

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

LOVE IN
THE *City*



RIVERSIDEKIDSWORSHIP

OCTOBER 20, 2019
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHILDREN'S SABBATH

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:

Lord, let us exile defeat

wrestle despair to the floor

throw apathy to the winds

and feed depression to the hogs.

Lord, help us to stand up and fight for our children.

- from *Guide My Feet* by Marian Wright Edelman

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.

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 trcnc.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

Hymn Suite

Lee Cobb

- I. I Love to Tell the Story
- II. Blessed Assurance
- III. To God be the Glory

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Arioso (BWV 1068)

J. S. Bach, arr. Frederick Hohman

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

✚ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

✚ CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 34

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

One: We will bless the Lord all the time!

All: We'll never stop praising our God!

One: Magnify the Lord with me.

All: Together we will lift God's name high.

One: Taste and see - the Lord is good!

All: Relax and rejoice - you are safe in God.

One: When trouble comes, cry out to God.

All: God is always around you, protecting you.

One: The Lord is near to the broken, God saves those who are crushed.

**All: God sees us, God hears us, God knows us.
God rescues us from all our fears.**

One: Listen everyone – this is the way to live:

All: Speak truth, speak kindness, walk away from what is wrong.

One: Choose to do what is right, seek peace and follow peace.

All: We will never stop praising our God!

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

✦ INVOCATION

ANTHEM

Joy in My Heart

arr. Rollo Dilworth

I've got this joy down in my heart, yes, down in my heart today. Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around. No one can quench this joy that I have found. This joy that I have can't be taken away. I believe in myself and I know that this joy is in my heart to stay. I've got this joy down in my heart, yes, down in my heart today. I've got joy!

*The Rising Voices Choir
Matthew Hommez, director
Yuliya Basis, accompanist*

BLESSING OF THE BIBLES

Alexa Donaphin & Patricia Ali

ANTHEM

I've Got Peace Like A River

*Cherub Choir
Sharon Pritchard, director*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Livingston
& Hillary Puckett

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.***

LISTENING

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

PSALTER LESSON

Harrison Gan

Psalms 121 from the New International Reader's Version
(pg. 571 in the Old Testament)*

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Christian Ndungu Gateru

2 Timothy 3:15-4:5 from the New International Reader's Version
(pg. 213 in the New Testament)*

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 368

I've Got Peace Like a River

Spiritual

†GOSPEL LESSON

Betsy Meisenheimer

Luke 18:1-8 from The Message translation
(pg. 81 in the New Testament)*

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Amanda Meisenheimer

Holy Tantrums

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.

†All who are able, please stand

*Page numbers correspond to the New Revised Standard Version.

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

✚PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Emi Hare-Yim

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God, Watching Over Israel¹

Felix Mendelssohn

God, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, God will quicken thee.

✚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

Minister Charlene Wingate

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Riverside Kids Worship, which provides a sacred space for children to connect with God in song, movement, art, and storytelling.

SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

Amanda Meisenheimer

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 267

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Craig Phillips

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹From Elijah

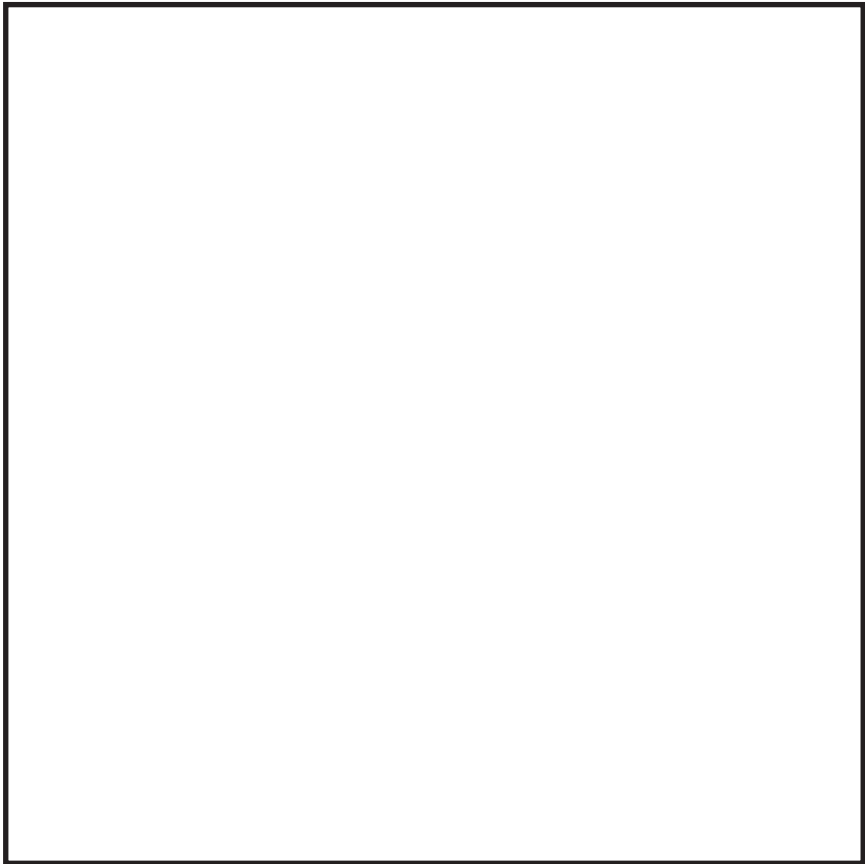
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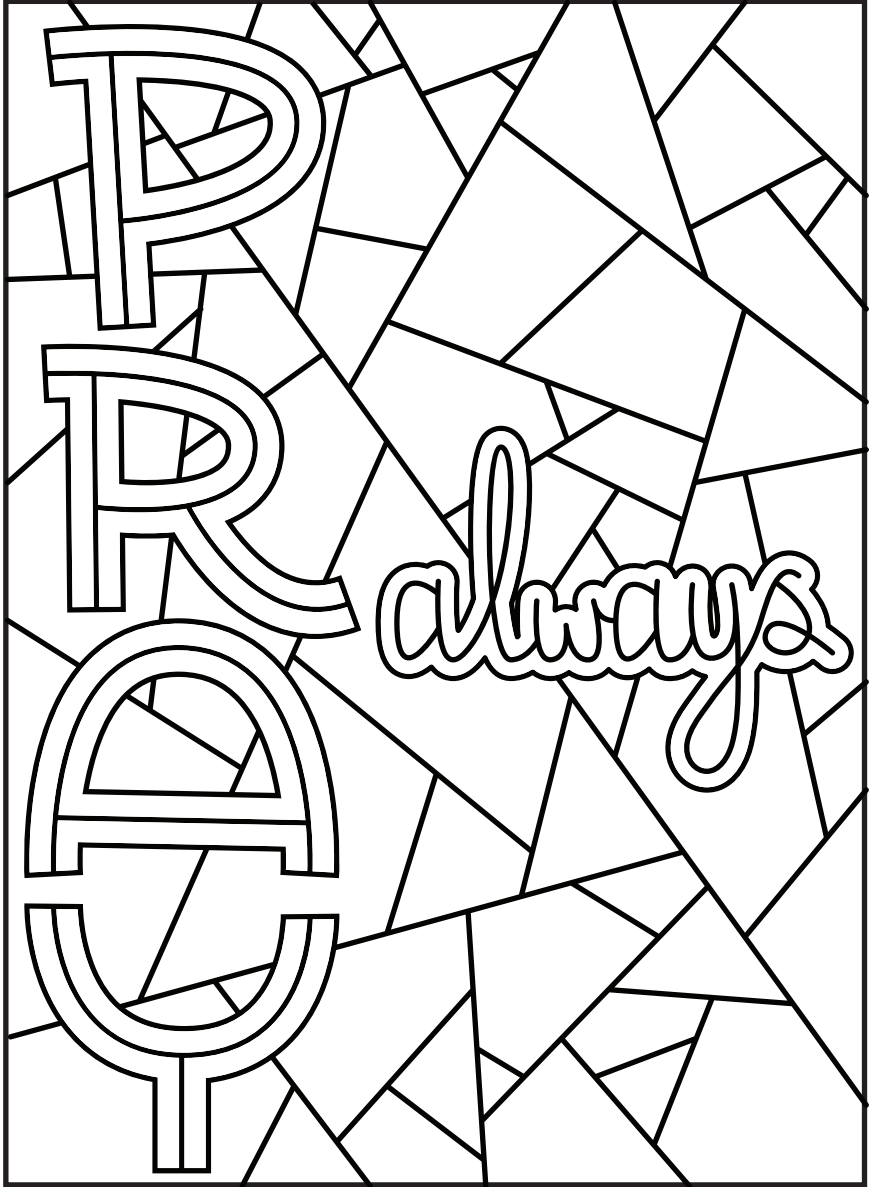
Harrison Gan, Emi Hare-Yim, Betsy Meisenheimer, & Christian Ndungu Gateru



DRAW IT

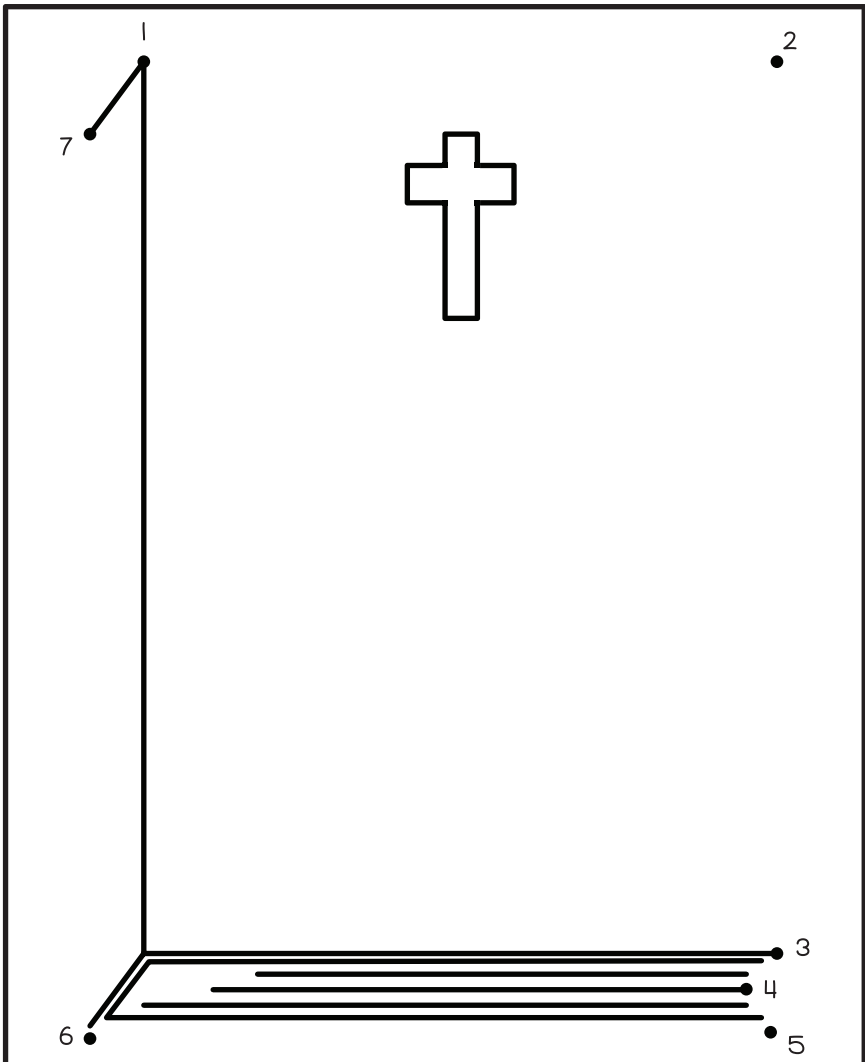
In Luke 18, Jesus tells his followers to never give up in praying. God wants you to share what is in your heart, and will always listen. **Draw a picture of something you want to pray about.**





CONNECT the DOTS

The Bible is meant to help us learn and grow more and more like Jesus. Connect the dots to form the Bible. Inside, write or draw some things the Bible has taught you. For example, serving others, sharing what you have, speaking the truth, loving your neighbor, honoring the earth, and more.



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 - 10/20/2019

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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