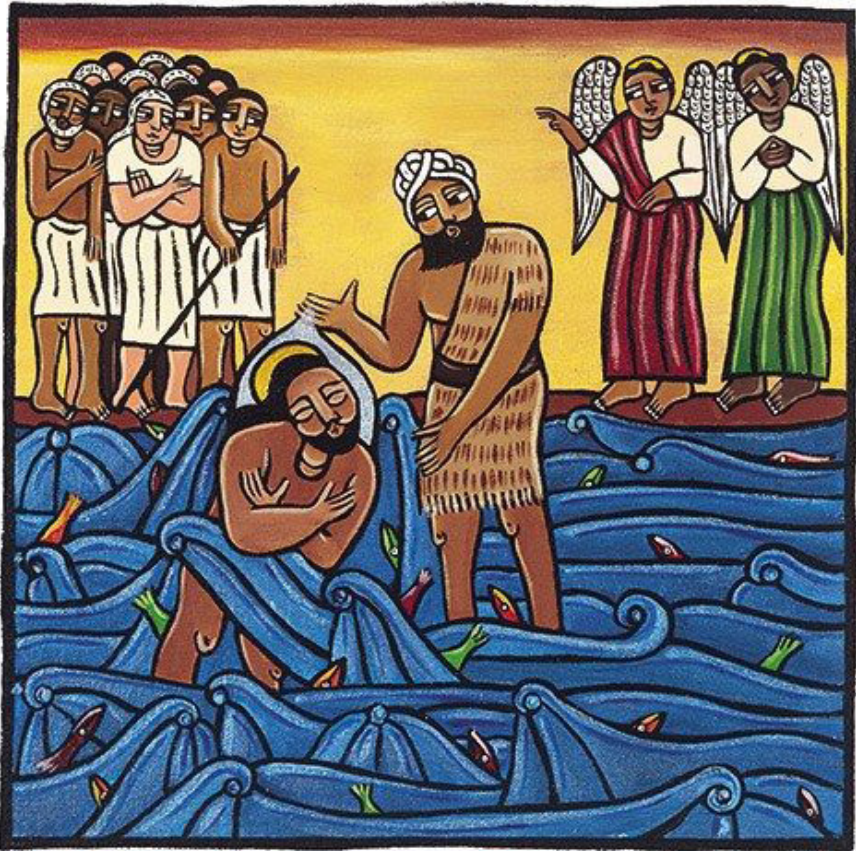


The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JANUARY 12, 2020
FIRST 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:

'You are my Beloved' revealed the most intimate truth about all human beings, whether they belong to any particular tradition or not...From the moment we claim the truth of being the Beloved, we are faced with the call to become who we are. Becoming the Beloved is the great spiritual journey we have to make."

– Henri Nouwen from *Life of the Beloved*

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.

Cover art: Jesus' Baptism by Laura James

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

Choral Prelude on How Brightly Shines the Morning Star (World Premiere)

Ludo Geleon

Wake, Awake

arr. Albert Gerken

Caithness

Don Cook

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

HANDBELLS

Prayer for the Innocents

Michael Helman

Cantabile

Emily Li

The Riverside Ringers

Daniel Potter, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Bruce Lamb

One: Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!

All: In spite of our human hindrances, may you shine from deep within us.

One: Allow us to extend our reach beyond New York City, stretching out around the world.

All: May the Lord give us strength to become an evolving beacon for love and justice. May the Lord bless us and all the Lord's people with peace.

†*All who are able, please stand*

✚ INVOCATION

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

Let the Heaven Light Shine on Me

Moses Hogan

Let the light from heaven shine on me. Let it shine on me. Let the heav'n light shine on me, for low is the way to the upper bright world. Let the heav'n light shine on me.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Lamb

Robert-Jacob Quawntay Walker

BAPTISM BY IMMERSION

Rev. Livingston

Barbara Duran
Daniel-Kayleb Nassir Young

✚ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Robert Lugo

Isaiah 42:1-9

(pg. 670 in the Old Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Minister Charlene Wingate

Acts 10:34-43

(pgs. 129 & 130 in the New Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

†HYMN 72

When Jesus Came to Jordan

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†GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Livingston

Matthew 3:13-17

(pg. 3 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Harper

Grown-Up Faith

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 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

Minister Wingate

†*All who are able, please stand*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray

Phillip Lawson

As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way, and who shall wear the starry (robe and) crown, good Lord, show me the way! O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray. O brothers, let's go down...O fathers, let's go down...O mothers, let's go down...O sinners, let's go down

Tammy Mesic, soprano

✠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 Wingate

Today we celebrate the ministry of the Theatre of the Oppressed, which uses interactive drama as an educational means of engaging and empowering participants to confront and address oppressive situations that challenge their everyday lives.

SENDING

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

✠RECESSIONAL HYMN 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

BENEDICTION

Rev. Harper

POSTLUDE

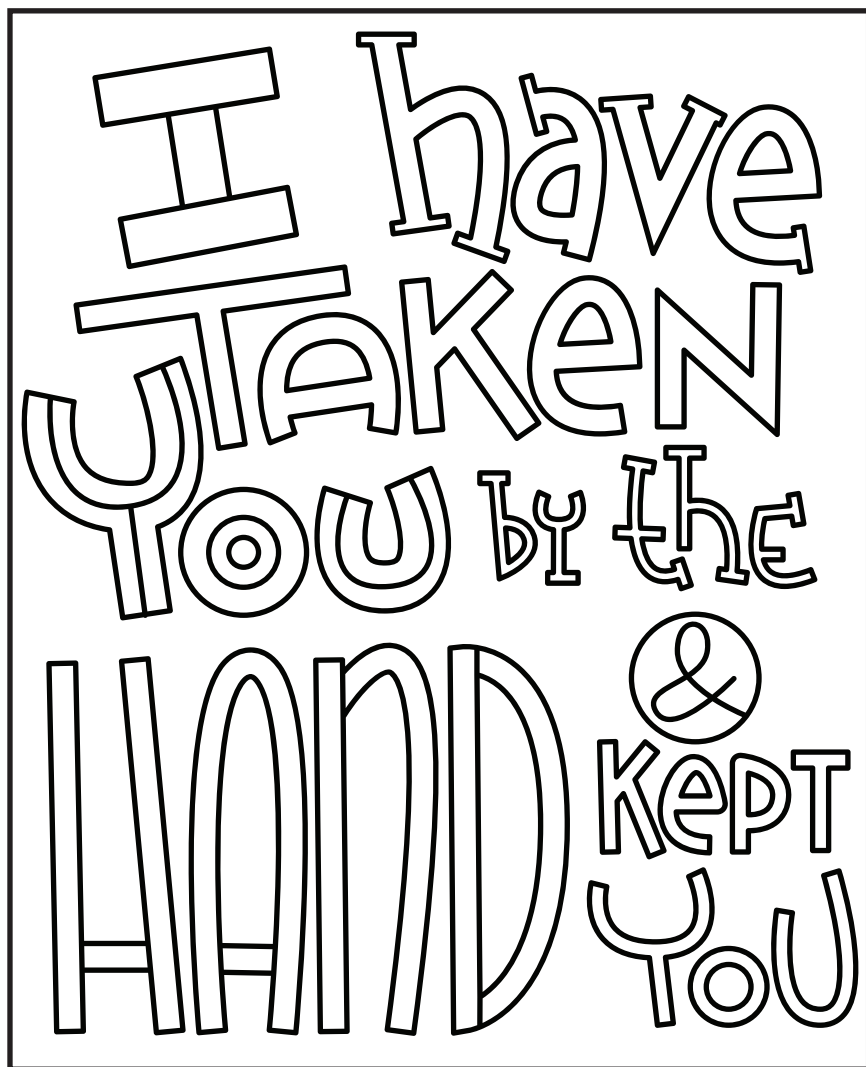
Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

Keith Chapman

*Special thanks to our congregational leader:
Robert Lugo*

✠*All who are able, please stand*

COLOR ^{IN} THE WORDS



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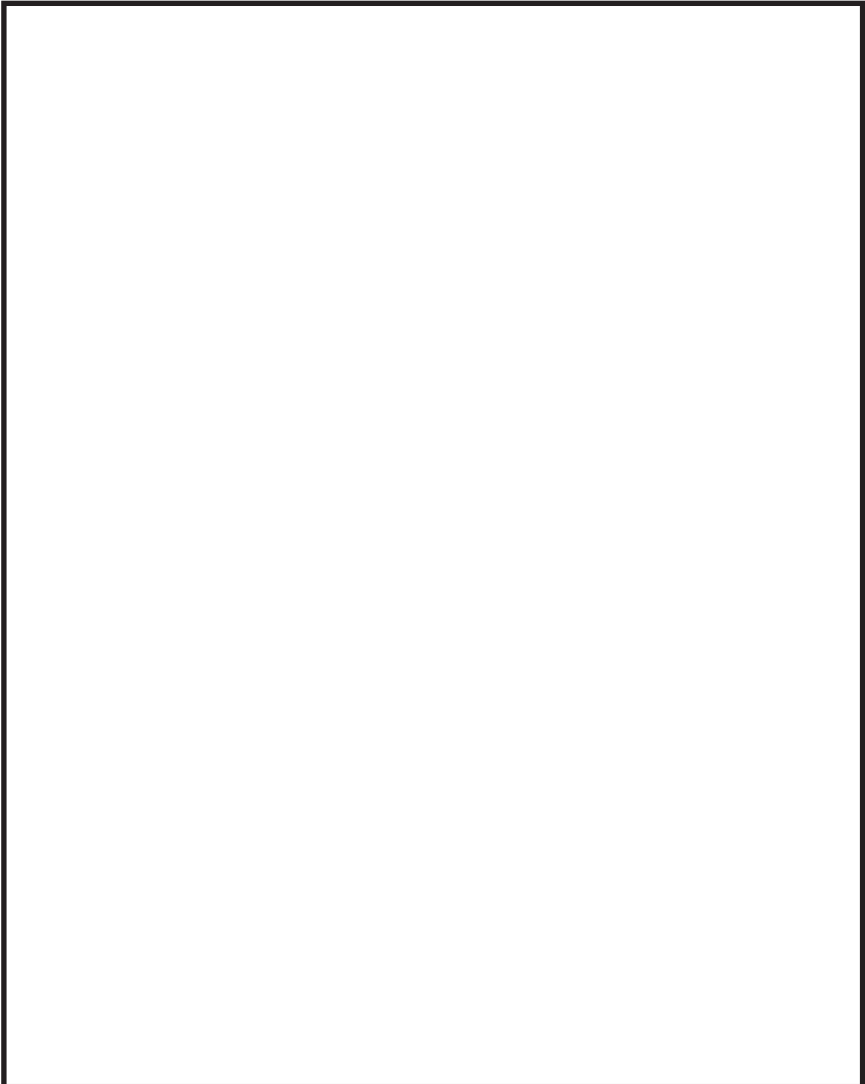
MEKORIM
MOM





DRAW IT

Matthew 3 describes Jesus being baptized by John. The Holy Spirit - looking like a dove - came down from the sky, and a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son." Draw what you imagine this amazing event looked like!



UNSCRAMBLE IT

Psalm 29 uses imagery from the earth to show the power of God's voice! Unscramble the words to learn some of what God's voice can do.

H E T C E I V O F O T E H

D O L R A K B E R S E H T

D R E C S A T E H O C E V I

F O E H T R L O D E S S K A H

E T H D S E S L I N W R

 DOODLE AREA

Draw a picture of someone you want to pray for.



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 - 01/12/2020

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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