sign up. We want to make sure that you know all the latest news and events at The Riverside Church!

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.

WORSHIP ONLINE & ALL WEEK LONG

If you're out of town or in need of more Riverside worship throughout the week, visit trcnyc.org/DigitalDiscipleship to watch the Sunday morning Livestream, videos of the sermon and the choirs, and more. Be sure to watch The Word Made Fresh, our weekly video Bible Study, and catch up on Be Still and Go, our devotional podcast.

PARKING - 02/23/2020

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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