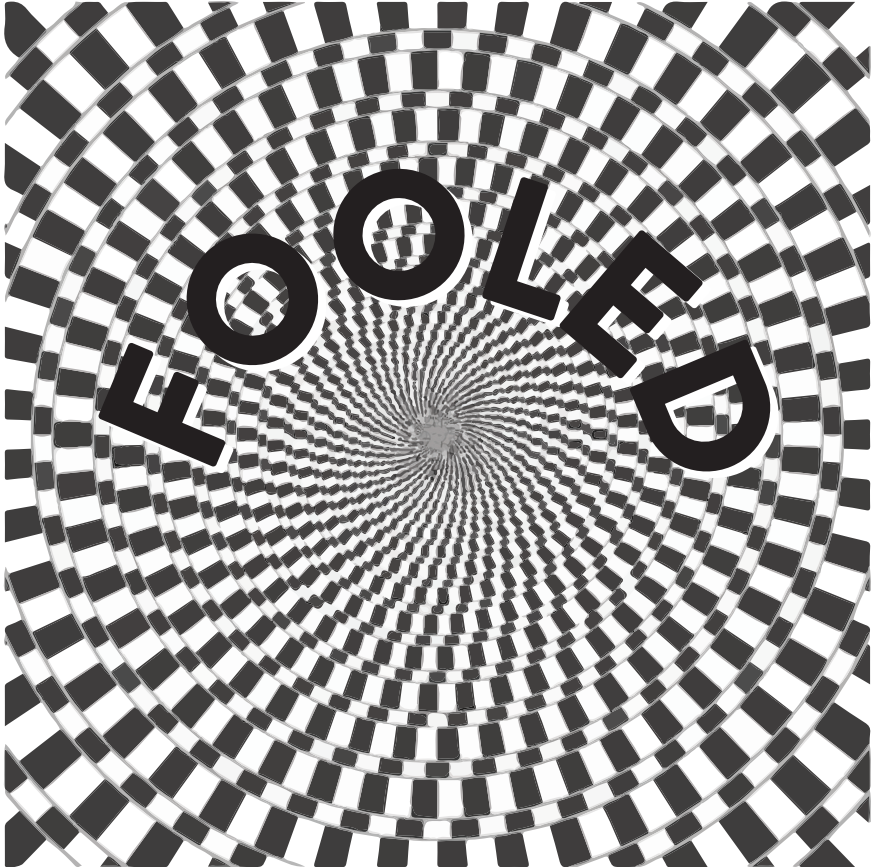


The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



APRIL 15, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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:

“If your heart is full of fear, you won’t seek truth; you’ll seek security.”

– William Sloane Coffin

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 Eastertide, a period of 50 days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ until Pentecost. The liturgical color of Eastertide is white, which symbolizes the hope of the resurrection, as well as the purity and newness that comes from victory over sin and death, as signified by the paraments and clergy stoles.

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

Intrada

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

Ronald Barnes

HANDBELLS

Bourrée
Prelude and Passacaglia

*J.S. Bach, transcribed by William Griffin
Michael Helman*

*The Combined Choirs of the Annual English Handbell Festival
William Griffin and Eileen Laurence, director*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 341

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Assurance

✚CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Jim Keat

One: Where is this Jesus, the one you call Messiah?

All: Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!

One: But we don't see him. How can we believe it?

All: Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!

One: Let me see his body, his hands and his feet.

All: We are Christ's body; we are Christ's hands and feet.

One: You see the suffering in the world? Where is Jesus now?

All: We are going into the world to be the body of Christ.

One: Let us go together; let us partner with others.

All: For we are the body of Christ: Let us share the Good News!

✚INVOCATION

✚*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

Toccata on “King’s Weston”

R. Vaughan Williams, arr. Matthew Compton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Keat

God of all that is seen and unseen,
come and work among us, healing us and empowering us.
Deliver us from doubts that lead to fear.
Channel our fear into words and actions that show forth your love.
Bring peace to our lives where we are anxious or demanding.
Fill us with your unseen but powerfully felt spirit
as we seek to live into your Reign.
In Jesus’s name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Butler & Kurt Adams

We welcome you with joy and friendship into the common life of The Riverside Church. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s love and grace and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Rieko Davis

Acts 3:12-19

(page 120 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Brad Jones

1 John 3:1-7

(page 240 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

✚HYMN 383

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Olivet

✚GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Keat

Luke 24:36b-48

(page 91 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Butler

Fooled by Fear

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Michael Livingston

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto 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

✚PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Livingston

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Farley Lord

✚*All who are able, please stand*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Lovely are the Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace. To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

✚ 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 the Tower League, which is a supportive, caring community of older adults that promotes the wellbeing of mind, body, and spirit as we age.

INTRODUCTION OF UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ORDINATION CANDIDATES

Rev. Butler

Arelis Figueroa
Amanda Meisenheimer
Hsien-Yu Wang

SENDING

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

✚ BENEDICTION

Rev. Butler

✚ RECESSIONAL HYMN 481

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

Llanfair

POSTLUDE

Grand Chœur

Théodore Salomé

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

Liturgical Resources for Today:

1re-worship.blogspot

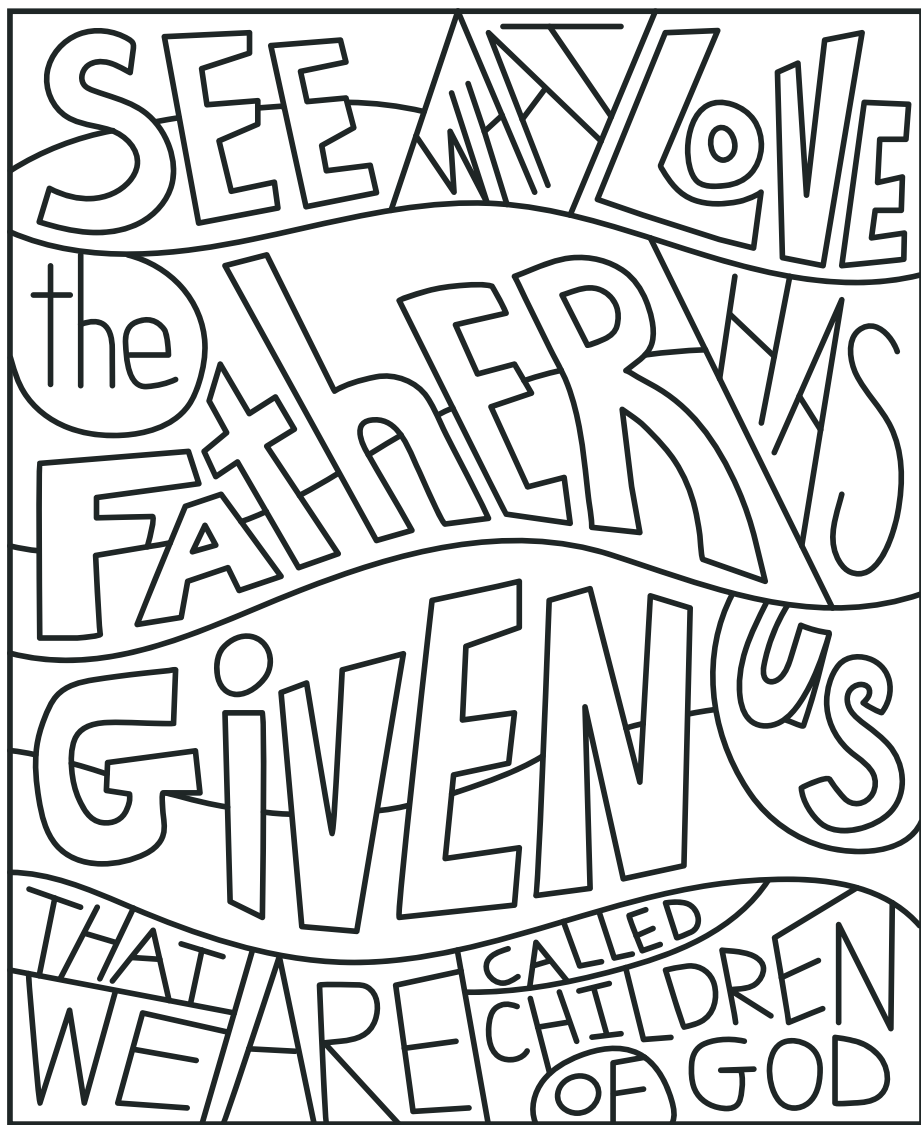
Special thanks to our congregational leaders:

Rieko Davis and Brad Jones

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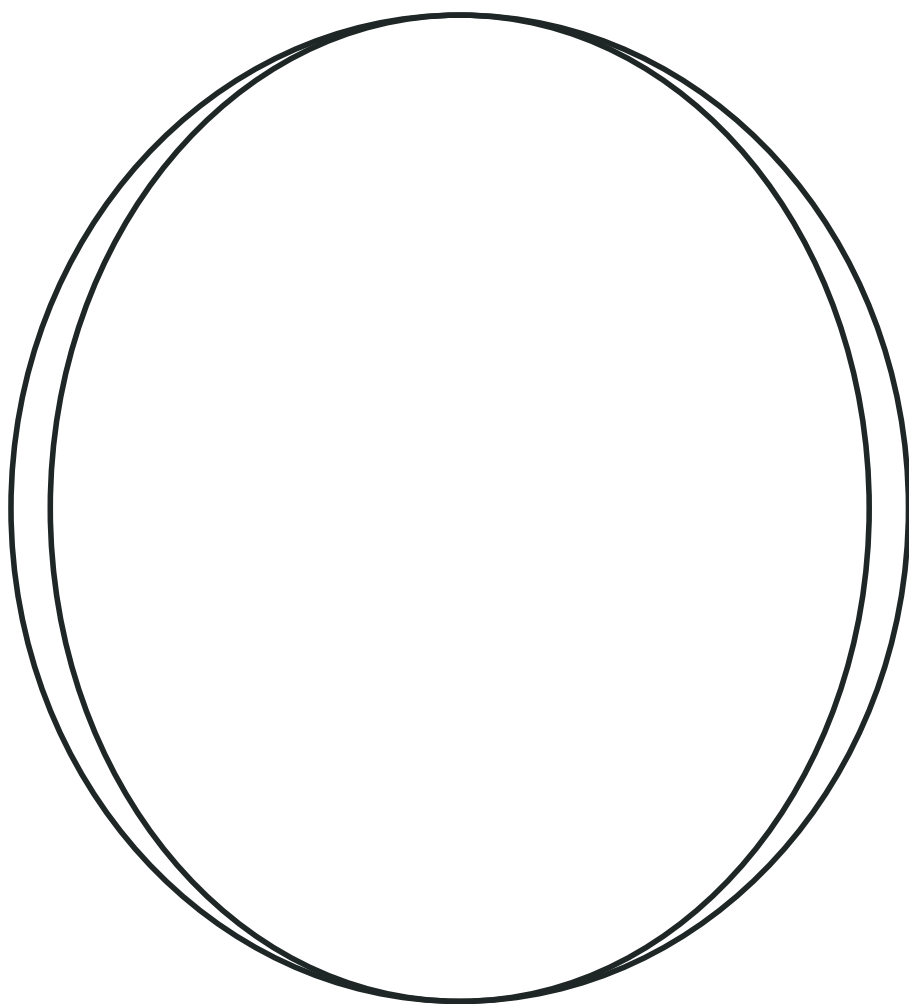
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COLOR IN THE WORDS





DRAW IT



Luke 24 tells the amazing story of Jesus appearing to the disciples after he rose from the dead. In order to prove that he was real and alive, Jesus told them to make some food for him to eat. They ate some fish together. Imagine you are sitting with the disciples and Jesus eating. **Draw what you think this scene looked like.** How did the disciples feel? How would you feel?





TALK WITH THE PREACHER

Read Pastor Amy's blog online at talkwiththepreacher.org.

Printed copies are also 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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