

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



OCTOBER 21, 2018  
CHILDREN'S SABBATH  
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

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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:

“It is the responsibility of every adult...to make sure that children hear what we have learned from the lessons of life and to hear over and over that we love them and that they are not alone.”

– Dr. Marian Wright Edelman

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Join Rev. Michael Livingston on Sunday, October 28 for a Sermon Talk Back after worship at the front of the Nave.

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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 Coffee Hour** in South hall 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. Breakfast and lunch for purchase will be in Assembly Hall.

**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](http://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

**Free Variations on “Built on a Rock the Church Doth Stand”**     *Ulla Laage*  
*Charles Semowich, Guest Carillonneur*

## ORGAN

**Arioso, from Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D (BWV 1068)**

*Johann Sebastian Bach*  
*arr. Frederick Hohman*

## ANTHEM

**Praise the Lord**

*Cherub Choir*  
*Sharon Pritchard, director*

*Amanda Meisenheimer*

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

*Rev. Michael Livingston*  
*Amanda Meisenheimer*

## ✚ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 267

**All Things Bright and Beautiful**

*Royal Oak*

## ✚ CALL TO WORSHIP

*Amanda Meisenheimer*

**One:** Come as a child, full of wonder and hope.

**All:** **We come as children of the light.**

**One:** Come as a child, bubbling over with curiosity and questions.

**All:** **We come as children eager to learn.**

**One:** Come as a child with an open heart and unbridled joy.

**All:** **We come as God's beloved children to worship today!**

## ✚ INVOCATION

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

## LISTENING

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

### ANTHEM

**Be Strong!**

*Trilby Jordan and Sandy Wilkinson*

From wisdom of the Bible we know God loves us so. We know that God is by our side wherever we may go. But when we look around us at problems on parade, sometimes we need to hear and heed: "Be strong! Don't be afraid!" Be strong, be strong, our God has given this command. We are held in God's righteous hand. Old Joshua had courage and Bible readings show, in days long past with trumpet blast, he conquered Jericho. God strengthened him with courage to see the challenge through, take up the song, "Be strong, be strong!" There's so much we can do. "Be strong! God has given this command. We are held in God's righteous hand.

*The Rising Voices Choir  
Matthew Hommez, director  
Yuliya Basis, accompanist*

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Livingston  
Anita Bryant

**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.***

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister Derrick Jordan

**Dear God,**

**You are a great and awesome God.**

**Today we come to you with a prayer of confession.**

**We are sorry for not always acting kind and loving,  
and for the times we we didn't share.**

**Help us remember the stories you told about people like us,  
and how to follow your example all our lives.**

**Listen now to what our hearts are saying. (*silent prayer*). Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**†***All who are able, please stand*

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Christina Saint Louis

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

*(page 484 in the Old Testament)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE LESSON

Annikе Pfeiffer

Hebrews 5:1-10 (from The Message translation)

*(page 220 in the New Testament)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## +HYMN

**Creating God, Your Fingers Trace**

*O Waly Waly*

## +GOSPEL LESSON

Simone Blaylock-Shand

Luke 9:46-48

*(page 69 in the New Testament)*

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## A TEACHING MOMENT

Amanda Meisenheimer

## SERMON

Dr. Marci Vandiver

Jesus Loves the Little Children

## 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. 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.**

+*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

## ✚PASSING OF THE PEACE

**One:** The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

## INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Minister Jordan

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prayer of Saint Francis

Searle Wright

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.

## ✚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

Minister Jordan

*Today we celebrate the ministry of our Riverside Kids Worship, which provides a sacred space for children to connect with God in song, movement, art and storytelling.*

✚*All who are able, please stand*

## SENDING

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

## BENEDICTION

Dr. Vandiver

## +RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service

*Holy Manna*

## POSTLUDE

“Someone’s Singing, Lord” from Variations on Kum Ba Yah

*John Behnke*

**Dr. Marcia (Marcy) Vandiver** is an Assistant Professor of Education at Towson University in Baltimore County, Maryland. She attended Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, where she received her B.S. in Middle Grades Education. After her undergraduate studies, she worked for Atlanta Public Schools as an alternative middle school teacher and was awarded *Teacher of the Year* in 2010 at Forrest Hill Academy. She received her M.Ed. in Educational Policy and Leadership from Georgia State University. She later received her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction (Urban Education) and Graduate Certificate in Africana Studies from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Marci is the co-author of *Unshackled: Education for Freedom, Student Achievement and Personal Emancipation* [Sense Publishers], which connects the historical and contemporary importance of education as a transformative tool for social mobility. She is also the co-editor of *Contemporary African American Families: Achievements, Challenges, and Empowerment Strategies in the 21st Century* [Routledge Publishers]. As a longtime advocate for Freedom Schools, Marci is now a middle/high school curriculum developer for the Children’s Defense Fund ©. You can reach Marci at [mjwatson@towson.edu](mailto:mjwatson@towson.edu).

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:*

*Christina Saint Louis, Annike Pfeiffer and Simone Blaylock-Shand*

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## LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

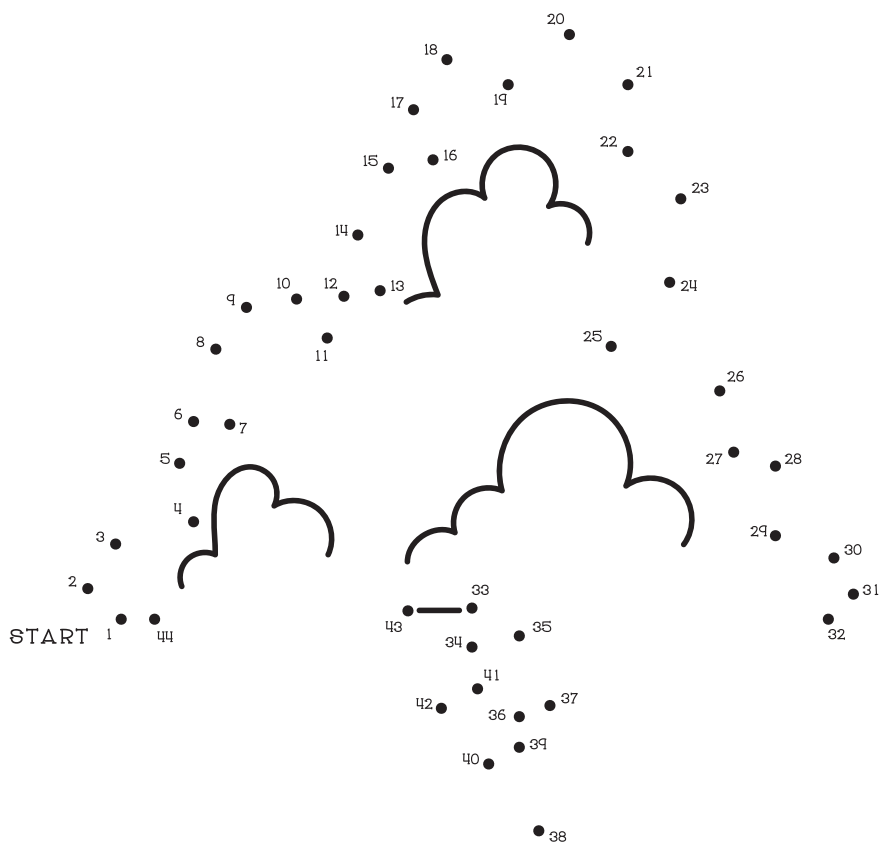
**For announcements of programs and events** in the church, please pick up the *Life of Our Community* bulletin located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center or visit our [trcnyc.org/events](http://trcnyc.org/events).

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# CONNECT<sup>the</sup>DOTS

In Job 38, God talks to Job in the midst of a big storm. God talks to Job about all the things God has created. Connect the dots to form the clouds. Inside or around the clouds, draw or write some things you want to praise God for making.





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## 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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