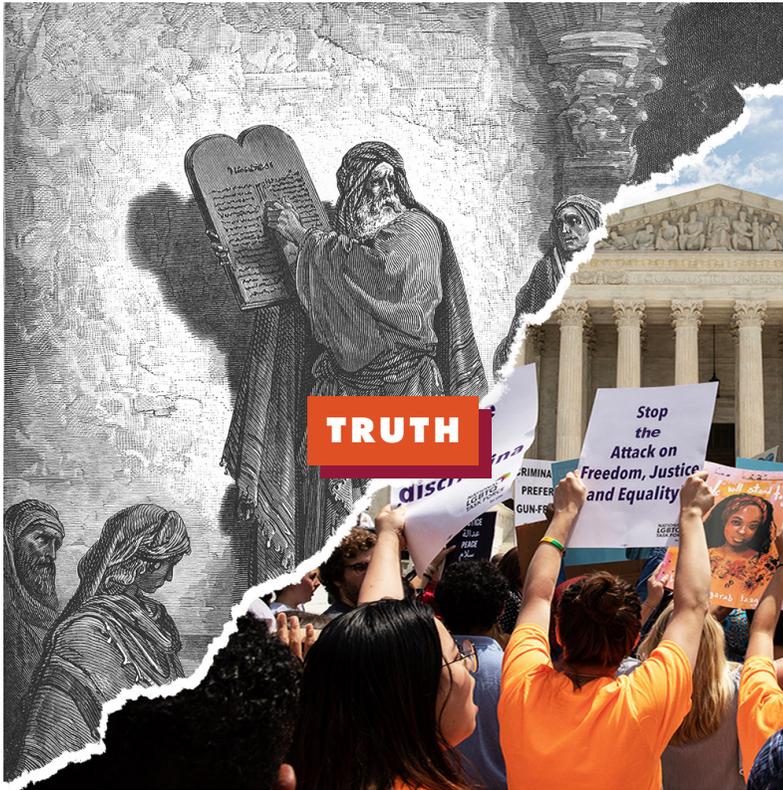


The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

**THE HOPES AND FEARS
OF ALL THE YEARS**



TRUTH

WITNESS

ENDURANCE

FAITH

FUTURE

JANUARY 27, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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:

The truth will set you free. But not until it is finished with you.

– David Foster Wallace

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.

How did our spiritual ancestors cope in the middle of national disaster after national disaster? Join us for worship in the Nave on Sunday mornings as we begin a five week series that tells the story of the Israelites, specifically the ups and downs of their political and social life as a corporate community, and how some of their experiences mirror the corporate pain we are feeling in our world today. This series will invite us to find hope in the mist of bleak and chaotic times.

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 trcnc.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

Prelude and Pastoral

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

John Courter

ORGAN

Fantasia in G Major (BWV 572)

J. S. Bach

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 461

God Is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

✠CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 19

Rev. Jim Keat

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork

**All: The cosmos sings the song of God's glory;
and the universe shouts the story of God's endangered creation.**

One: Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge

**All: So many words streaming from everywhere:
Twitter, texts, Tumblr.
Information feed is on overload:
24 hour news cycles, Facebook, Google**

One: There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

**All: God speaks in ways that require no words,
and yet, the message is heard by all.**

Call to worship continues on the following page

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**All: God instructs with words of justice and principle,
providing direction for the ordering of our lives.
These lifegiving words restore our relationship with God and each other,
imparting wisdom and truth in uncertain times.**

One: More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb

**All: In a time of so many words,
God's words are what we crave
more than wealth and possessions.
They are delicious in our mouths
and satisfy our insatiable hunger.**

One: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

**All: May the words we speak and our hearts deep ponderings
find a place of welcome in you,
O Lord, our strength and our liberator.**

✚ INVOCATION

Rev. Keat

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

That Promised Land

Trad. Spirituals, arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Walk together, children, don't you get weary. There's a great camp meeting in that promised land. Oh, when the saints go marchin' in; oh, when the saints go marchin' in, oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when the saints go marchin' in.

*The Riverside Rising Voices
Matthew Hommez, director
Yuliya Basis, piano*

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Lakeisha McCoy

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

(page 436 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Michael Livingston

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

(page 174 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee

†GOSPEL LESSON

Jocardo Ralston

Luke 4:14-21

(page 93 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Butler

The Hopes and Fears of All the Years: The Truth Will Set You Free

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

Rev. Livingston

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to 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

Rev. Bruce Lamb

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Spirit of the Lord

Edward Elgar

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; God hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord that God might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth its bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations.

✦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. Lamb

Today we celebrate the work of our Latino Ministry, which brings political, cultural and spiritual issues of our Latino/a members and neighbors before our Riverside congregation.

✦*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

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon



O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
My gra - cious Sav - ior and my God, as -
Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that
Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries ev - er
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease Is mu - sic in the
ev - er, ev - er giv'n By all the saints in



ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace!
earth a - broad the ho - nors of your name.
sin - ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

POSTLUDE

Toccata Giocosa

Ian Hunt

Welcome to the newest members of our
Riverside Church family who joined January 20, 2019

Alex Taylor • Michelle McJunkin

FLOWER GIFT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

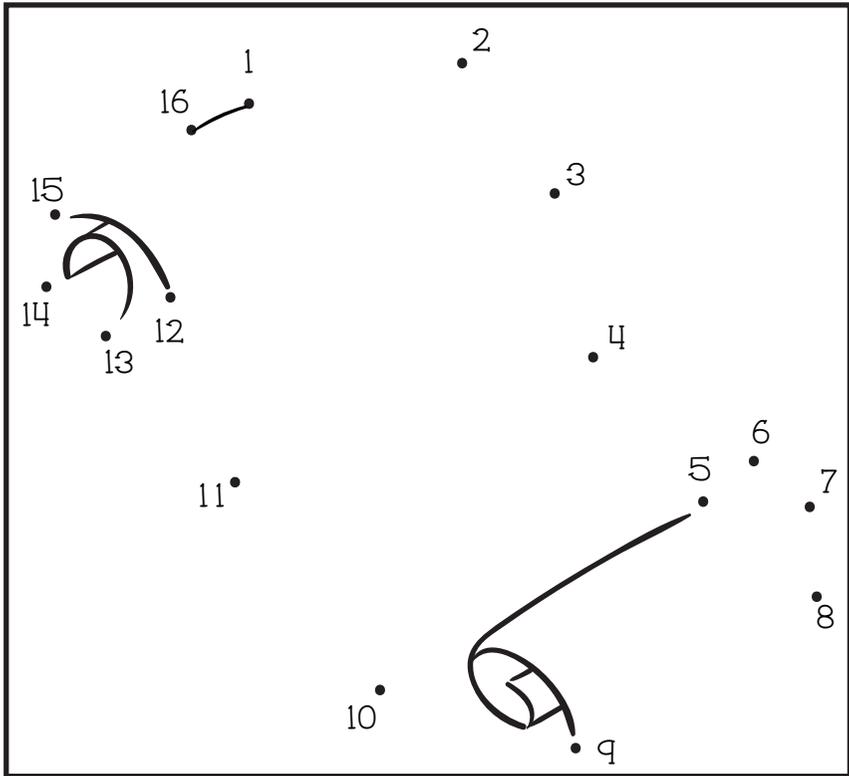
The flowers on the altar are given by John H. Johnson and Esais, daughter,
in loving memory of Phyllis E. Johnson, beloved wife and mother.

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Lakeisha McCoy and Jocardo Ralston*

†All who are able, please stand

CONNECT the DOTS

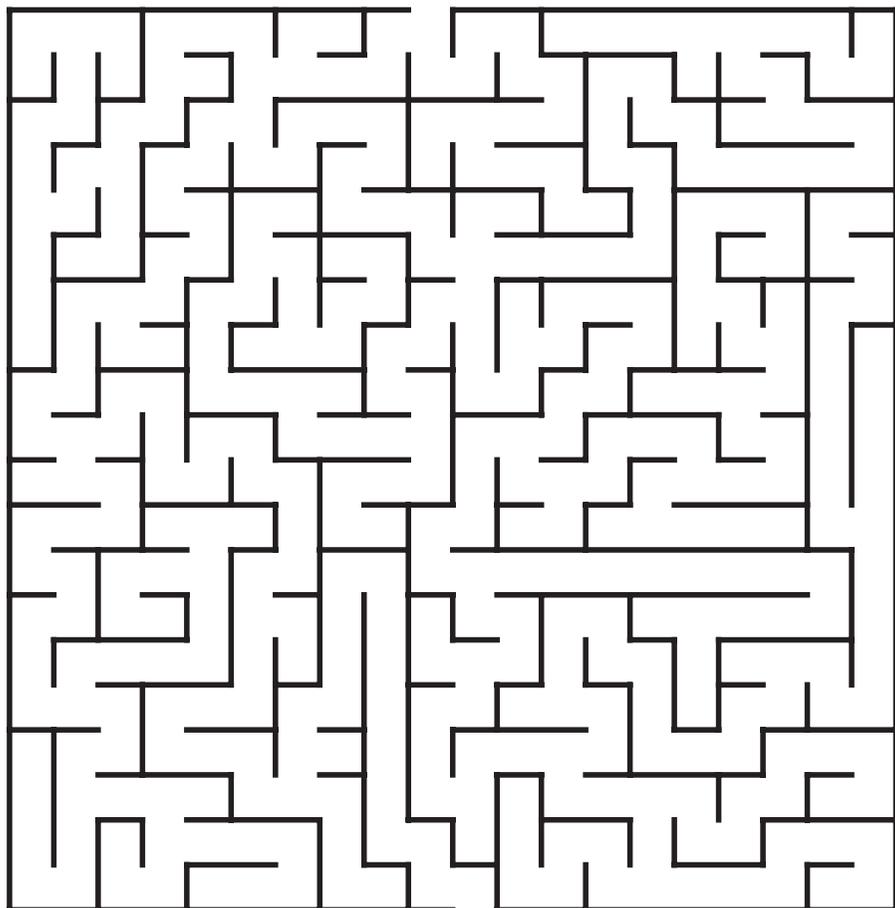
In Luke 4, Jesus unrolls a scroll and reads what he has come to earth to do - bring good news to the poor, set prisoners free, help blind people see, and bring comfort to those who are hurt by others. Connect the dots to form the scroll, and on the scroll, draw a picture of you doing one of these things.





SOLVE (the) MAZE

1 Corinthians 12 compares the church to a body, saying all the body parts need each other (just like we need each other!). Help the lost hand find the rest of its body!



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](https://twitter.com/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 - 1/27/2019

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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