

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



MAY 19, 2019
LOVE ONE ANOTHER

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:

Peace is the fruit of love, a love that is also justice. But to grow in love requires work – hard work. And it can bring pain because it implies loss – loss of the certitudes, comforts, and hurts that shelter and define us.

-Jean Vanier

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the season of Eastertide, a period of 50 days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ until Pentecost. The liturgical color of Eastertide is white, which symbolizes the hope of the resurrection, as well as the purity and newness that comes from victory over sin and death, as signified by the paraments and clergy stoles.

REVIVE US, O LORD

We are currently in an exciting six-week series in worship on welcoming revival and newness of life in our personal lives, our life together as a church and as members of the global family. We'll be diving into the Gospel of John as we highlight practices like forgiveness, telling the truth, healing and being witnesses. During these six weeks we'll enjoy music from the Boyd Family Singers, remember the 50th anniversary of the Black Manifesto, celebrate Mother's Day and radically recommit ourselves and our church to being God's "Easter" people in the world.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:

Complete a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate as it passes.

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.



PRELUDE

Cantabile
Shall We Gather at the River
Gaudeamus

Emily Li
arr. Joel Raney and Arnold B. Sherman
Arnold B. Sherman

The Riverside Ringers
Daniel Potter, director

WELCOME

Rev. Amy Butler

SINGING

St. Brendan's

They'll Know We Are Christians

***We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.***

Chorus

***And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

***We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.***

Chorus

***We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.***

Chorus

***We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.***

Chorus

✦CALLING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT¹

Rev. Ellen Robison

One: Jesus offers a new-old commandment,
All: Love one another as I have loved you.

One: With the incredible power,
and the unfathomable depth
of God's love for us,
**All: we can, we must
love one another**

One: And it is in this,
our love for one another
**All: that the world will know
the God of love that we worship.
Come, children of God,
let us love one another.**

✦PRAYER

MUSIC

Bridge Over Troubled Water

*Paul Simon
arr. Victory Boyd*

Victory Boyd, vocalist

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Michael Livingston
& Anita Bryant

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.*

✦GOSPEL LESSON

Cathy C. Smith

John 13:31-35
(pg. 108 in *New Testament*)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Butler

One More Thing

✦*All who are able, please stand*

MUSIC

Song of the Universal

Text: alt Whitman

Music: Ola Gjeilo

Come, said the Muse,
Sing me a song no poet yet has chanted,
Sing me the Universal.
In this broad Earth of ours,
Amid the measureless grossness and the slag,
Enclosed and safe within its central heart,
Nestles the seed Perfection.
By every life a share, or more or less,
None born but it is born—conceal'd or unconceal'd, the seed is waiting

Give me, O God, to sing that thought!
Give me—give him or her I love, this quenchless faith
In Thy ensemble. Whatever else withheld, withhold not from us,
Belief in plan of Thee enclosed in Time and Space;
Health, peace, salvation universal.
All, all for Immortality!
Love, like the light, silently wrapping all!
Nature's amelioration blessing all!
The blossoms, fruits of ages—orchards divine and certain;
Forms, objects, growths, humanities, to spiritual Images ripening.

The Riverside Youth String Ensemble

Kristina Giles, director

TESTIMONY

Rev. Robison

†SHARING THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

†*All who are able, please stand*

RADICAL COMMITMENT

Rev. Jim Keat & Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Rev. Keat

OFFERING

Andrae Crouch, arr. Hart

Soon and Very Soon

The Riverside Ringers

✦PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize the offering of our whole selves to God.

***To God be the glory,
To God be the glory,
To God be the glory,
For the things You have done.***

✦PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND CELEBRATION

Rev. Keat

Today we celebrate the work of our Safe Haven Ministry, our winter bed program, which assists unsheltered men and women in securing stabilized housing, while creating an understanding of what it means to be a Beloved Community.

✦SENDING OUT

Rev. Butler

✦HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

POSTLUDE

Alan Smith

Postlude On 'Hyfrydol'

*Special thanks to our congregational leader:
Cathy Smith*

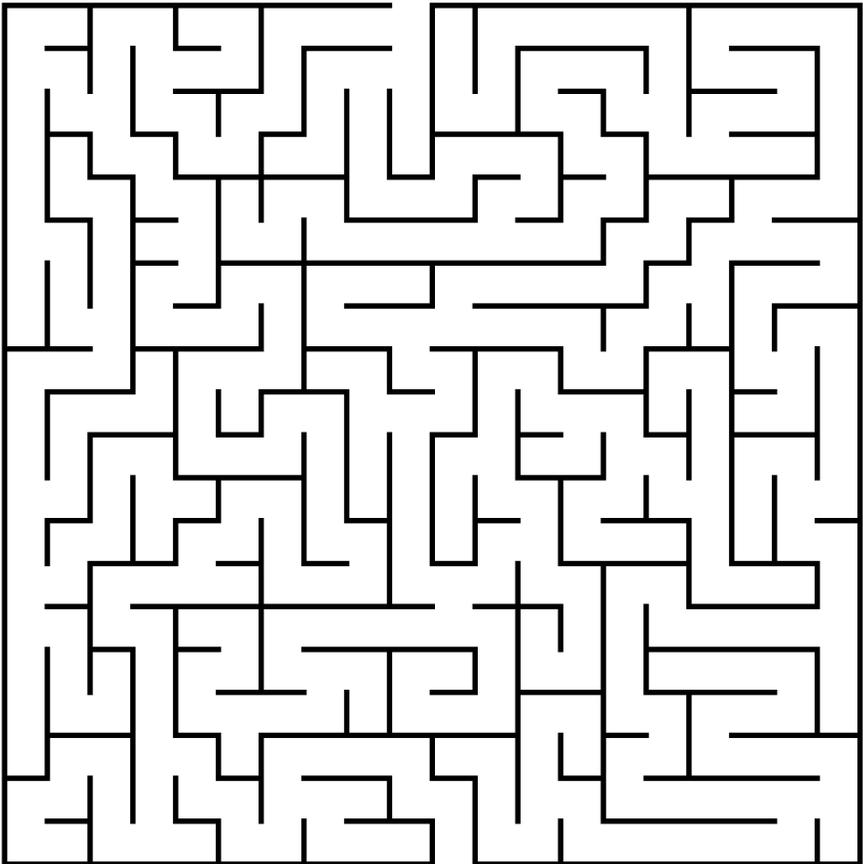
FLOWER GIFT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The flowers on the altar are given by Lorraine Burchall in loving memory of her sister Ruth Burchall-Sanseviro.

“She inspires me everyday to be and to live my best self” L. Burchall

SOLVE (the) MAZE

Help Peter find his way from Joppa to Jerusalem!





WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Acts 11 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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O D K J A E Z S N L E U P I V
V S R W F R R O H L A W I J W
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APOSTLES

GENTILES

PETER

JERUSALEM

JOPPA

SHEET

PRAY

ANIMALS

BEASTS

REPTILES

BIRDS

CLEAN

HEAVEN

SPIRIT

ANGEL

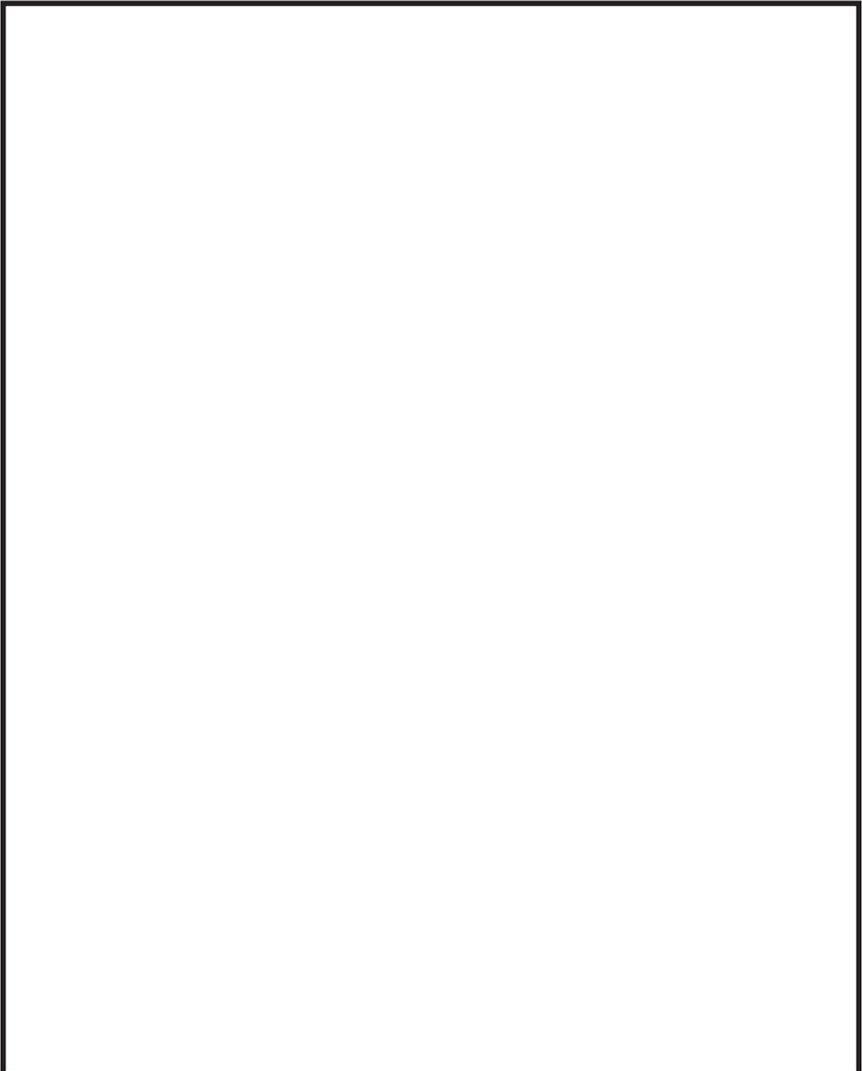
JESUS

EAT

VISION

 DRAW IT

Revelation 21 describes the end of time, and in it, the writer describes a vision - "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away." Draw a picture of what you imagine the "new heaven and new earth" look like.



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.

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 - 5/19/2019

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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