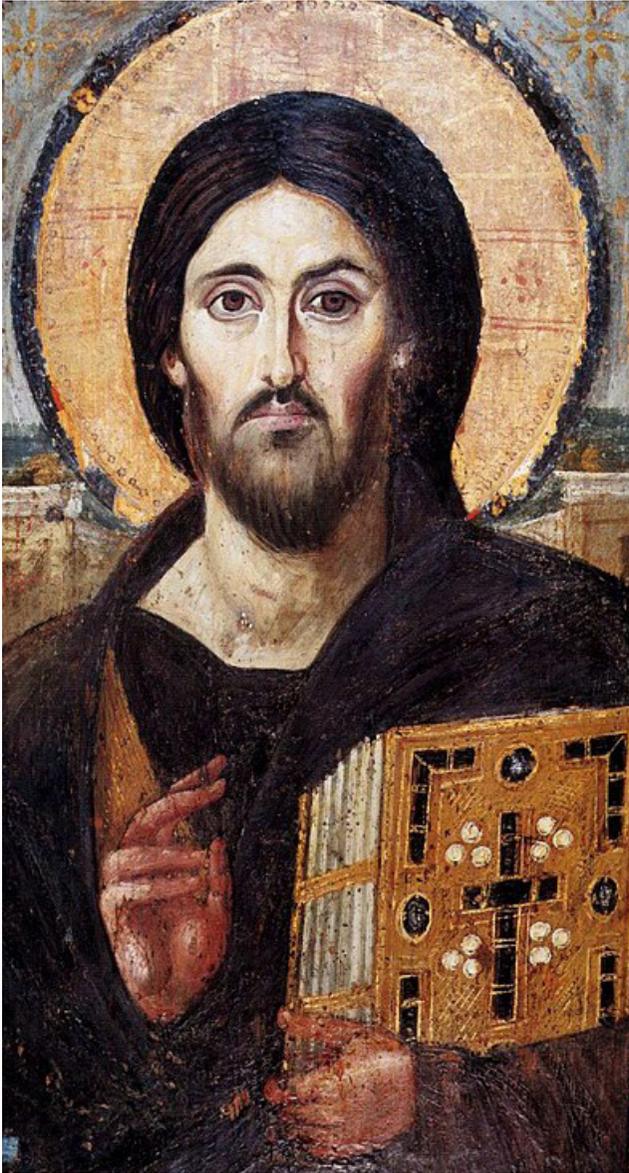


# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



NOVEMBER 25, 2018  
REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

# 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:

“Our King is calling from the hungry furrows  
Whilst we are cruising through the aisles of plenty,  
Our hoardings screen us from the man of sorrows,  
Our soundtracks drown his murmur: ‘I am thirsty’.

He stands in line to sign in as a stranger  
And seek a welcome from the world he made,

We see him only as a threat, a danger,  
He asks for clothes, we strip-search him instead.

And if he should fall sick then we take care  
That he does not infect our private health,

We lock him in the prisons of our fear  
Lest he unlock the prison of our wealth.

But still on Sunday we shall stand and sing  
The praises of our hidden Lord and King.”

– Malcom Guite

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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 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. Breakfast and lunch for purchase will be in South 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

O Worship the King

*arr. Leen 't Hart*

### HANDBELLS

Thanksgiving Celebration  
Come, Thou Almighty King

*arr. Michael Helman  
arr. Fred Gramann*

*The Riverside Ringers  
Daniel Potter, director*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

### † PROCESSIONAL HYMN 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun

*Duke Street*

### † CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

One: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega,  
the one who is, who was, and is to come.

**All: We come to worship the one who rules justly.**

One: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,  
The firstborn of the dead,  
The ruler of the kings of the earth!

**All: Bread of Heaven, God with us!**

One: Good Shepherd, True Vine!

**All: Eternal Word, Great I AM!**

One: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!

**All: We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords!  
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.**

### † INVOCATION

† *All who are able, please stand*

## LISTENING

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

### 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.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Harper

**God of compassion and justice, hear our prayer.**

**Christ calls us to repent, and we protest that we are virtuous people.**

**Christ calls us to costly discipleship, and we cling to the status quo, focused on our own security and wellbeing.**

**Christ calls us to love you and one another,**

**and we find excuses to put off faithfulness until tomorrow.**

**Forgive us, O God of love. By your grace, cleanse and renew us.**

**Hear now the confessions of our hearts. (silent prayer). Amen.**

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Eleanor Evans

2 Samuel 23:1-7

*(page 299 in the Old Testament)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Minister Christian Peele

Revelation 1:4-8

*(page 245 in the New Testament)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### †HYMN 210

**Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

*St. Anne*

### †GOSPEL LESSON

David Vaughn

John 18:33-37

*(page 113 in the New Testament)*

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Rev. Butler

I Just Can't Wait to Be King

†All who are able, please stand

## 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.**

## 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 Peele

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lord Is King

*Lee Hoiby*

The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might. The world you made firm, not to be moved. The Lord is King; She has girded herself with power. The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old, from all eternity, O Lord, you are. The waters have lifted up, O Lord. The waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their thunder. Greater than the roar of mighty waters, more glorious than the surgings of the sea, the Lord is glorious on high. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house until the end of time.

✠*All who are able, please stand*

**✚ 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 Peele

*Today we celebrate our Coming Home Ministry, a 13-week program which aims to heal, rebuild, and enhance the lives of men and women returning from confinement by providing communal support, education and mentorship.*

*SENDING*

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

**✚ BENEDECTION**

Rev. Butler

**✚ RECESSIONAL HYMN 151**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Diademata*

**POSTLUDE**

Fugue in E-flat Major, "St. Anne" (BWV 552)

*J. S. Bach*

**✚** *All who are able, please stand*

Liturgical Resources for Today:

*<sup>1</sup>Safiyah Fosua*

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:*

*Eleanor Evans and David Vaughn*

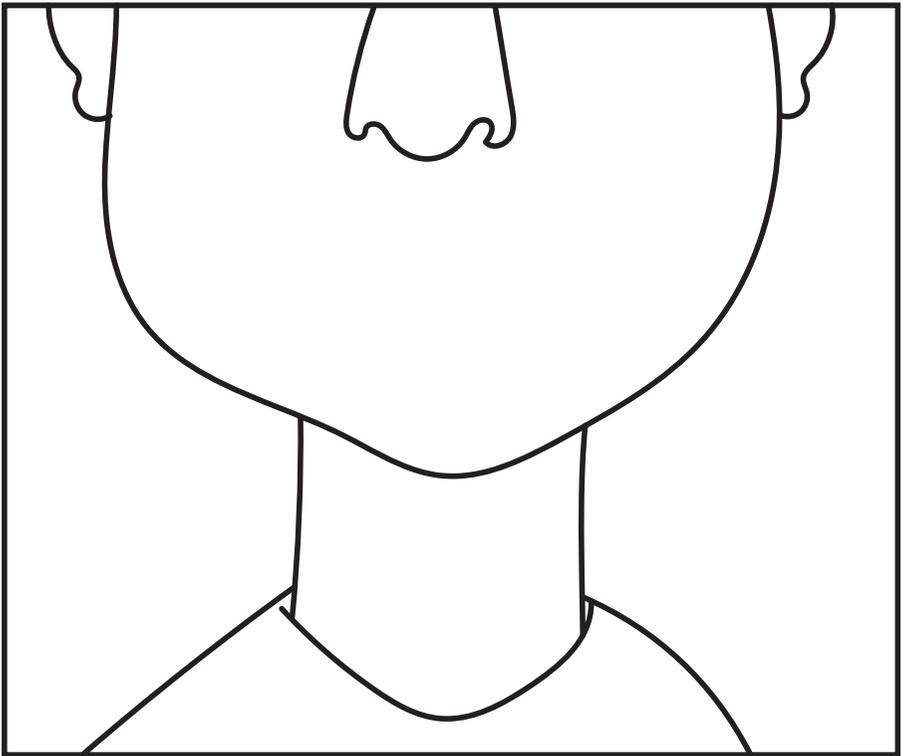
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LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

**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).

# FINISH the DRAWING

2 Samuel talks about how the spirit of God is within us and speaks through us. "The spirit of God speaks through me, God's word is upon my tongue," it says. Finish the drawing of the mouth. Around the mouth, draw or write some things God wants to say through you - maybe messages of love, peace, hope, and joy to a hurting world.

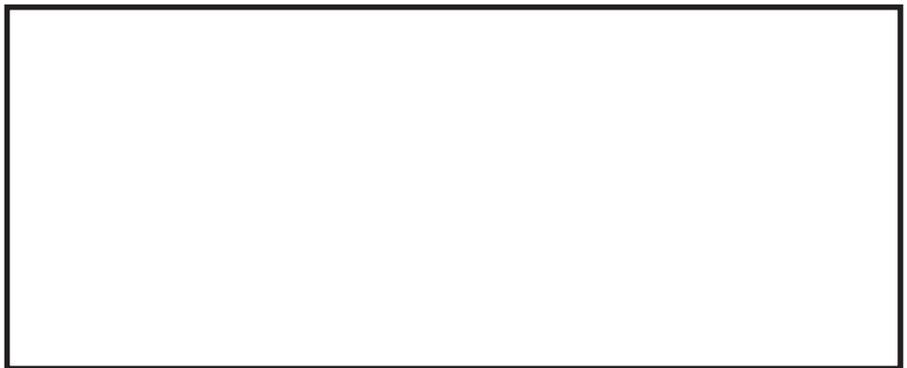


# UNSRCAMBLE IT

Who does God says God is in the book of Revelation? Unscramble the words to find out.  
(Hint: Beginning and End!)

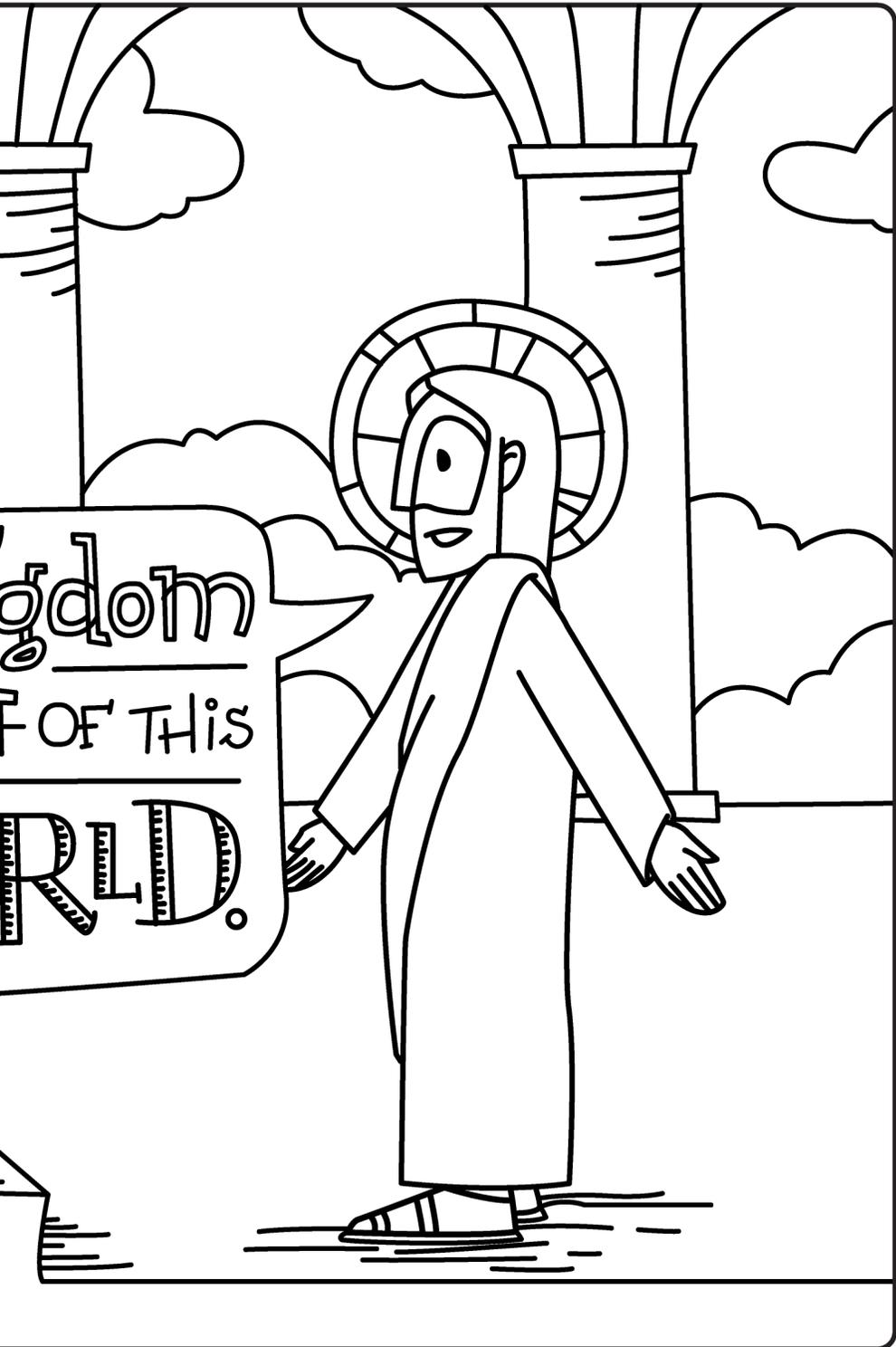
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## DOODLE AREA



Doodle Idea: Draw something that you love.





John 18:33-37

## 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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