

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JUNE 4, 2017
PENTECOST SUNDAY

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

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:

“If you talk to a person in a language they understand, it goes to their head.
If you talk to them in their own language, it goes to their heart.”

–Nelson Mandela

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. Today we celebrate Pentecost, signified by red paraments and clergy stoles. Red symbolizes the tongues of fire that descended upon the disciples when the Holy Spirit came upon them as described in Acts 2.

Healing Prayer, typically offered the first Sunday of every month immediately following Worship, is available today. One 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.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in South Hall Lobby directly after Worship. As you leave the Nave, take a right and follow the hallway past Christ Chapel. Signs and greeters are available to provide direction. You’ll find fair trade coffee from Javesca Coffee, a children’s play area, a greeting area to learn about membership at Riverside, and indoor seating.

A church tour is offered each Sunday after Worship free of charge. Meet in the 1st balcony. Tours also take place on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. leaving from the Gift Shop. No reservations are necessary.

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

Meditation: Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Beverly Buchanan

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

ORGAN

from Five Versets on “Veni Creator Spiritus”

Nicolas de Grigny

En taille à 5 – Récit de Cromorne – Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

Acts 2

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 128

On Pentecost They Gathered

Munich

✚INVOCATION

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Spiritual arr. William Dawson

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain my Lord spoke; out of His mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, 'til I asked my Lord if all was mine. Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Jordan river is chilly 'an cold, it chills my body but not the soul; there ain't but one train upon this track, it runs to heaven an' right back. Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Sidney Outlaw, baritone

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mr. Michael Ellis

Genesis 11:1-9

(page 9 in the Old Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ms. Jean Schmidt

1 Corinthians 12:4-13

(page 174 in the New Testament)

✚*All who are able, please stand*

†HYMN 313

Come Down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney

†GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Rachel Johnson

John 20:19-23

(page 115 in the New Testament)

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Butler

Learning to Listen

RESPONDING

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Johnson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Last Words of David

Randall Thompson

He that ruleth over all, must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds, as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia.

†AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY

The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize 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 AND DEDICATION

Rev. Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Clergy

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Leader: Spirit of the Living God,

People: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

CHORAL AMEN

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Butler

†*All who are able, please stand*

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God 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.

+All who are able, please stand

CALL TO SUPPER

Leader: The body of Christ, broken for you.

People: Thanks be to God for the bread of life!

Leader: The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

People: Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN

Adoro te devote

Charles Callahan

Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God

Dietrich Buxtehude

CHOIR

Now Is the Cool of the Day

Jean Ritchie, arr. Pickow

My Lord, he said unto me: Do you like my garden so fair? You may live in this garden if you keep the grasses green, and I'll return in the cool of the day. Now is the cool of the day. O this earth is a garden, the garden of my Lord. And he walks in his garden in the cool of the day. Then my Lord, she said unto me: Do you like my garden so pure? You may live in this garden if you keep the waters clean, and I'll return in the cool of the day. Then my Lord, He said unto me: Do you like my pastures green? You may live in this garden if you will feed my lambs; and I'll return in the cool of the day.

Meghann Vaughn, mezzo-soprano

HYMN 513

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let Us Break Bread

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - pour out YOUR life

Rev. Butler

Leader: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out life with such abundance that death cannot claim the triumph over your universe.

People: May we who have received this bread and cup be strengthened by your love and be transformed into a people of justice and peace.

Leader: We ask this through Jesus Christ, our friend and Savior.
Amen.

SENDING

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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Butler

PRESENTATION OF IN-CARE CANDIDATES

Congregational Commitment:

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we pledge our commitment to you who are discerning a call to ordained ministry. With the help of God, we commit ourselves to pray for you and to support you. We commit ourselves to be examples for you of shared ministry and mutual respect. We are grateful for your gifts and your willingness to share them with the world

Hsein-yu Wang

Arelis Figueroa

Christian Peele

Joya Colon

Amanda Meisenheimer

Anesta Vannoy Kwame

Derrick Jordan

Colleen Birchett

Charlene Wingate

✚BENEDICTION

Rev. Butler

✚RECESSIONAL HYMN 129

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Ebenezer

POSTLUDE

Fanfare to the Tongues of Fireⁱ

Larry King

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Michael Ellis and Jean Schmidt.

Liturgical Resources for Today:

ⁱ*Commissioned by The Riverside Church in 1978 for the dedication of the Trompeta Majestatis.*

LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

For announcements of programs and events in the church, please pick up the *Life of Our Community* bulletin located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center. Or visit our website www.trcnyc.org.

FLOWER GIFT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The flowers on the altar last week were given by Lorraine Burchall in honor of Ruth Burchall-Sanseviro.

Talk With the Preacher

Entries from Pastor Amy's blog, *talkwiththepreacher.org*, are printed and available in the Welcome Center/Gift Shop.

Pastor Amy is available for conversations with members by appointment.

Please email srminister@trcnyc.org or call 212-870-6775 to arrange an appointment.

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