

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



NOVEMBER 10, 2019
TWENTY-SECOND 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:

“From the first notes of the processional to the benediction—within that space there is peace, joy, contentment, warmth, the transforming truth of the gospel, the confidence of faith, spirit, and the presence of the divine: One God, mother of us all.”

-Rev. Michael Livingston

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

ORGAN

Angel's Farewell

Edward Elgar

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 391

Take My Life

Hendon

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Hsien-Yu Wang

One: The Holy One is here in this community of faith:

All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

One: Let us bless the Holy Name forever and ever

All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

One: Let us meditate on God's wondrous works

All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

One: Let us bless and praise God's name forever and ever

All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

†INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

Faithful Over A Few Things

Glenn Burleigh

You must be faithful over a few things to be ruler over many things. Be thou faithful unto death and God will give you a crown of life. If you have a song to sing, faithfully sing that song. If you have some love to show, show it the whole day long. If you have a kind word to say, try to say it each and ev'ry day. If you have a prayer to pray, pray on in Jesus name. Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of God. Know that your labor is not in vain, you shall receive a just reward. Be thou faithful and God will give you a crown of life. Well done, good and faithful servant, well done. Be thou faithful and God will give you a crown of life.

*The Riverside Inspirational Choir
Nedra Olds-Neal, director
Ramona Dunlap, soprano
Matt King, piano*

BAPTISM BY IMMERSION

Rev. Livingston

Robert Lugo

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Bruce Lamb

Alaric Castro
Ava Centeno
Leonie Francois
Robert Lugo
Byron O'Neal
Tatiana O'Neal
Kai Pierre
Mya Pierre
Laila Vargas

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

Rev. Lamb

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Minister Derrick Jordan

Haggai 2:1-9

(pg. 878 in the Old Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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EPISTLE LESSON

Belgica Gonzalez

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

(pg. 206 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 400

Pues Si Vivimos

Somos del Señor

(verses 1-2 in Spanish, verses 3-4 in English, refrain in Spanish)

†GOSPEL LESSON

Carol White

Luke 20:27-38

(pg. 84 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

Work, God is Near

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

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

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.

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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

Carol White

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

At the River

arr. Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel's feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God. Yes we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God, that flows by the throne of God.

✚ 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

Hsien-Yu Wang

Today we celebrate the ministry of the Sharing & Densford Funds, which offer grants to ministries around the world, so that all people may know safety, have access to education, clean drinking water, and live each day knowing their worth in God's beloved community.

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SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

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POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Christopher Tambling

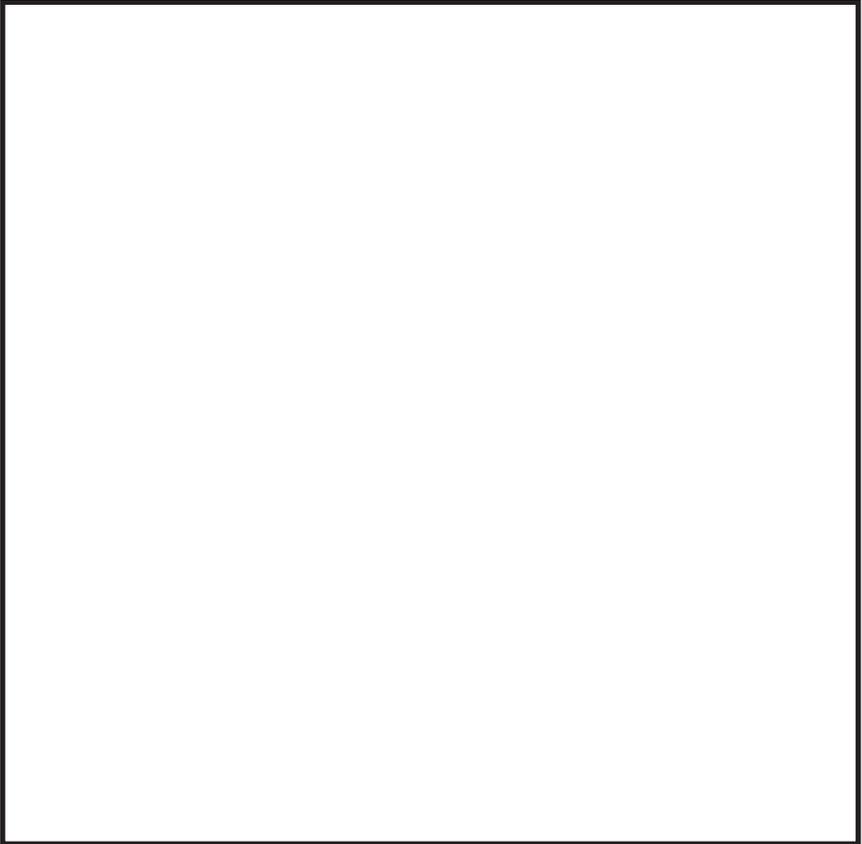
*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Belgica Gonzalez & Carol White*

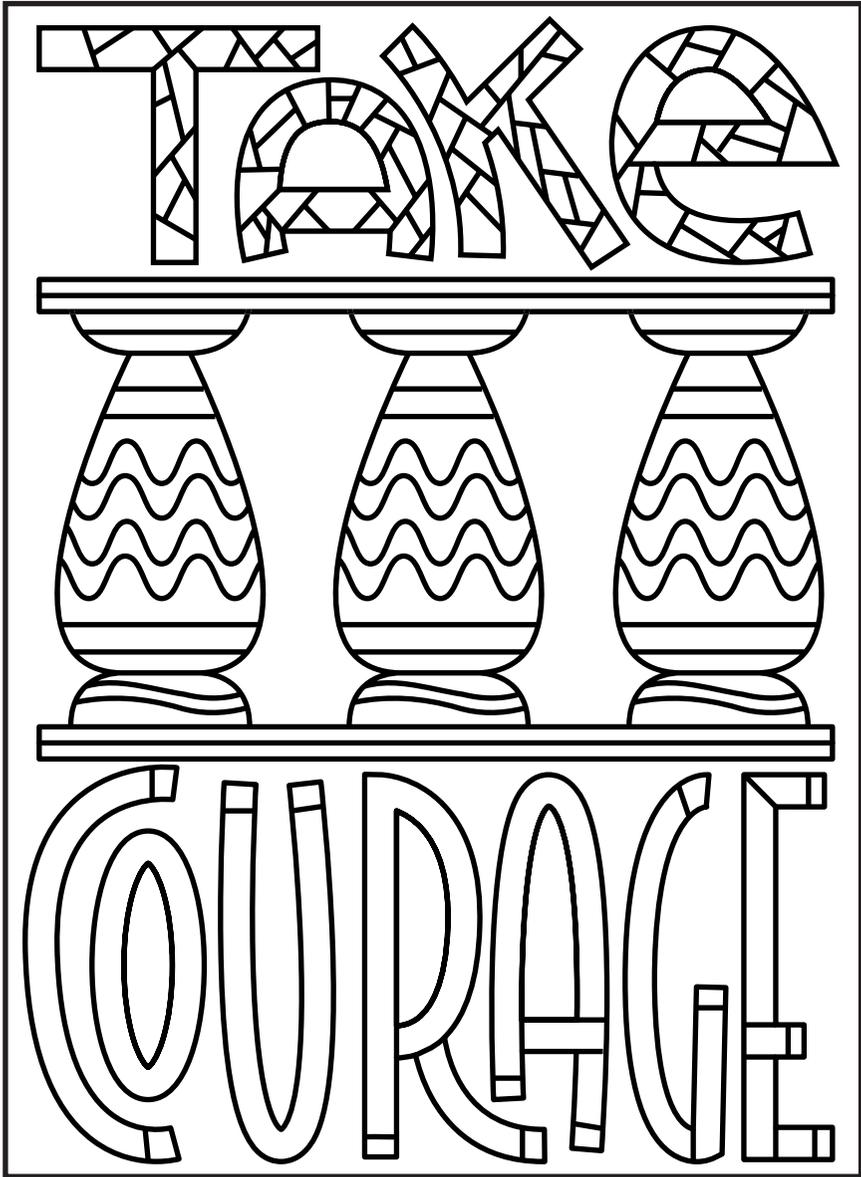
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DRAW IT

In 2 Thessalonians, we remember that God gives us “eternal comfort and good hope.” The comfort, strength, and hope we have from God last forever. Draw a picture of a time you experienced comfort when you were sad or scared.





WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Psalm 145 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

N L O T X E F F X A D Q C B S
H V K M Q F E V S W A Z M L F
T J N E D M M J V A D V Q E P
U E A L M O B X T P P Y D S J
R U M R H S E L F R J P U S I
T K E G E N E R A T I O N D E
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S C T W E T S K O I U E P N C
F Y R L Z S G O D P A X I J D
P S R J T S A V E T W R A E N

EXTOL

GOD

BLESS

NAME

FOREVER

PRAISE

GREAT

GENERATION

MIGHTY

GLORIOUS

KIND

NEAR

TRUTH

FULL

HEAR

SAVE

FLESH

SPEAK

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 - 11/10/2019

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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