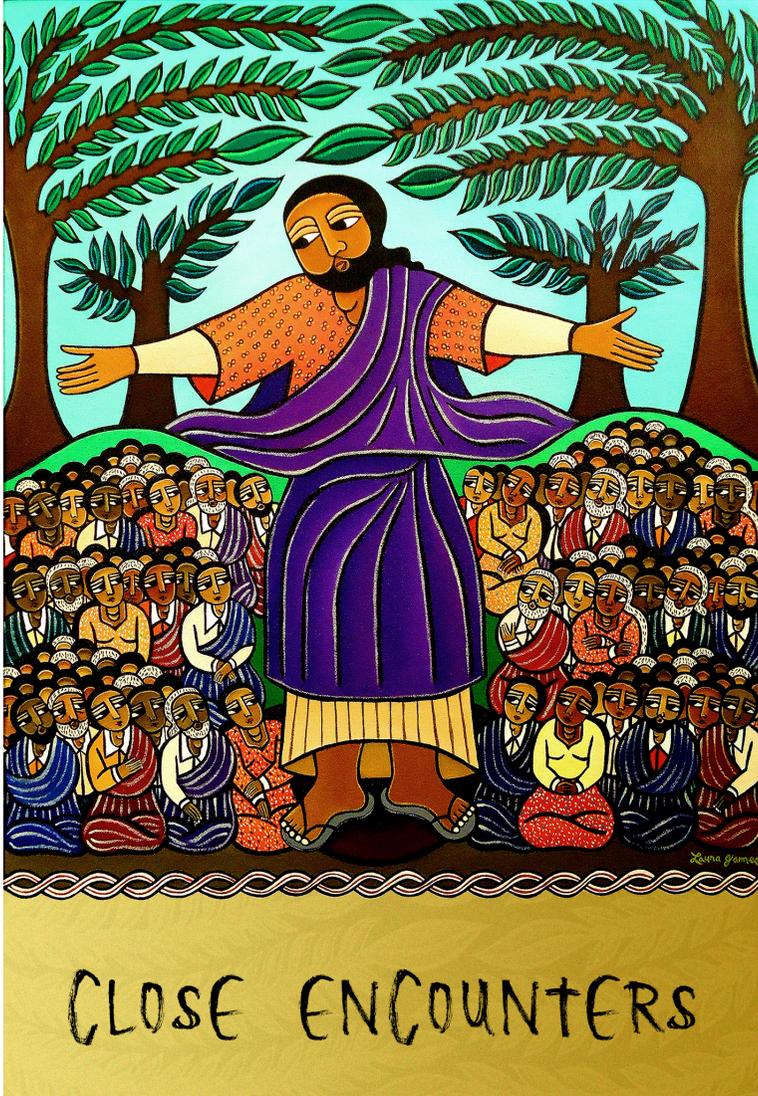


The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



MARCH 1, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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:

“Where are you willing to go? What are you willing to leave behind?”

- Rev. Kevin Van Hook

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 Lent, a period of forty days leading to Easter marked by repentance and reflection on everything in our lives that separates us from God. The liturgical color of Lent is purple as signified by the paraments, wall hanging, and clergy stoles (excepting communion Sundays when clergy wear white stoles).

Throughout the season of Lent we will be focusing on **Close Encounters**, exploring the ways that people encounter God in the lectionary texts and the ways we continue to have closer encounters with Christ in our world today.

Bulletin Cover Image: *Sermon on the Mount*, 2010 ©Laura James
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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.

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

Let Us Break Bread Together

Spiritual

Andrew Park, guest carillonneur

Four Lenten Hymns

arr. Betty Buchanan

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Méditation, From Symphonie I

Charles-Marie Widor

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defence

Sigfried Karg-Elert

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Dale Wood

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 87

The Glory of These Forty Days

Erhalt uns, Herr

✚CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Hsien-Yu Wang

One: As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

All: We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.

One: Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

All: We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

One: In this time of reflection and repentance,

**All: We affirm our identity, we claim our security,
as children of God.**

✚INVOCATION

✚*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

Lord, I Approach Thy Mercy Seat

Alice Parker

Lord, I approach thy mercy-seat, where thou dost answer prayer; there humbly fall beneath thy feet for none doth perish there. Thy promise is my only plea; with this I venture nigh; thou callest burdened souls to thee, and such, O Lord, am I. Bowed down beneath a load of sin, by Satan sorely pressed, by war without and fear within, I come to thee for rest. Be thou my shield, my hiding place; that sheltered near thy side, I may my fierce accuser face, and tell him, thou hast died. (*from Melodious Accord*)

A MOMENT FOR LENT

Rev. Livingston

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The minister offers words of confession, to which the congregation responds as follows:

One: Lord have mercy.

All: **Christ have mercy.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM 32²

Gary Alan

Be glad in the Lord and re - jice;

shout for joy, you up - right in heart.

Jessica Marsten, cantor

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Livingston

✚PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Gary Bogle

Genesis 12:1-4a

(pg. 10 in the Old Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✚All who are able, please stand

†HYMN 80

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Lonesome Valley

†GOSPEL LESSON

Farley Lord

Matthew 4:1-11

(pg. 3 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Kevin VanHook

“The Lands of Our Fathers”

RESPONDING

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Sumati Devadutt & Rueben Martinez

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Kyrie from “Solemn Mass”

Louis Vierne

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.³

†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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

Following each petition, please join in the following response:

One: Our Light and Savior,

All: **hear our prayer.**

†*All who are able, please stand*

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 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

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.

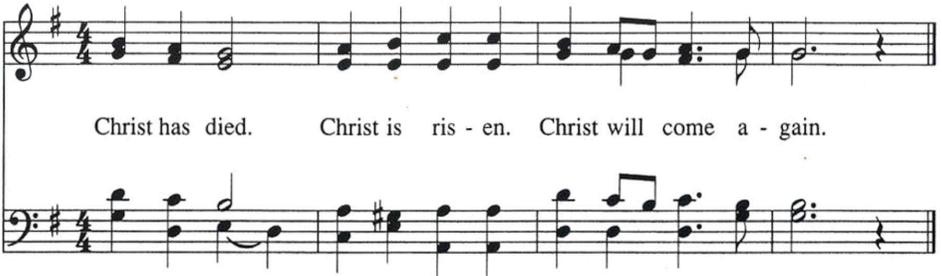
Bless-ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

†*All who are able, please stand*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The image shows a musical score for the Memorial Acclamation. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two staves, aligned with the notes.

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

Plainte, from 'Suite Breve'

Ah, Jesus Christ With Us Abide

*Jean Langlais
Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

CHOIR

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.

HYMN 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

✚PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. VanHook

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 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Rathburn

BENEDICTION

Please be seated.

Rev. VanHook

POSTLUDE

Intermezzo, from Symphonie VI

Charles-Marie Widor

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Special thanks to our congregational leaders:

Gary Bogle, Sumati Devadutt, Rueben Martinez, & Vanessa Murphy (crucifer)

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹*Submitted by Gill Le Fevre to reWorship.com*

²*Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-717132*

³*Sung in ancient Greek*

WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Genesis 2 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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D O O R H P P E I C C D H R S
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GOD
MAN
WOMAN
GARDEN
EDEN
TREE

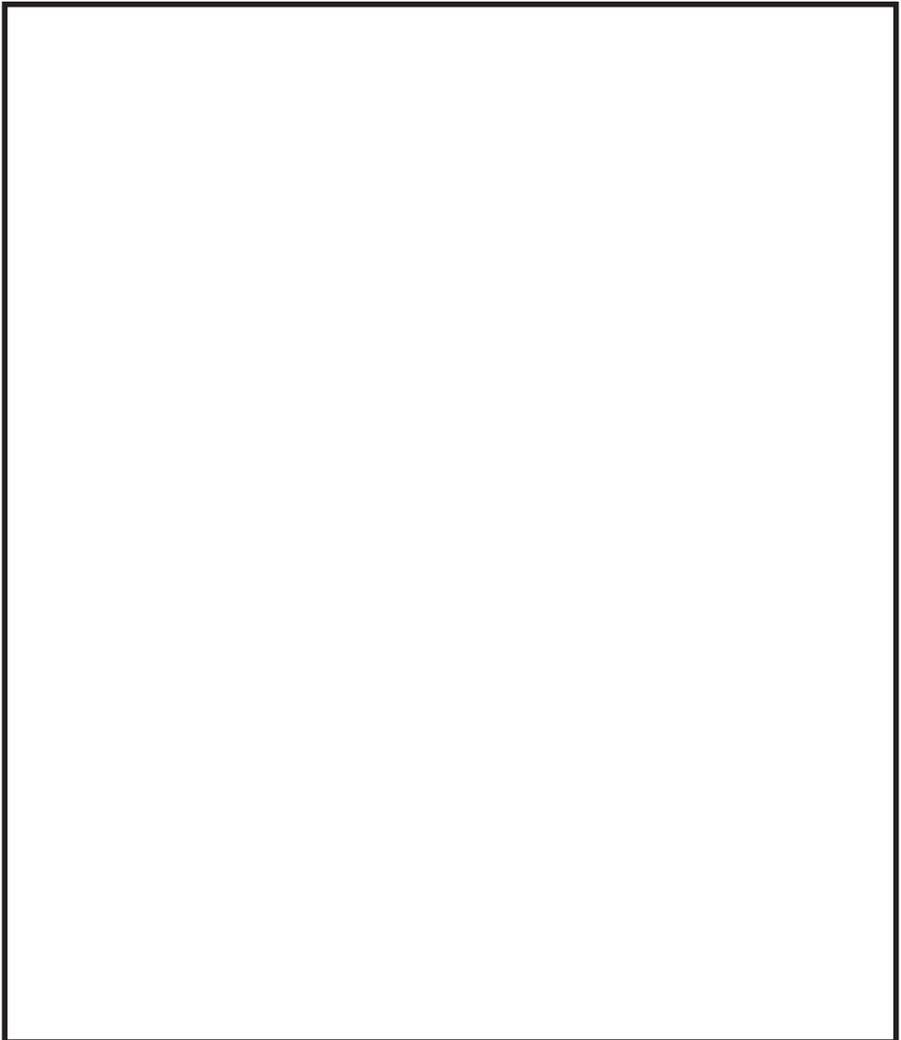
KNOWLEDGE
GOOD
EVIL
SERPENT
FRUIT
DELIGHT

WISE
EYES
LEAVES
COMMAND
OPEN
KEEP



DRAW IT

Matthew's Gospel tells the story of Jesus spending 40 days in the desert. He didn't eat any food during this time of prayer. The tempter tried to distract and tempt Jesus, but Jesus remembered Scripture and trusted God would help him be strong. **Draw something that helps you focus on God and good choices when you feel tempted.**



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 - 03/01/2020

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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