

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



SEPTEMBER 15, 2019
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER 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:

“It is still not too late to act. It will take a far-reaching vision, it will take courage, it will take fierce, fierce determination to act now, to lay the foundations where we may not know all the details about how to shape the ceiling. In other words, it will take cathedral thinking. I ask you to please wake up and make the changes required possible.”

- Greta Thunberg

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the green paraments and clergy stoles that represent new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

The image on the bulletin cover is part of the ongoing campaign for the Climate Strike on September 20, 2019. Visit GlobalClimateStrike.org to find out more about the movement and to participate in an action in your area.

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

Suite Archaïque

George Clement

Prelude in D Minor

Staf Nees

Prelude in A

John Christopher Smith, arr. C. Semowich

ORGAN

Meditation Brother James' Air

Harold Darke

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

✦ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Debra Northern

One: Hear the call of God: The Spirit of God invites us into community. We are called to see beyond ourselves, and to join in loving care for all those around us.

All: We accept God's call, and we rejoice in the gift of community.

One: Hear a challenge for today: The Earth is stressed by the heavy impact of human use. The whole of God's creation is groaning, crying out in pain.

All: We name the Earth as part of our community. We extend our love to all of God's creation.

One: People of faith, gather now to worship God the creator and redeemer of the world. Gather now to be transformed by God's compassionate love.

**All: We praise with joy the world's creator, God of justice, love and peace!
Come, let us worship!**

✦ INVOCATION

✦ *All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

SOLO

This Little Light of Mine *Spiritual, arr. Hale Smith*
This little light of mine, I'm goin' to let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm goin' to
let it shine. All through the night, I'm goin' to let it shine. Let it shine, let it
shine, let it shine.

Irwin Reese, tenor

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
(pg. 702 & 703 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Doug Miller

1 Timothy 1:12-17
(pg. 208 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

†GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:15
(pg. 35 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

A Wind Too Strong

†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

Farley Lord

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to 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.

✚PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Harper

OFFERTORY SOLO

Soon I Will Be Done

Spiritual, arr. Edward Boatner

Soon I will be done-a with the troubles of the world, I'm goin' to live with

God. I want to meet my brother, I'm goin' to live with God. I want to meet my

mother, I'm goin' to live with God. No more weepin' and a-wailin', I'm goin' to

live with God. Soon I will be done-a with the troubles of the world, I'm goin'

to live with God.

✚*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. Northern

Today we celebrate the ministry of Riverside's Beloved Earth Community, which knows that protecting the Earth starts with us; one individual, one group, one congregation at a time. We can be the change that starts us on a path to sustainability.

SENDING

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

✚ BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

✚ RECESSIONAL HYMN 131

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

Aberystwyth

POSTLUDE

Come Holy Spirit, Lord God (BWV 651)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹*Eco-Justice Ministries*

Special thanks to our congregational leader:

Doug Miller

COLOR IN THE WORDS

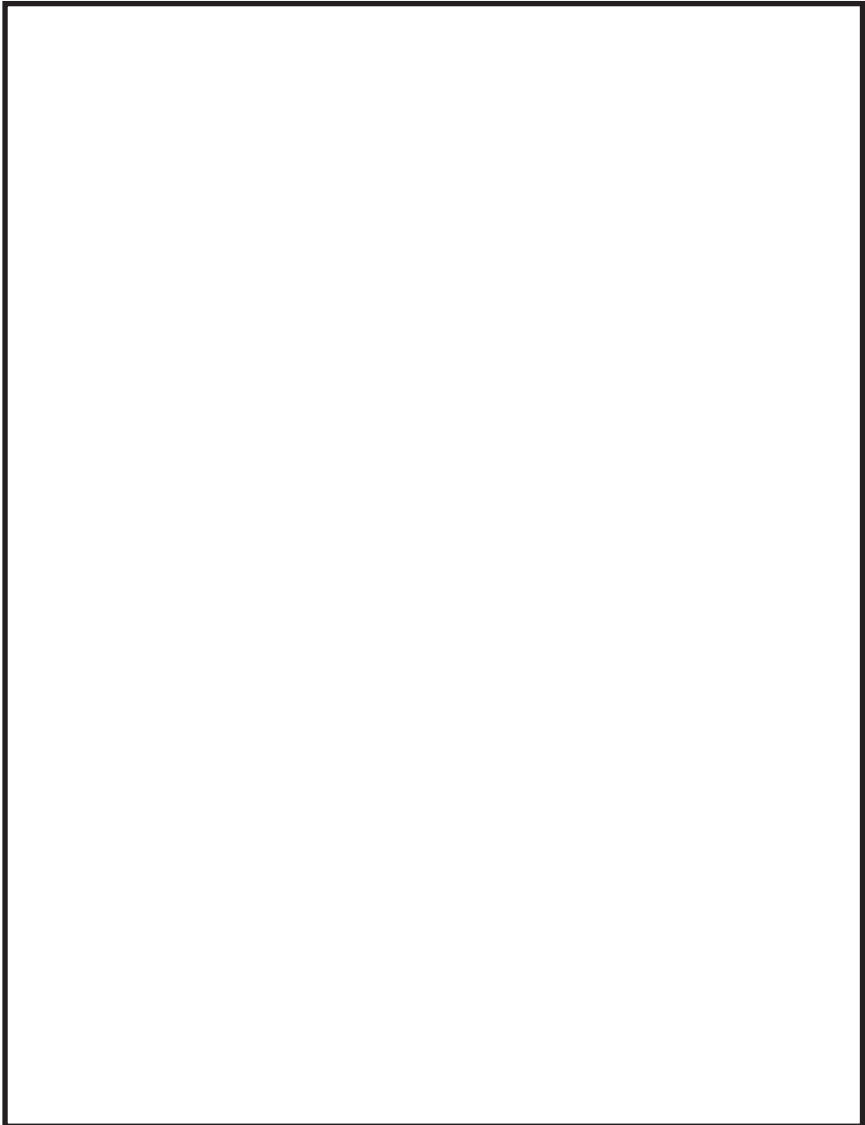
I am
GRATEFUL
to
CHRIST JESUS
OUR LORD who has
STRENGTHENED
me.





DRAW IT

In Paul's letter to Philemon, he asks Philemon to do something hard - show love in a situation that was difficult to show love. Draw a picture of where you could show love, even if it's hard.



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. Whoever you are: You are safe here. You are loved here. You are invited into full participation in our life together.

Rev. Michael Livingston, Interim Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Senior Minister Emeritus

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 - 9/15/2019

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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