

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



FEBRUARY 16, 2020
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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:

“There is no future for a people who deny their past.”

- Adam Clayton Powell Jr.

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 Epiphany, as signified by white paraments and clergy stoles, symbolizing joy in the light of Christ's birth.

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

Three Preludes

Neil Thornock

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Impromptu No. 2
Reverie (from 'Suite Sebastienne')

*Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
Thomas H. Kerr*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden zart

✚CALL TO WORSHIP

Farley Lord

One: From the city streets to the tops of mountains, from the fields of grain,
God calls us to hear the Word

**All: With each breath we welcome your gracious light so that our
faith may be steadfast in maturing**

One: From the city streets to the tops of mountains, from the fields of grain,
the rivers and the lakes, we are God's terrain to nurture.
Enter into God's presence with joy!

**All: Through our time together may we mobilize a choice for
blessings, choosing light, love and life. Let us enter into God's
presence with joy!**

✚INVOCATION

✚*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley/Nobody Knows

Traditional, arr. Lowell Everson/W. Mark Howell

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself; O, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself. O nobody knows the trouble I've seen, nobody knows my sorrow; glory hallelujah! Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down, oh, yes, Lord! Sometimes I'm almost to the ground, oh, yes, Lord! We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves; O, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.

The Riverside Inspirational Choir

Nedra Olds-Neal, director

Linda Childs, mezzo soprano

Matt King, piano

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Harper & Carolyn Bland

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.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Irwin Reese

Isaiah 51:1-6

(pg. 681 in the Old Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

†HYMN 347

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Detroit

†GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Kevin VanHook

Matthew 5:21-37

(pg 4 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Debra Northern

We've Come This Far By Faith

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Harper

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up 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.

CHORAL AMEN

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Farley Lord

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Eleanor Whitsett

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly Thine! May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee pure, warm and changless be, a living fire! While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from Thee aside. When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Saviour, then in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

✠ 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

Farley Lord

Today we celebrate the work of our Food Pantry Ministry, which opens our doors to the community Tuesday through Friday to provide food for our neighbors needing assistance.

SENDING

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

✠ RECESSIONAL HYMN 540

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Randolph

BENEDICTION

Please be seated.

Rev. Northern

POSTLUDE

Toccata

John Weaver

✠ *All who are able, please stand*

*Special thanks to our congregational leader:
Irwin Reese*

FLOWER GIFT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

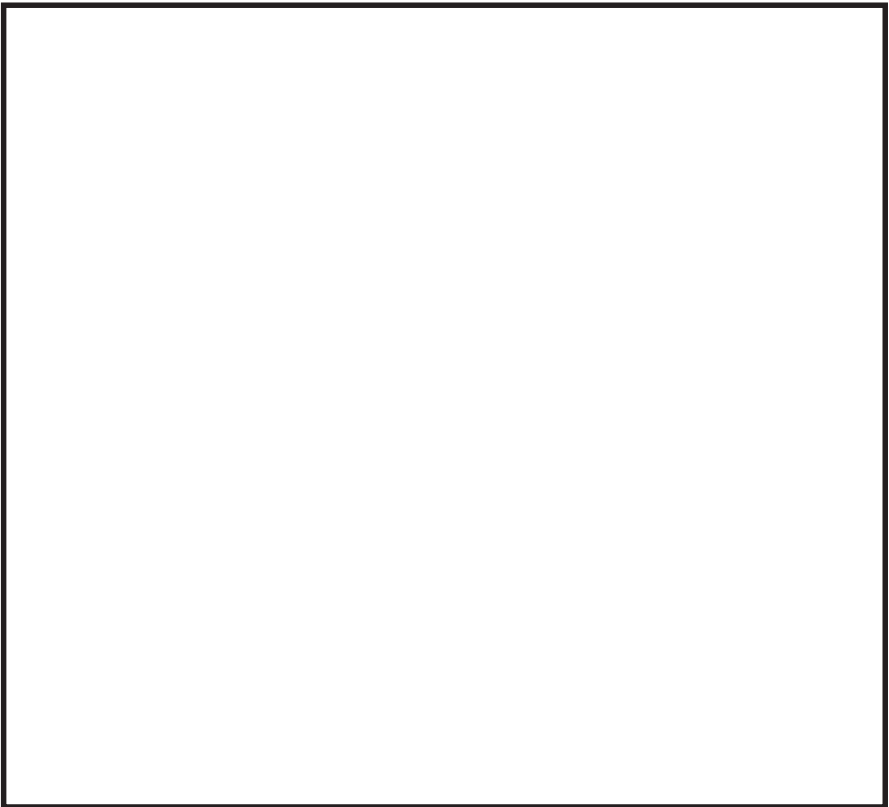
The flowers on the altar are given by the Gianas Family in loving memory of
James Gianas, Father, Son, Husband, Pappou, Hero.

*“You don’t know what love is until you’ve learned the meaning of the blues.
Until you’ve loved a love you’ve had to lose.” Billie Holiday*

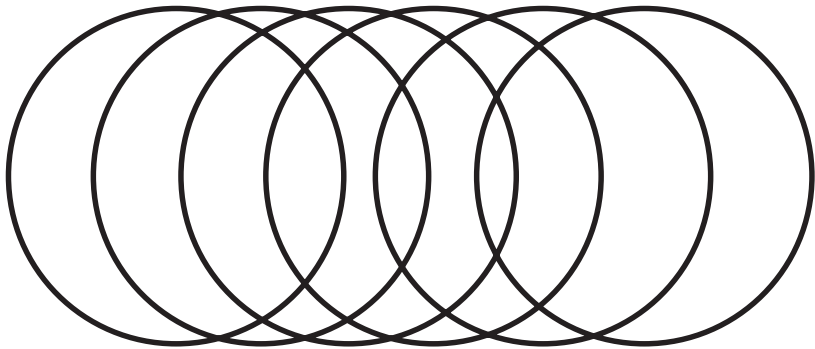


DRAW IT

In Matthew 5, Jesus talks about the power of our anger - and how staying angry at another person makes it hard for us to connect with God. Think about a time you've been angry. Draw a picture of what you could do when you are angry at someone, or someone is angry with you.



we are
GOD'S
Servants



WORKING
TOGETHER

UNSCRAMBLE IT

In Deuteronomy, God's people are given instruction on the best way to live. Unscramble the words to find out God's instruction.

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DAN BEROVSGNI GDOS

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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

RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST

Are you receiving our weekly emails? Check your junk folder, add us to your “safe sender list,” or visit trcnyc.org/Email to sign up. We want to make sure that you know all the latest news and events at The Riverside Church!

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.

WORSHIP ONLINE & ALL WEEK LONG

If you're out of town or in need of more Riverside worship throughout the week, visit trcnyc.org/DigitalDiscipleship to watch the Sunday morning Livestream, videos of the sermon and the choirs, and more. Be sure to watch The Word Made Fresh, our weekly video Bible Study, and catch up on Be Still and Go, our devotional podcast.

PARKING - 02/16/2020

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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