

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JANUARY 20, 2019
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SUNDAY

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:

We must learn that to expect God to do everything while we do
nothing is not faith but superstition.

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

We are currently in the season after Epiphany, as signified by green paraments and clergy stoles, symbolizing the Holy Spirit, hope, and eternal life.

The image on the cover is the icon of the Feast of Theophany or Epiphany, a manifestation of God to the world. On the left side we see John the Baptist who is dressed in camel's hair with his arms outstretched, directing others to Christ. With his right hand he is conducting the baptism. In the center of the icon is Christ being baptized in the Jordan. Above his head is the Holy Spirit descending as a dove upon him. The semicircle at the top depicts the opening of the heavens and the voice of God.

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 after 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.

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

Six Spirituals

arr. Leen 't Hart

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

ORGAN

Nuptial Song

Betty Jackson King

Prelude from "Low Mass for All Seasons"

Gaston Litaize

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 341

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Assurance

✚CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Minister Christian Peele

One: Lord, we need a miracle today.
Like Jesus changing water into wine
at the wedding feast in Cana,
we need a miracle today.

**All: We are tired, Lord, of the hurts of this world.
We are discouraged in the face of injustice,
war, poverty, and indifference.
We need a miracle today, Lord.**

One: Your steadfast love, like a mighty mountain,
will not be moved.

**All: Your gifts, as many as the mighty winds,
cannot be counted.**

One: Your glory, like a mighty torch,
will not be put out.

**All: Lord, crown us with your love.
Show us your glory, that in you we may be moved
to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy as we worship you today.**

✚INVOCATION

✚*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Rev. Michael Livingston & Anita Bryant

All: 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.*

ANTHEM

Call to Justice "Justice and Mercy" (Ode to Union) M. Roger Holland II
Justice and mercy mean more to me than your prayers and sacrifice, says the Lord. Oh, justice and mercy mean more to me. So love, have faith and believe in the way of the Lord. What God has done for you, you must also do for someone else. If you really love Me, feed My sheep. If you really love Me, take care of My lambs. The love and care you show to the very least of My children is surely done to Me. So no more offerings and no more prayers until you feed the hungry, clothe the naked, take care of the oppressed. Justice and mercy mean more to mean than your prayers and sacrifice says the Lord. So love, have faith and believe in the way of the Lord.

*The Riverside Inspirational Choir
Nedra Olds Neal, director
Ramona Dunlap, soprano
Barry Spatz, piano*

WORDS OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

David Vaughn, Victoria Anderson, Allannah Salter & Rev. Freeman Palmer

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HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Bernadette Chapman

Isaiah 62:1-5

(page 692 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Minister Peele

1 Corinthians 12:4 - 11

(page 174 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†*All who are able, please stand*

†HYMN 340

Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart

Jacob

†GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:1-11

(page 93 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Kevin Bentley

SERMON

When God Shows Up

Rev. Butler

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Rev. Livingston

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

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✚ 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 VanHook

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Nathan Carter

Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God, creator! There is no shadow of turning with thee; Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; As thou has been; thou forever wilt be. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above; Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own great presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Nicole Mitchell, alto

✚ 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. VanHook

Today we celebrate the ministry of the Theatre of the Oppressed, which uses interactive drama as an educational means of engaging and empowering participants to confront and address oppressive situations that challenge their everyday lives.

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SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Butler

†RECESSIONAL HYMN

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Showalter



What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er
Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er
What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er



last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms; I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing,
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



safe and se-cure from all a - larms; Lean - ing,



lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

POSTLUDE

Great Day, the Righteous Marchin'!

Spiritual, arr. William Farley Smith

FLOWER GIFT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The flowers on the altar are in honor of the Business and Professional Women's Group's 89th birthday

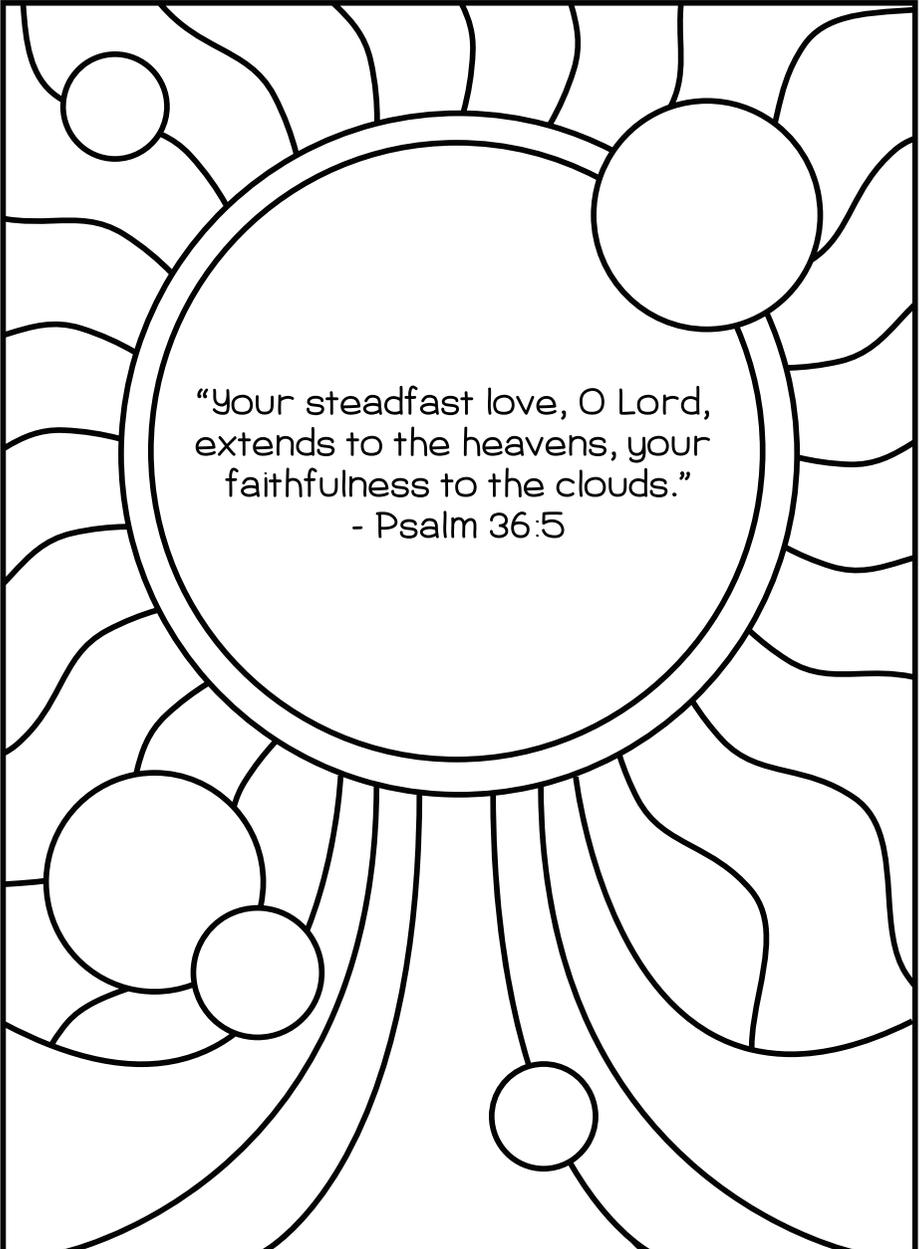
Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹Erik Alsgaard

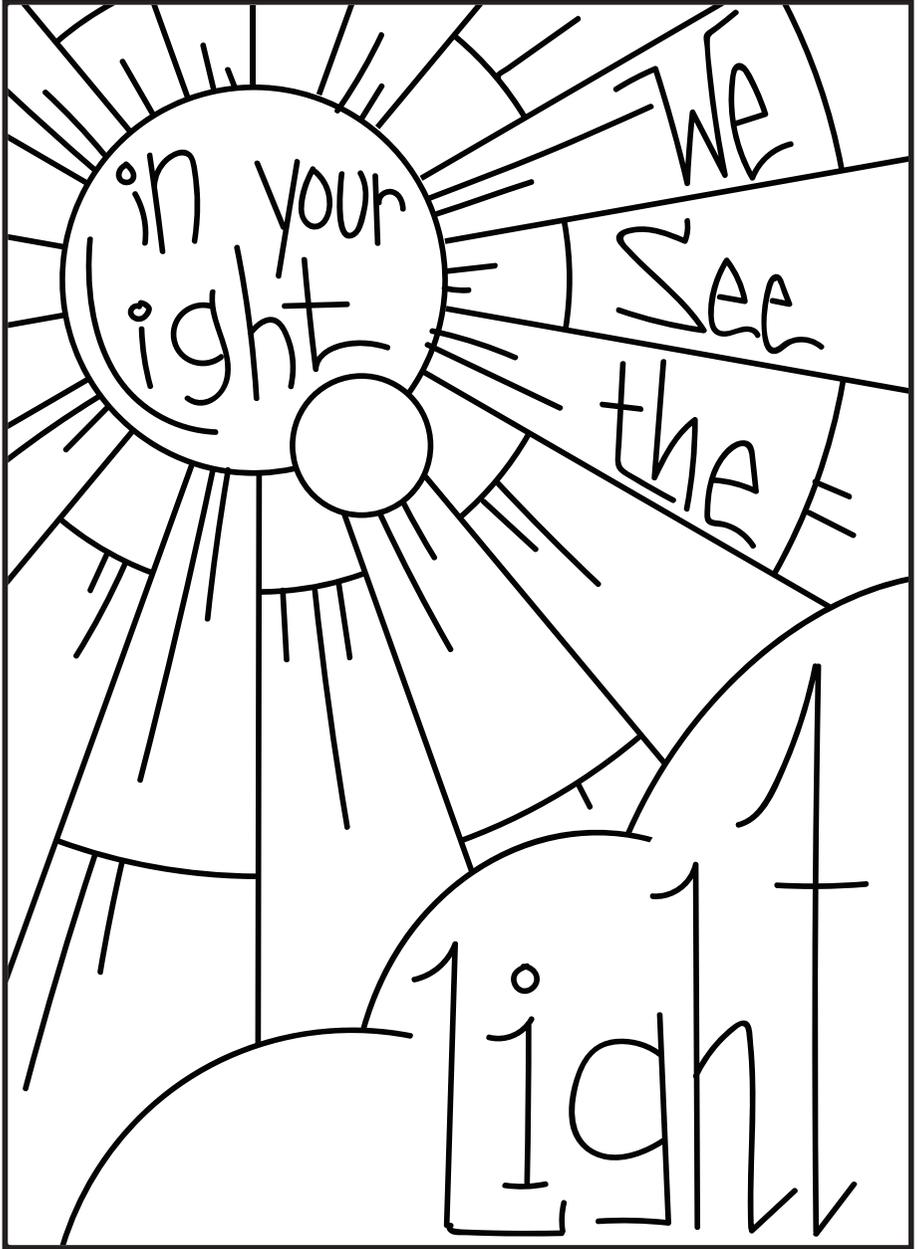
Special thanks to our congregational leaders:

Kevin Bentley and Bernadette Chapman

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A decorative border with a central circle containing text. The border consists of a large central circle with a double-line outline. Inside this circle, the text "Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds." is written in a simple, sans-serif font. Below the text, it says "- Psalm 36:5". The background of the page is filled with a pattern of wavy, vertical lines and several smaller circles of varying sizes, all outlined in black. The entire design is contained within a rectangular frame.

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extends to the heavens, your
faithfulness to the clouds.”
- Psalm 36:5



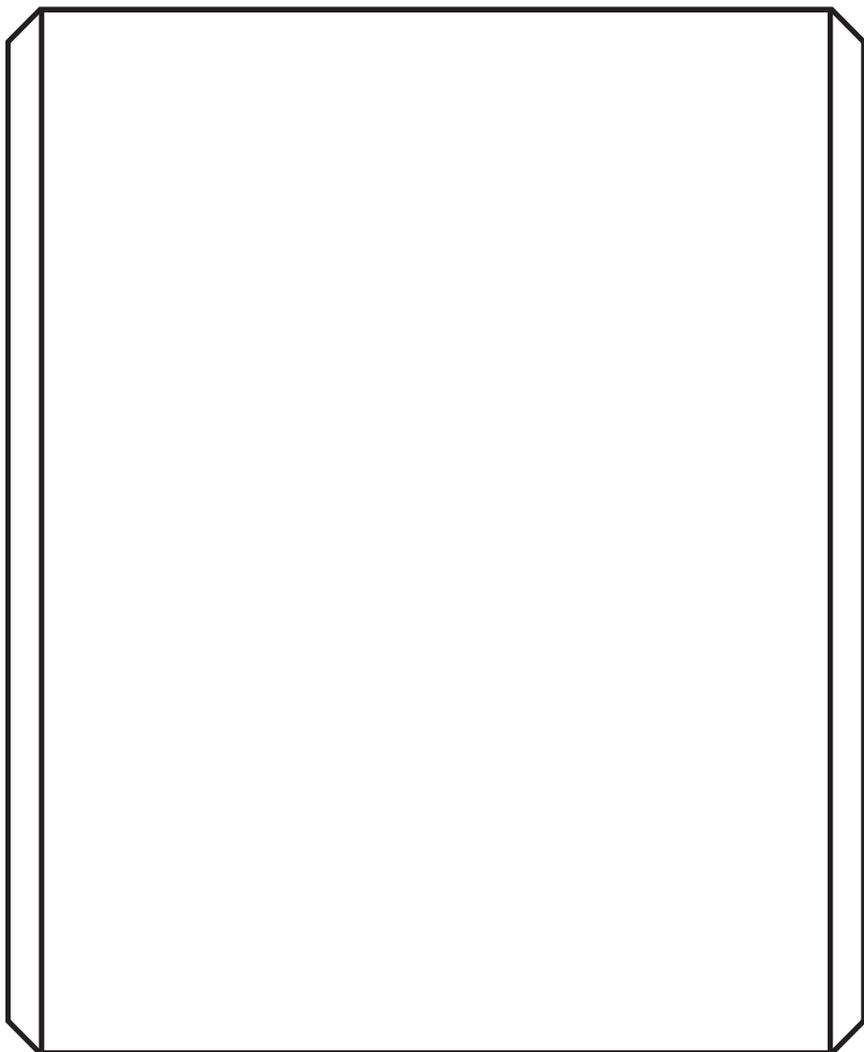
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CREATIVE DRAWING

1 Corinthians 12 says that every child of God is given unique gifts or talents. We are to use these gifts and talents to serve God and to bless God's world. What's a gift or talent God has given you? Draw a picture of you using your gift to serve God and bless others.



ABOUT RIVERSIDE

The Riverside Church is an interdenominational, interracial, international, open, welcoming, and affirming church and congregation. The church is a member of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. and the United Church of Christ. Riverside cooperates with the Council of Churches in the City of New York and with the New York State, National, and World Council of Churches. Rev. Dr. Amy Butler is the seventh senior minister of the church and the first woman to serve in this position at the church. Whoever you are: You are safe here. You are loved here. You are invited into full participation in our life together.

Rev. Dr. Amy Butler, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Senior Minister Emeritus

TALK WITH THE PREACHER

Read transcripts of Pastor Amy's sermons online at trcnyc.org/sermons.
Follow Pastor Amy on Twitter at @PastorAmyTRC.

Pastor Amy is available for conversations with members.
Email SrMinister@trcnyc.org or call 212-870-6775 to arrange an appointment.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

For announcements of programs and events at The Riverside Church, please pick up the Life of the Community newsletter located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center. Visit trcnyc.org/Events for more information and to download a copy.

PARKING - 1/20/2019

Parking is available in the garage below the building. Present this bulletin to the attendant before 6:00 p.m. for a reduced rate of \$5.00.

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