

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

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



FUTURE

TRUTH

WITNESS

ENDURANCE

FAITH

FUTURE

FEBRUARY 24, 2019
SEVENTH 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:

"Memories are the key not to the past, but to the future.."

- Corrie Ten Boom

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

Psalm-Meditation

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

Edward Lee Cobb

ORGAN

Reverie, from Suite Sebastienne

Where All is Peace

Thomas H. Kerr

Kimo Smith

ANTHEM

We Shall Overcome

Cherub Choir

Sharon Pritchard, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN 479

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Lauda Anima

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Debra Northern

One: God of our past,

**All: We are reminded of your steadfast love and faithfulness
to all generations.**

One: God of our present,

**All: we are emboldened to work for justice and peace
for all your children.**

One: God of our future,

**All: we are filled with hope as we move toward your
coming Reign. Let us worship!**

+INVOCATION

Rev. Northern

+*All who are able, please stand*

ANTHEMS

I Will Praise You, Lord

Susan Naylor Callaway

Lord, you are God and I will praise You; Lord, you are God and I will exalt You; Lord, You are God and I will adore You. I'll sing songs of praise to You. I will praise You, Lord, for You have become my salvation. For You are my strength and song, my song. Lord, You are God and my heart will adore You; Lord, You are God and my hands will applaud You; Lord, You are God and my voice will exalt You. I'll sing songs of praise to You!

Set Down Servant

Spiritual, arr. Roger Emerson

Set down servant, I can't set down. My soul's so happy that I can't set down. My Lord, you know you promised me, a long white robe and a pair of shoes. Go yonder angel, fetch me some shoes, and place them on-a my servant's feet. Now servant, please set down! Set down servant, I can't set down. My soul's so happy that I can't set down. My Lord, you know you promised me, a long white robe and a starry crown. Go yonder angel, fetch me a crown and place it on-a my servant's head. Now servant, please set down! Set down servant, I can't set down. My soul's so happy that I can't set down. My Lord, you've been so good to me. My soul has been set free! Set down servant, I can't set down. My soul's so happy that I can't set, not yet, won't set down. I can't set down!

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

LISTENING

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

(page 42 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Dr. Kurt Adams
Rev. Kevin VanHook

PSALTER LESSON

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

(page 510, in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Rev. Northern

†HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

Finlandia



Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;____
 Be still, my soul: for God will un - der - take____
 Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here____



— bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;____
 — to guide in fu - ture days as in the past.____
 — when we shall be with God whom we a - dore,____



— Leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;____
 — Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;____
 — with dis - ap - point - ment gone, no grief nor fear,____



— in ev' - ry change God faith - ful will re - main.____
 — all now mys - te - rious shall be clear at last.____
 — sor - row re - placed with joy for - ev - er - more.____



— Be still, my soul: your best e - ter - nal friend____
 — Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know____
 — Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,____



— through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 — how Je - sus' pow - er ruled them long a - go.
 — all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

+GOSPEL LESSON

Angela Aidala

Luke 6:27-38

(page 64 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Jim Keat

The Hope and Fears of All the Years: Future

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.

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

+All who are able, please stand

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. VanHook

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hymn to the New Age

Lee Hoiby

Through the long night we have come, the sun is bright the wars are done.
We will unite, we will be one, a new light has begun. Smile, heaven, on our
loving land. Shine blessings on our fair kingdom. Enrich our time to come
with growing love, with joy abundant, and long prosperous days. God's
blessings are renewed again. The face of freedom is revealed in sunlight.
Now sing in praise of life, with poems praise, with voices raise, with drums,
with trumpets praise. God's loving kingdom come to us; the gift of life and
the gift of freedom. Now shall peace reign, truth be revealed and all wounds
be healed. So was it ever meant to be, resplendent hope of humankind: to
follow with the dove, the way of peace, the way of love. So shall it be, so shall
it ever be

+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 work of our Prison Ministry, which conducts advocacy and
outreach programs on behalf of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people, their
families, and their communities.*

SENDING

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

+BENEDICTION

Rev. Keat

+All who are able, please stand

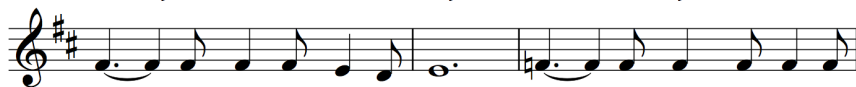
✚ RECESSIONAL HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations

For The Healing



For _____ the heal - ing of the na - tions, _____
 Lead _____ us now, Lord, in - to free - dom, _____
 All _____ that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, _____
 You, _____ cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten, _____



Lord, we pray with one ac - cord; For a just and e - qual
 From des - pair your world re - lease; That re - deemed from war and
 Let it from the earth be banned; Pride of sta - tus, race or
 Your great name on hu - man - kind; For our grow - ing in your



shar - ing _____ Of the things that earth af - fords.
 ha - tred, _____ All may come and go in peace.
 school - ing, _____ Dog - mas that ob - scure your plan.
 like - ness _____ Bring the life of Christ to mind:



To a life of love in ac - tion
 Show us how through care and good - ness
 In our com - mon quest for jus - tice
 That by our re - sponse and ser - vice



Help us rise and pledge our word.
 Fear will die and hope in - crease.
 May we hal - low life's brief span.
 Earth its des - ti - ny may find.

POSTLUDE

Grand Chœur in D Major

Alexandre Guilmant

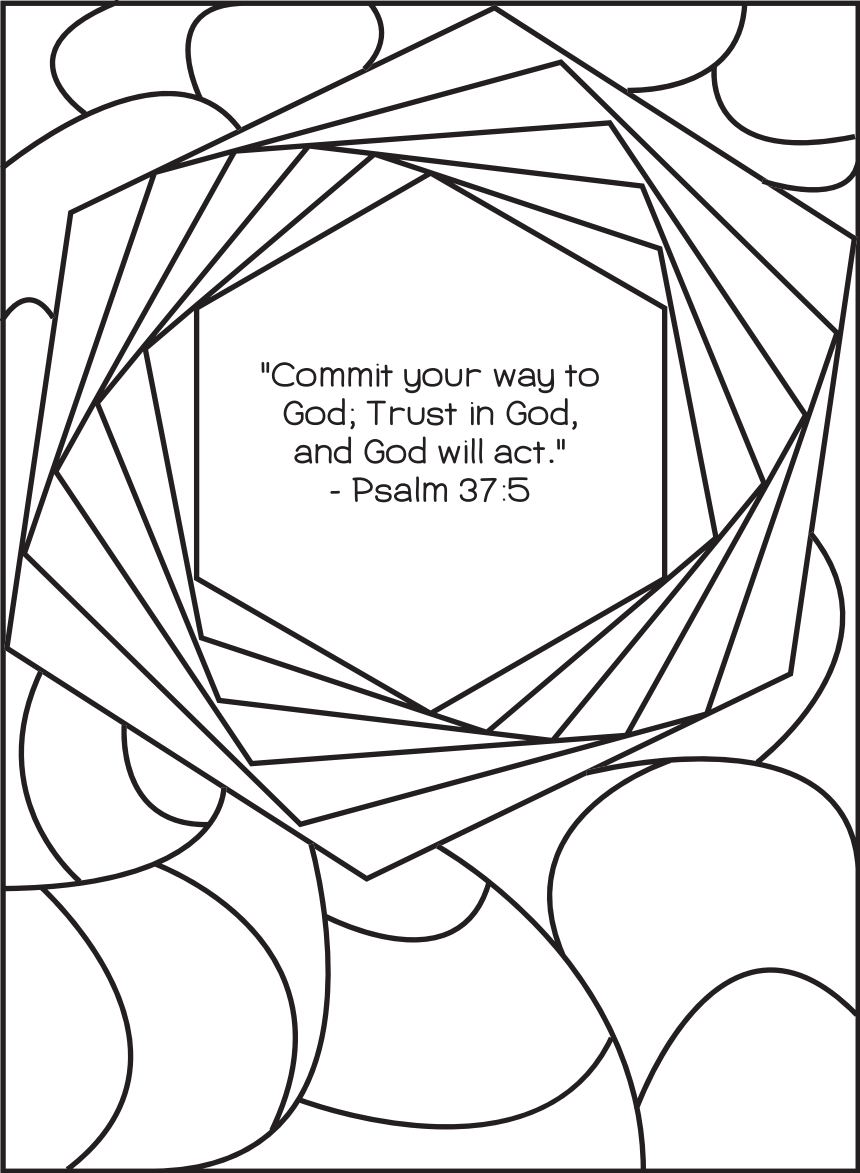
FLOWER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The flowers on the altar are given by the Inspirational Choir in celebration of our beloved members Vera Smith Holzman and Harold McQuilla on the occasion of our 38th annual concert. Additionally, the flowers on the altar are given by the Gianas Family in loving memory of James Gianas, Father, Son, Husband, Pappou, Hero.

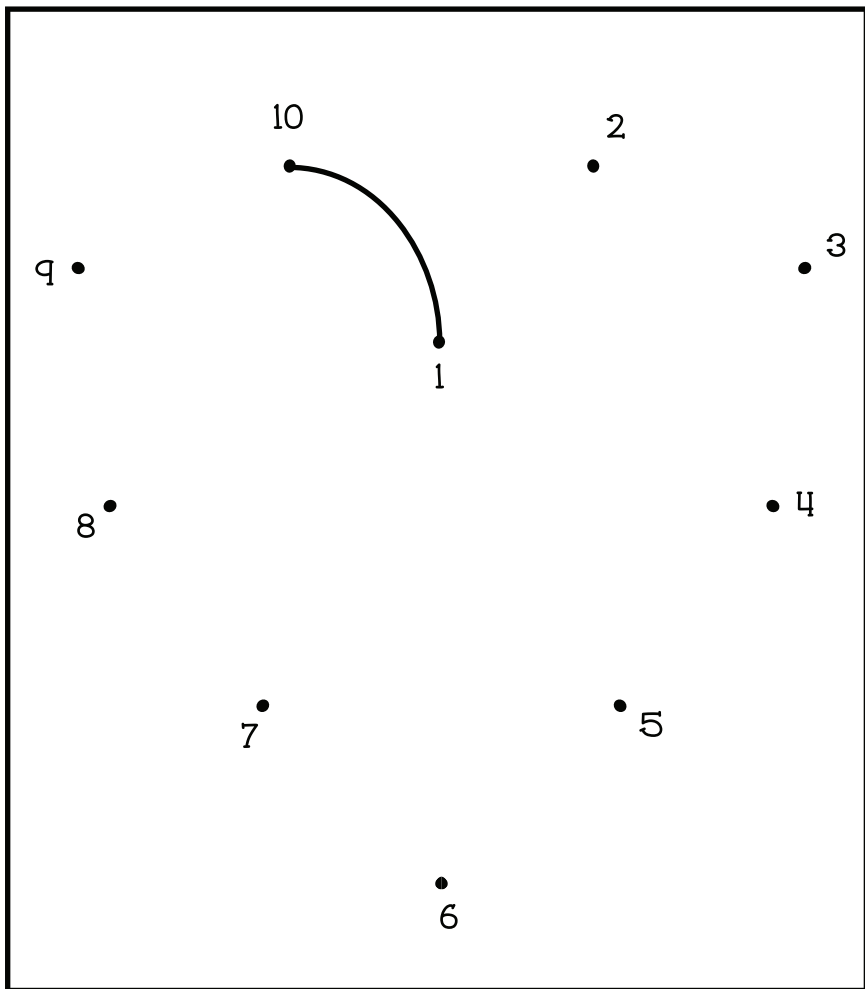
“So it is true, when all is said and done, grief is the price we pay for love.”

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:

Dr. Kurt Adams & Angela Aidala



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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 - 2/24/2019

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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