

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

SABBATH AS...



REMEMBERING

RELATIONSHIP

RENEWAL

REFOCUSING

RESTORATION

RADICAL WITNESS

JUNE 24, 2018  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
PRIDE SUNDAY

# WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

## Sabbath as Refocusing

*For the next three weeks in worship we will be exploring Sabbath and the results of Sabbath keeping: refocusing, restoration and radical witness. Each week you will find traditional and contemporary wisdom around the gift of Sabbath and its multifaceted 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](http://www.trcnyc.org/sabbath).*

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"The meaning of the Sabbath is to celebrate time rather than space. Six days a week we live under the tyranny of things of space; on the Sabbath we try to become attuned to holiness in time."

- Rabbi Abraham Heschel

## Sabbath Practice

Meister Eckhart, the Christian mystic, asserted that if the only prayer we ever prayed our whole life was "Thank you," that would be enough. Gratefulness cultivates a visceral experience of having enough. When we are mindful of what we have, and give thanks for the many gifts we have overlooked or forgotten, our sense of wealth cannot help but expand, and we soon achieve a sense of sufficiency we so desire. Practice thanksgiving before meals, upon rising, when going to sleep. Friends, family, food, color, fragrance, the earth, life itself - these are all the gifts, perfectly gratuitous. How can we not give thanks? During the Sabbath time we are less concerned with what is missing, focusing instead on sharing our gratefulness for what has already been given.

- 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: Gavotte Pastorale

Leon Henry

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

### ORGAN

Meditation

Alfred Hollins

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

### +CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

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 refocusing, 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

Community of Christ<sup>2</sup>

Leoni



Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the Cross your own, live  
Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the chur - ch's door and  
Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound, cry  
When men - ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done, the



out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone: The  
see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor. Take  
out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world 'round: Dis -  
cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun; Our



God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long, whose  
hands with the op pressed, the job - less in your street, take  
arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy, turn  
cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law, our



chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.  
towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.  
bombs to bread, and tears of an guish in - to joy.  
food and faith be shared as one for - ev - er - more.

+All who are able, please stand

## SABBATH RITUAL

Psalm 98

(in Hebrew and English)

Cherry Baylor-Butler  
Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

## SHALOM ALEICHEM<sup>3</sup>

Samuel Goldfarb

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



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



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



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

## LISTENING

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>

Rev. Bertram Johnson

Lord of the Sabbath, hear our prayer.

It is hard for us to stop working, and learn 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 refocusing.

A time to change our focus or priorities or direction in heart, mind and soul.

In this time of worship, we honor you, we rest in you,  
and we refocus our lives on 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

Deep River

arr. Harry Thacker Burleigh

Deep river, my home is over Jordan, deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into  
campground. Oh don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land  
where all is peace? Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Matthew Krenz, tenor

## PSALTER

Ted Vivian

Psalms 4

*(page 490 in the Old Testament)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Marjorie Corbman

Job 38:1-11

*(page 484 in the Old Testament)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## +HYMN 368

**I've Got Peace Like a River**

*Spiritual*

## +GOSPEL LESSON

Kevin Bentley

Mark 4:35-41

*(page 39 in the New Testament)*

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Jeff Chu

Sabbath as Refocusing

*Midrash is the homiletic commentary on Biblical texts.*

## SILENT MEDITATION

*A time for reflection, prayer and contemplation.*

### RESPONDING

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

+*All who are able, please stand*

## **✚PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## **INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE**

Rev. Harper

## **OFFERTORY SOLO**

O, Divine Redeemer!

*Charles Gounod*

Ah! Turn me not away, receive me though unworthy; Hear thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress! Answer me from thy throne, haste thee, Lord, to mine aid, thy pity shew in my deep anguish! Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, Though righteous thine anger, O Lord! Shield me in danger, O regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call. O Divine Redeemer! I pray thee, grant me pardon, and remember not, remember not my sins! Forgive me, O Divine Redeemer! Night gathers round my soul; fearful, I cry to thee; come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me! Hear my cry! Save me Lord in Thy mercy; come and save me O Lord! Save, in the day of retribution, From Death shield thou me, O my God! Divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Saviour!

*Matthew Krenz, tenor*

## **✚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. Harper

*Today we celebrate the ministry of Maranatha, which for forty years has worked to provide a safe and welcoming haven where lesbian, bisexual, transgender, gay, and queer identified people can be their whole selves, find healing community, and share their God-given gifts in faith and love.*

## **BLESSING OF THE PRIDE PARADE MARCHERS**

Rev. Johnson

### *SENDING*

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

## **✚BENEDICTION**

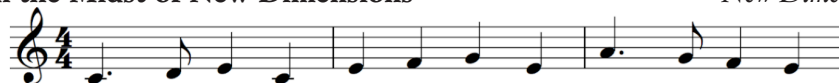
Jeff Chu

**✚***All who are able, please stand*

# + RECESSIONAL HYMN

## In the Midst of New Dimensions<sup>4</sup>

*New Dimensions*



In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of  
Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions  
As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self -  
Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -



chang - ing ways, Who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples  
and de - spair, Who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?  
seek - ing schemes, Grant that we, your glo - bal vil - lage,  
draw in pain, May your bla - zing phoe - nix spir - it



wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?  
Who will light the flame of care?  
might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.  
res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

### *Refrain*



God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar,



We your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney now and ev - er,



now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

## POSTLUDE

### Promenade

*Gordon Young*

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## 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.

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### 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:

<sup>1</sup>*The Center for Christian Ethics, Baylor University*

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<sup>3</sup>*Ibid.*

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*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:*

*Ted Vivian, Marjorie Corbman, Kevin Bentley Cherry Baylor-Butler  
& Rebecca Stevens-Walter*

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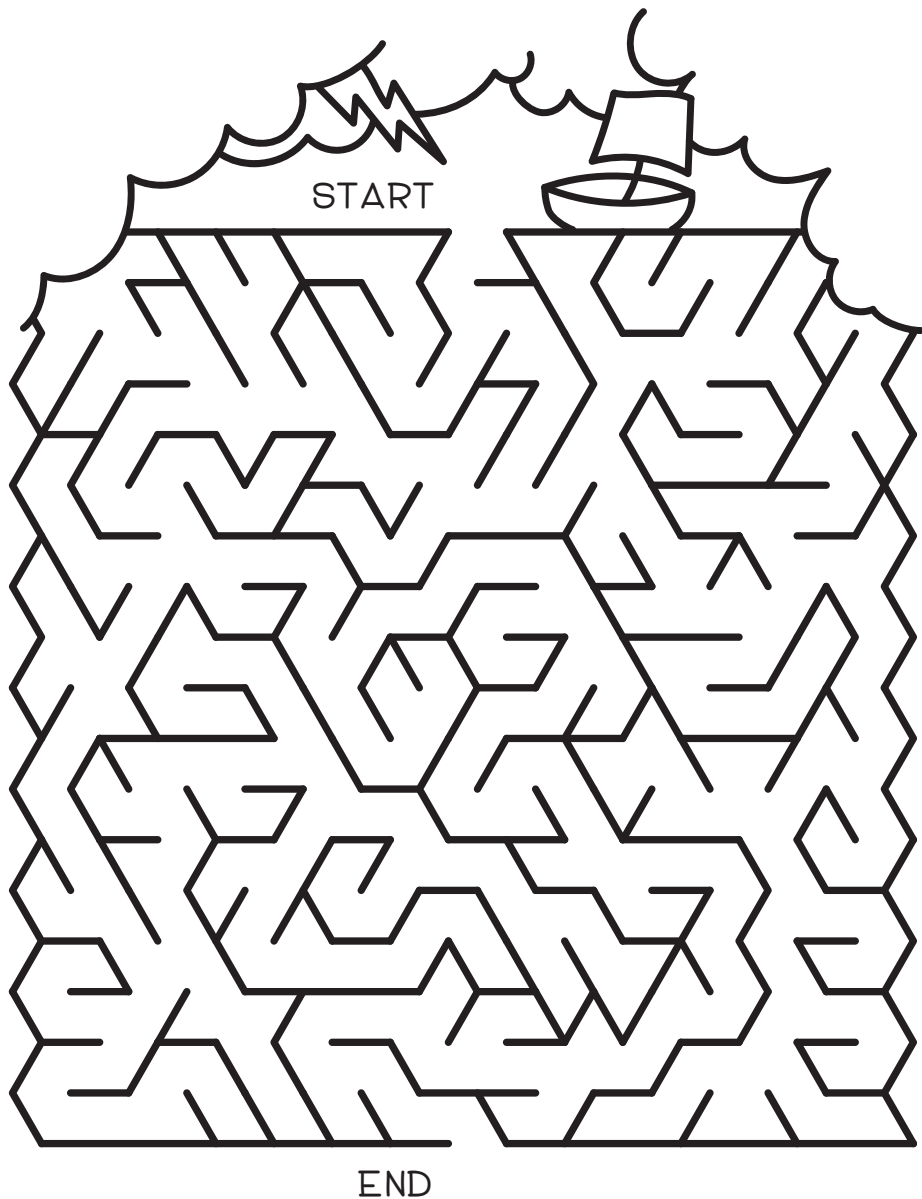
### LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

**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](http://www.trcnyc.org).



# SOLVE (the) MAZE

Jesus and his disciples are trying to cross in their boat to the other side of the lake. Help them find their way through the storm!







## TALK WITH THE PREACHER

Read Pastor Amy's blog online at [talkwiththepreacher.org](http://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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