

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

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



TRUTH

WITNESS

ENDURANCE

FAITH

FUTURE

FEBRUARY 3, 2019
FOURTH 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:

To be a witness does not consist in engaging in propaganda, nor even in stirring people up, but in being a living mystery. It means to live in such a way that one's life would not make sense if God did not exist."

- Madeleine L'Engle

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.

Healing Prayer, typically offered the first Sunday of every month immediately following Worship, is available today. Two of Riverside's ministers will be at the front of the Nave to pray for anyone who desires it.

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

Voluntary

W. Selby, arr. J. Courter

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

ORGAN

Evening Song

David Hurd

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Ellen Robison

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN 391

Take My Life

Hendon

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister Charlene Wingate

One: Who'll be a witness for our Lord?

All: **We have come today to witness to the gracious love of God.**

One: Who'll be a witness for our Lord?

All: **We have come today to witness to the justice and mercy of Jesus.**

One: Who'll be a witness for our Lord?

All: **We have come today to witness to the power and presence of the Spirit. We will be God's witnesses in the world!**

+INVOCATION

+*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

Talk About a Child

Trad. Spirituals, arr. William Dawson

Talk about a child that do love Jesus, here is one. Talk about a child that's seeking for a kingdom, here is one.

Diana Solomon-Glover, soprano

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Bruce Lamb
Jerry Hairston

Jeremiah 1:4-10

(page 698 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Alexa Donaphin

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

(page 170 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

✚HYMN 531

Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

Bridgeroom

✚GOSPEL LESSON

Dr. Hsien-Yu Wang

Luke 4:21-30

(page 61 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. George Walker

The Hopes and Fears of All the Years: Witness

✚*All who are able, please stand*

RESPONDING

*We respond to the hearing of God's word through prayer,
passing the peace, offering and monthly communion*

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Farley Lord

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let Us Love in Deed and Truth

Larry King

If you and I have the world's goods, and see our neighbors in need. Yet we close our hearts against them, how does God's love abide in us? Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth. We have confidence before our God, and we receive whatever we ask, because we keep Her commandments, and do what pleases Her. And this is God's commandment, that we should believe in his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another.

✚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

Farley Lord

Today we celebrate the work of the Ecclesia Ministry, which leads services and serves lunch monthly in Marcus Garvey Park, as we seek to reach people who wish to praise and worship God in community..

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

Following each petition, please join in the following responses

One: God of love,

All: Hear our prayer.

✚*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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Debra Northern

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

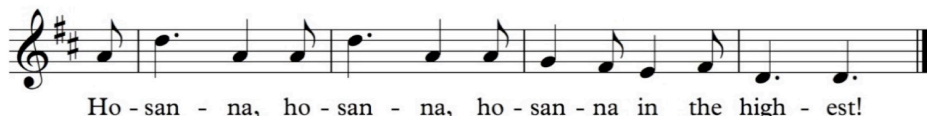
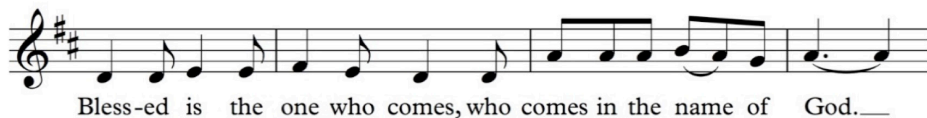
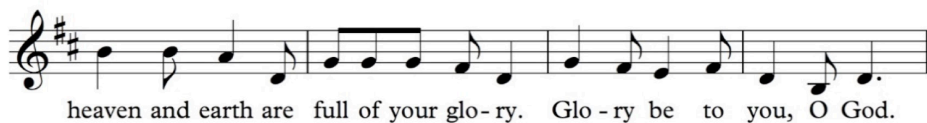
One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God..

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS



†All who are able, please stand

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



CALL TO SUPPER

One: The body of Christ, broken for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the bread of life!

One: The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!

A gluten-free option for communion bread is available upon request from a communion server.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN

Prayer

Retrospection

George Walker

Florence B. Price

CHOIR

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart. Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart. Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

HYMN 513

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let Us Break Bread

+ PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Northern

**Compassionate God, you have met us in the bread and cup at this
your table. As we go from this place may we receive strength to walk
with all your children in peace, and witness to the truth of your
reconciliation and love. Amen**

+ BENEDICTION

Rev. Walker

+ RECESSIONAL HYMN 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Canonbury

POSTLUDE

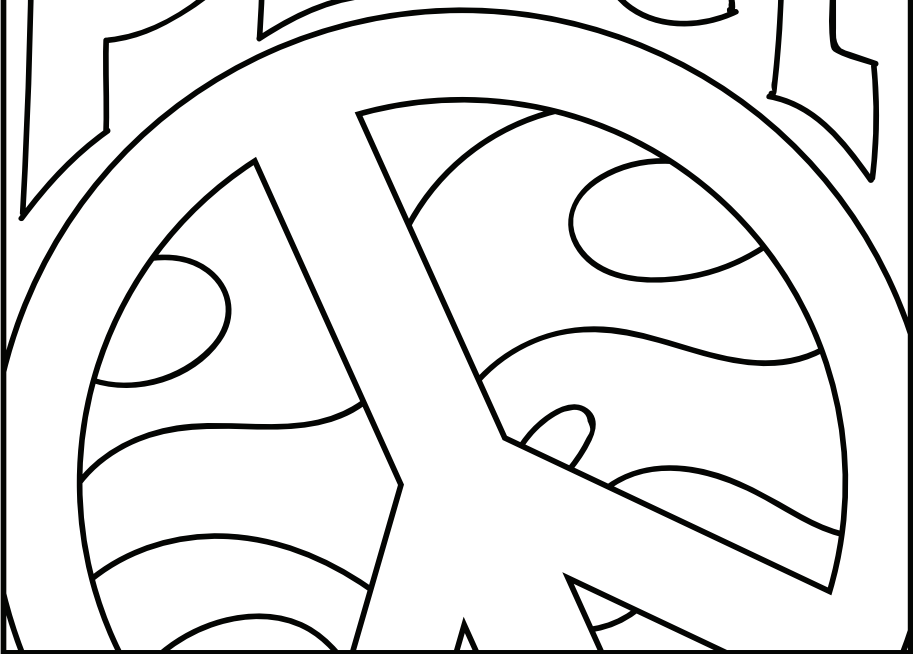
Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

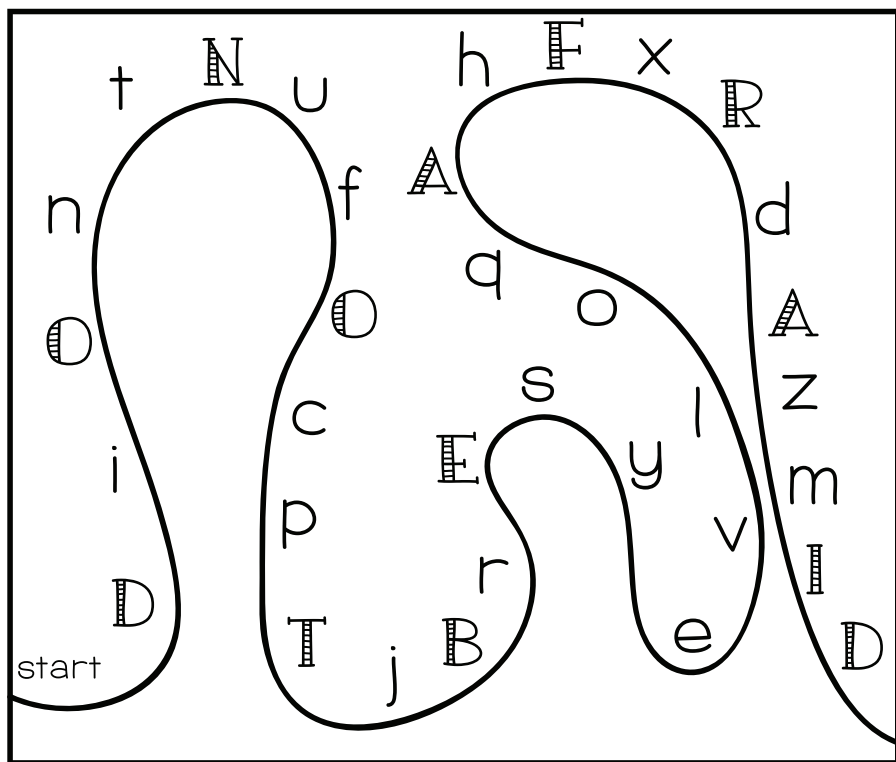
Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Alexa Donaphin & Jerry Hairston

Grant Us
your

PEACE



FOLLOW the PATH



When God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet, Jeremiah doesn't think he's up to the job because he is still a boy. But God thinks Jeremiah is still the perfect person for the job. What does God say to Jeremiah to encourage him? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see what is spelled out below.

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 - 2/03/2019

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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