

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

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



FAITH

TRUTH

WITNESS

ENDURANCE

FAITH

FUTURE

FEBRUARY 17, 2019
SIXTH 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:

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

- Hebrews 11:1

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 continue 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 midst 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 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

Hymn Prelude on "Oh, How Fleeting"

John Knox

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

ORGAN

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness
Cantabile, from Symphonie VIII

Johannes Brahms
Charles-Marie Widor

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Within Your Shelter, Loving God

Dunlap's Creek



With - in your shel - ter, lov - ing God, My
Be - cause I trust in You a - lone, No
Your ho - ly an - gels bear me up and
As of - ten as I call to You, You
All those who know Your name on earth shall

ref - uge and my tower, I safe - ly walk by
ev - il shall come near. The strong de - fend - er
keep my feet se - cure. Though fierce and an - gry
kind - ly hear my prayer. In times of trou - ble
life a - bun - dant know. On all a - bid - ing

day and night be - neath your guid - ing power.
of my home, with You I have no fear.
foes as - sail, In You my way is sure.
and dis - tress I rest in Your own care.
in Your love Your sav - ing grace be - stow.

†All who are able, please stand

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Jeremiah 17

Rev. Jim Keat

One: Blessed are we when we put our trust in God.

All: The Lord is our hope and confidence.

One: May we become like trees planted by water,

All: sending our roots deep into God's love.

One: We will not fear the drought of this world,

**All: but instead flourish and produce the fruits
of righteousness, justice and peace.**

✦ **INVOCATION**

Rev. Keat

ANTHEM

T.W. Carpenter

Jesus Promised

Oh how wonderful it is, Jesus promised He'll take care of me! Oh how marvelous it is, Jesus promised He'll take care of me. I don't have to worry about the things ahead. All I have to do is live right, and believe in what He said. I can call Him in the morning, I can call Him in the middle of the night. And when I call Him, He makes everything all right. It does not matter how big the problem may be! Jesus promised He'll take care of me! Jesus promised He'll take care of me!

The Riverside Inspirational Choir

Nedra Olds-Neal, director

Matt King, piano

Jonathan Peretz, percussion

Emanuel Gatewood, bass

LISTENING

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-10

(page 719 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Lucia Herndon

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

(page 176 in the New Testament)

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†HYMN

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

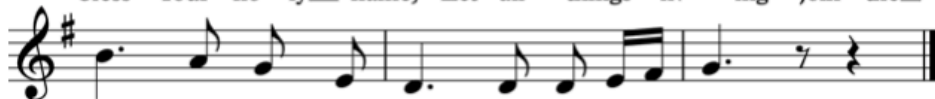
O Waly Waly



Your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, is sure in all Your
The eyes of all are fixed on You; By You their
Lord, You are just in all Your ways, and kind in
My mouth shall speak Your praise, O Lord; My soul shall



words, Your gra - cious deeds; You gen - tly__ lift all bur - dened
wants are all sup - plied; Your o - pen__ hand is boun - ti -
ev - ery - thing You do; For - ev - er__ near You stand to__
bless Your ho - ly__ name; Let all things liv - ing join the__



souls and well pro - vide for all our__ needs.
-ful and ev - ery soul is sat - is - fied.
hear and help all those who call on__ You.
song of praise, from age to age the__ same.

†GOSPEL LESSON

Len Leach

Luke 6:17-26

(page 64 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Butler

The Hope and Fears of All the Years: Faith

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.**

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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. Keat

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Eleanor Whitsett

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly Thine! May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee pure, warm and changless be, a living fire! While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from Thee aside. When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Saviour, then in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

✠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. Keat

Today we celebrate the ministry of the Riverside Inspirational Choir, whose music has lifted our spirits and inspired a sustaining faith since 1981.

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SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Butler

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 389

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Nyland

POSTLUDE

Fanfares and Chorale

Calvin Fuller

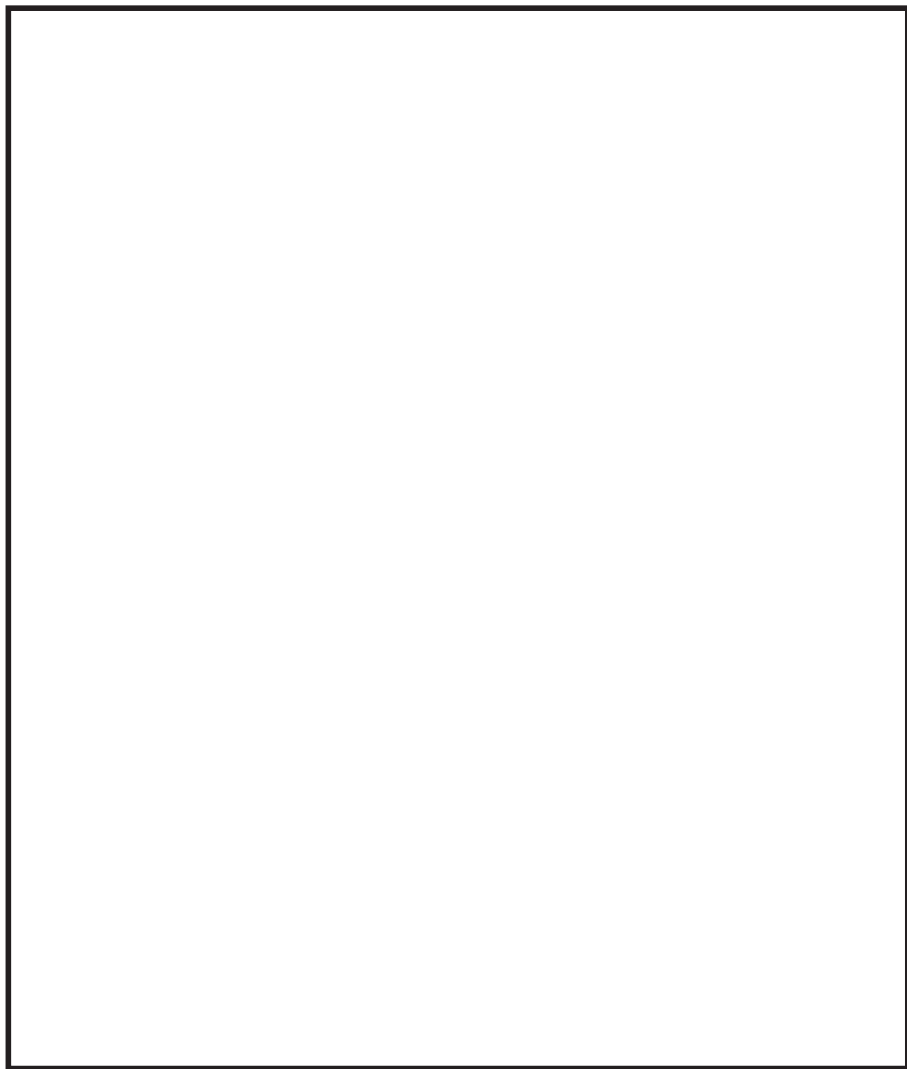
Welcome to the newest members of our
Riverside Church family who joined February 10, 2019

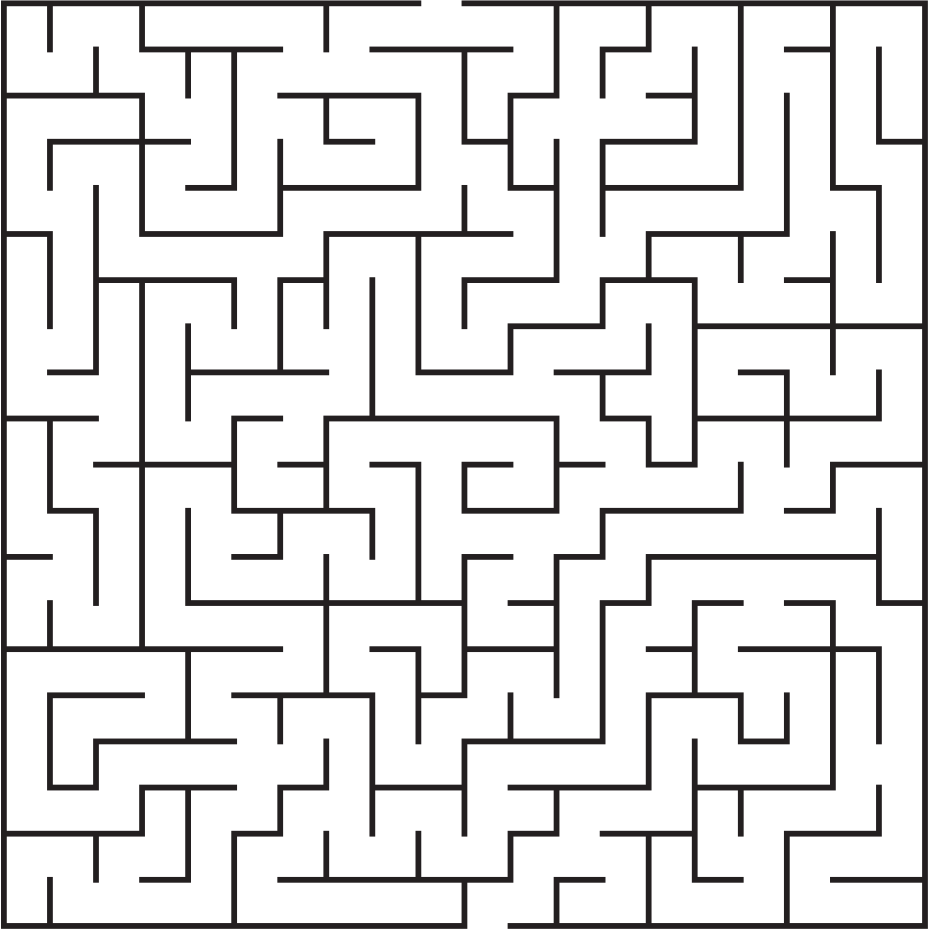
Vernay Mitchell-McKnight
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Emma Gibson
Patricia Raburn
Natalie Pattillo
Colton Conroy
Sun Young Chang-Bagdonas
Brian Bagdonas
Barbara Duran
Joel Gibson
Ethan Boothman

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Len Leach & Lucia Herndon*

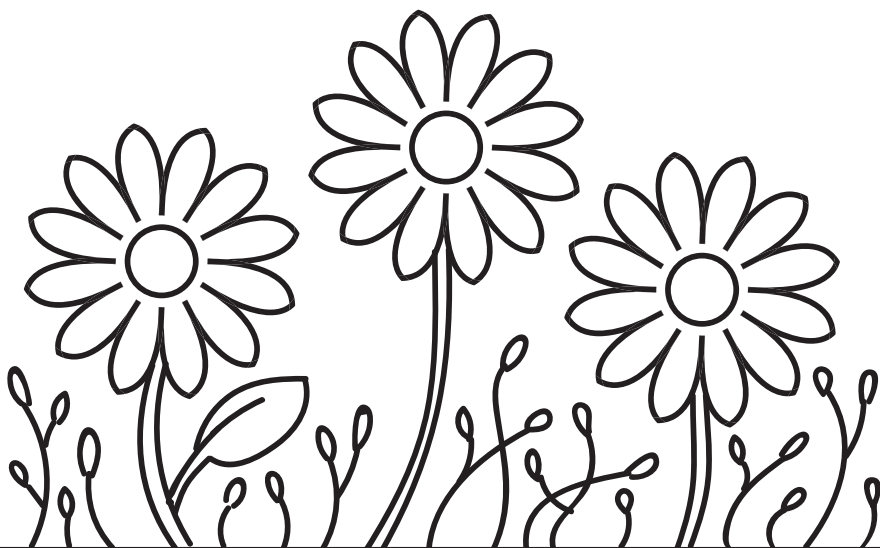
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Everything
they do
shall prosper.



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 - 2/17/2019

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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