

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

SABBATH AS...



REMEMBERING

RELATIONSHIP

RENEWAL

REFOCUSING

RESTORATION

RADICAL WITNESS

JUNE 17, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

Sabbath as Renewal

For the next four weeks in worship we will be exploring Sabbath and the results of Sabbath keeping: renewal, refocusing, restoration and radical witness. Each week you will find traditional and contemporary wisdom around the gift of Sabbath and its multi-faceted impact on the lives of God's children.

We also invite you to participate in a Sabbath Practice each week that will enrich your experience and culminate in a Shabbat meal with our Jewish siblings on Friday, July 6 in Assembly Hall. For more information on the Shabbat meal and the Sabbath series visit www.trcnyc.org/sabbath.

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"For six days a week human beings are involved in the act of making, shaping, and transforming the world. So, we take one solid period of time, twenty-four hours, to change our relationship to the world - to refrain from acting upon it and, instead, to stand back and celebrate the grandeur and mystery of creation ... To experience the world free from the need to interfere with it is a transformative and liberating experience."

- Marva Dawn

Sabbath Practice

Take a Sabbath walk. For thirty minutes, walk slowly and silently - preferably outside in nature, but it can also be done indoors - without trying to get anywhere. It is more of an amble, a stroll. Let your senses guide your walk. If you are drawn to a leaf, a stone, a color, a chink in the concrete, a shape in the floor, the fragrance of the grass, simply stop, and linger, and allow the moment to be, to smell or touch or thoroughly observe whatever is available for you, to hear what it says, to see what it looks like, to feel what it has to say or teach. Do not hurry. There is no place to go. Take all the time you need to hear its secrets. Then when it is time, when the rhythm of being there gives way to the rhythm of moving along, when it is time to begin again, simply move on. Follow your own timing and curiosity. When you are called to stop, stop and investigate. When you are called to begin again, move on. That is all. At the end of thirty minutes, notice what has happened to your body, your mind, your sense of time.

- from **Sabbath** by Wayne Muller

The Riverside Church is grateful for the assistance of Rabbi Mike Moskowitz, whose thoughtful consultation allows us to honor our shared traditions and enhance the communal work of God in the world.



GATHERING

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

CARILLON

Meditation: *Andante Cantabile*

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

Jef Denyn

ORGAN

Suite from "Henry V"

March - *Passacaglia - Lento Espressivo*

William Walton

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION

Dr. Emily Anderson

Rev. Bruce Lamb

Rev. Butler

Nadja Umlauf

John Hardee

✚CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: This is a day for peace and proclamation, for rest and renewal, for worship and restoration.

One: The sabbath day is a holy day, consecrated by the Creator as a gift to creation. We are commanded to honor and preserve it.

All: The sabbath day is a holy day, wherein we realize that all days are God's days; a day of rest, wherein we realize that all work is God's work; a day of peace, wherein we can realize that God is our maker and our mender, too.

One: Together, let us keep the sabbath.

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 479

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Lauda Anima

SABBATH RITUAL

Psalm 97

(in English and Hebrew)

Dr. Challon Perry

Rev. Debra Northern

SHALOM ALEICHEM¹

Samuel Goldfarb

Please join in singing verses 1 and 4 at the direction of the cantor.

✚*All who are able, please stand*

1. Sha - lom a - lei - chem mal - a - chei ha - sha - reit,
4. Tzeit - chem l' - sha - lom mal - a - chei ha - sha - lom, mal - a - chei El -

yon, mi - me - lech mal - chei ham' la - chim, ha -

ka - dosh ba - ruch Hu. (cantor - verses 2 & 3)

*Peace be to you, O ministering angels, {Enter in peace, Bless me with peace, Depart in peace,}
O messengers of the Most High, the supreme Ruler of rulers, the Holy One, blessed is God.*

LISTENING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Rev. Lamb

**Lord of the Sabbath, hear our prayer.
It is hard for us to stop working, and remember to rest.
We confess that our busyness often substitutes for our holiness.
Forgive us, Lord, and help us to be still enough to know you.
Help us to understand that your sabbath is a time of renewal.
A time to step back so that we might go forward.
In this time of worship, we honor you, we rest in you,
and we we long to be made new in you.
Through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God.
Hear now the confessions of our hearts. (silent prayer) Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO

I am the Humble Servant³

Francesco Cilea

I am the humble servant of the Spirit that creates: it offers me speech, I pour it out into your hearts. I am the intonation of the verse, the echo of the human drama, the fragile instrument, vassal of the hand, gentle, joyous, terrible; my name is Faithfulness, my voice is a breath, which will die with the new day.

Natalie Bergeron, soprano

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Dr. Anderson

Ezekiel 17:22-24

(page 784 in the Old Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Torah is the first five books of Moses, part of the Old Testament in the Bible.
Colloquially, it is called Jewish Law or Thought.*

EPISTLE LESSON

John Hardee

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

(page 181 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

†HYMN

This is My Father's World

Terra Beata

This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise, the
This is my Fa-ther's world. O let me ne'er for - get that
na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres. This
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their maker's praise. This
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet. This
is my Fa-ther's world: I ___ rest me in the thought of ___
is my Fa-ther's world: who shines in all that's fair; in the
is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The_
rocks and trees, of ___ skies and seas; God's hand the won - ders wrought.
rust - ling grass I ___ hear God pass and speak to me ev - erywhere.
Lord is King; let the heav - ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

†GOSPEL LESSON

Nadja Umlauf

Mark 4:26-34

(page 38 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Butler

Sabbath as Renewal

RESPONDING

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

SILENT MEDITATION

A time for reflection, prayer and contemplation.

†All who are able, please stand

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Northern

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.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Kevin Wright

OFFERTORY SOLO

I Talked to God Last Night

David W. Guion

Last night I was weary and lonely, the world seemed a desolate place, so I wandered afar, fixed my eyes on a star, in search of a friendly face. The bells had just tolled midnight, when the rustling wings the silence broke; In the shadows I beheld a vision, and my lips trembled as I spoke. I talked to God last night, high on the top of a hill. God's face shone bright with a holy light and the world, like my heart, stood still.

†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

Rev. Wright

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Scholarship Committee, which offers scholarships to accredited colleges, universities and vocational programs for youth involved in the ministry programs of the church. Every year The Millennial Scholarship Program awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to youth involved in our ministry programs.

†All who are able, please stand

SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Butler

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 485

To God Be the Glory

Dunlap's Creek

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Craig Phillips

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the green paraments and clergy stoles that represent new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

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.

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹*The Center for Christian Ethics at Baylor University*

²*Ibid.*

³*From the opera "Adriana Lecouvreur"*

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:

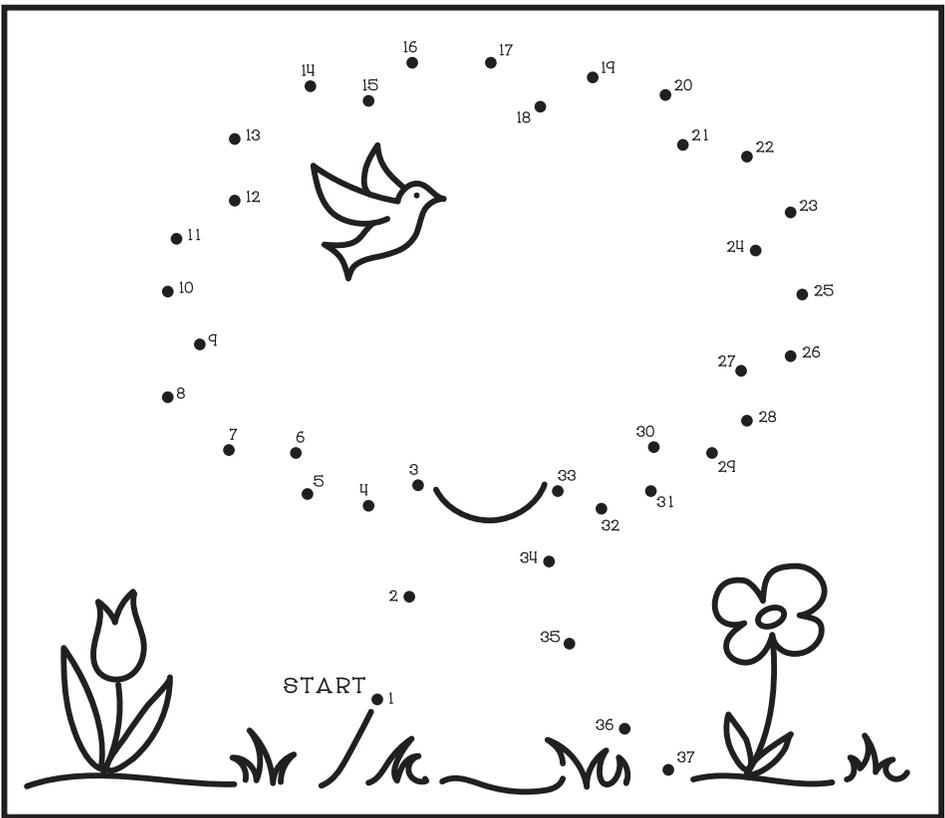
Dr. Emily Anderson, John Hardee, Nadja Umlauf & Dr. Challon Perry

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.

CONNECT the DOTS

In Mark 4, Jesus compares God's kingdom to a tiny mustard seed that grows into a big, beautiful tree. Connect the dots to form the tree. Next to the tree or inside the tree, you might write words that describe God's kingdom - what God wants for the world – things like peace, justice, or other ideas you have!





DRAW IT

A large, empty rectangular box with a double-line border. The corners are slightly rounded and have small rectangular notches, giving it a decorative appearance.A second large, empty rectangular box, identical in style to the first one, with a double-line border and decorative notched corners.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says that "if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" In the first box, draw what things you may want to get rid of in your life - maybe things that make you sad, or things you think make God sad. In the second box, draw what it might look like to be made "new" as you follow Jesus.

ANYONE

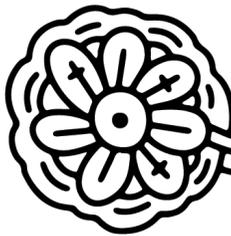
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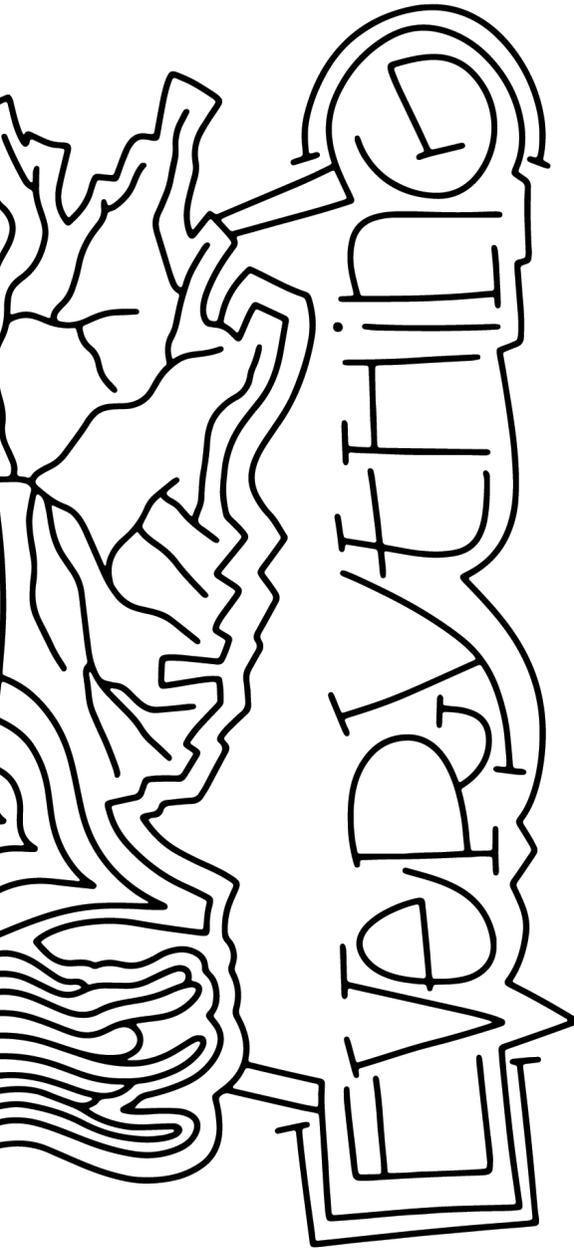
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THERE IS A

MEMORIAL

CREATION





HAS BECOME

NEW

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.

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