

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JUNE 9, 2019
PENTECOST

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:

Christians have no business thinking that the good life consists mainly in not doing bad things. We have no business thinking that to do evil in this world you have to be a Bengal tiger, when, in fact, it is enough to be a tame tabby—a nice person but not a good one. In short, Pentecost makes it clear that nothing is so fatal to Christianity as indifference

-William Sloane Coffin

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. Today we celebrate Pentecost, signified by red paraments and clergy stoles. Red symbolizes the tongues of fire that descended upon the disciples when the Holy Spirit came upon them as described in Acts 2.

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.



GATHERING

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

CARILLON

Gregorian Triptych

John Courter

Charles Semowich, guest carillonneur

ORGAN

from Five Versets on “Veni Creator Spiritus”

Nicolas de Grigny

En taille à 5 – Récit de Cromorne – Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN 129

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Ebenezer

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Farley Lord

One: Mighty God, come to us through your Holy Spirit,
filling us with peace.

Give us a love for all and a desire to serve,
humility of mind and gentleness of soul.

All: Nurture your grace in our hearts.

One: Mighty God, come to us through your Holy Spirit,
setting us on fire with love for you.

Fill us with a burning desire to work for your reign,
and cleanse us from all that is unworthy in our lives.

All: Kindle a flame of faith in our hearts.

One: Mighty God, come to us through your Holy Spirit,
breathing new life into our souls.

Fill us with energy and enthusiasm in the service of Christ,
and sweep anything in our lives that keep us from living as your people.

All: Open our lives and touch our hearts as we worship this morning!

+INVOCATION

BAPTISMS BY IMMERSION

Rev. Butler

Chizara Dike
Maya Dorer
Jesse Olayinka
William Peterson

+*All who are able, please stand*

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Jim Keat

Rosemary Chiles
Joshua Kim
Alexandra Merkel

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEDICATION

Rev. Keat

Ryan Olayinka

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

ANTHEM

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Spiritual, arr. Wm. Dawson

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. Jordan river is chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul; there ain't but one train upon this track, it runs to heaven and right back.

Sidney Outlaw, baritone

LISTENING

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Austen Hartke

Acts 2:1-21

(page 119 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Betsy Meisenheimer

Romans 8:14-17

(page 158 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 313

Come Down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney

+GOSPEL LESSON

Jerry Hairston

John 14:25-27

(page 109 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Butler

Fire Extinguisher

+*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*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Keat

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

Emi Hare-Yim

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.

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

Amanda Meisenheimer, Pat Ali, Alexa Donaphin

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Emiliano Dietrich-Jimenez

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Psalm 46

John Weaver

The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved and though the mountains be tumbled into the depths of the sea; though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; God shall help her at the break of day. The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away. Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, what awesome things God has done on earth. It is God who makes wars to cease in all the world; God breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exulted among the nations; I will be exulted in the earth." The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Alleluia!

+*All who are able, please stand*

✚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. Kevin VanHook

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Church School teachers, who provide our children with wisdom and inspiration for their faith journeys, and demonstrate to all of us how to serve our youngest siblings in Christ.

SENDING

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

✚BENEDICTION

Rev. Butler

✚RECESSIONAL HYMN 229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Lasst uns erfreuen

POSTLUDE

Fanfare to the Tongues of Fire¹

Larry King

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:

Austen Hartke, Betsy Meisenheimer, Jerry Hairston, Emi Hare-Yim, Emiliano Dietrich-Jimenez

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹*Commissioned by The Riverside Church in 1978 for the dedication of the Trompeta Majestatis.*

The bulletin cover art is a modern stained glass window from St Aloysius' church in Somers Town, London of the Holy Spirit descending on Our Lady and the apostles, as is recounted in Acts 2:1-11.

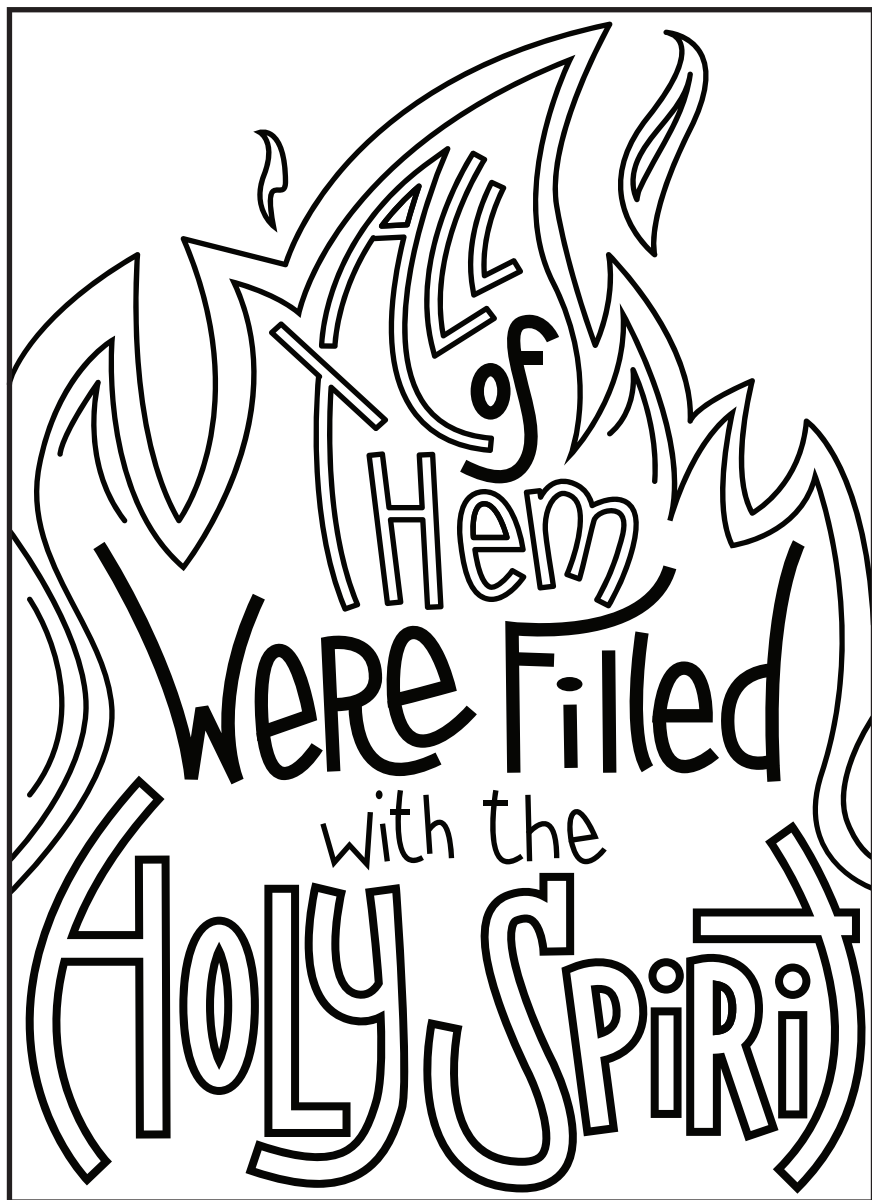
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COLOR IN THE WORDS



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Acts 2, Psalm 104, John 14.



WORDSEARCH

Try to find the words from Psalm 104 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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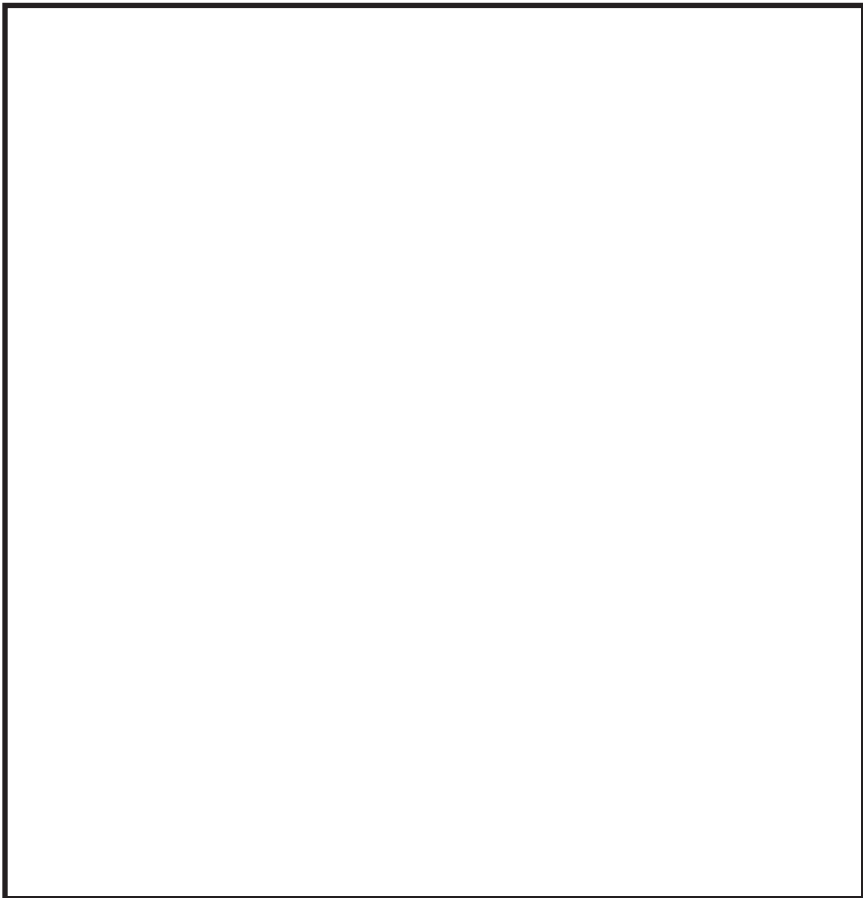
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FACE
BREATH
DUST

SPIRIT
RENEW
GROUND
GLORY
FOREVER
MOUNTAINS



DRAW IT

Acts 2 tells the amazing story of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came to a big group of people and amazing things happened - the Holy Spirit looked like "tongues of fire," a strong wind whooshed around the room, and people were able to understand other languages. Can you remember a time when you felt God's presence with you and you were able to do something special? Or saw something special? **Draw that memory here.**



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 - 6/9/2019

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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