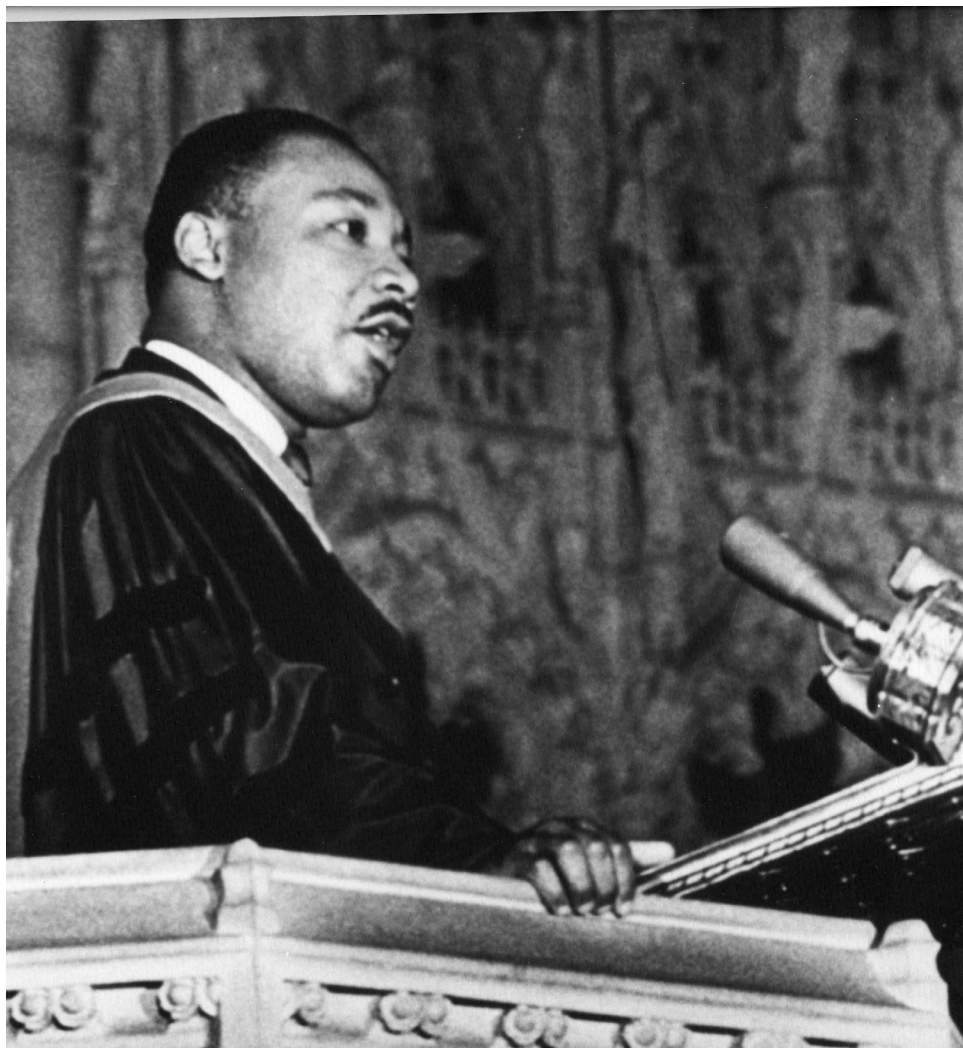


The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JANUARY 19, 2020
SECOND 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:

“We’ve got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn’t matter with me now. Because I’ve been to the mountaintop. And I don’t mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I’m not concerned about that now. I just want to do God’s will.”

- Dr. Martin Luther King, 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 Hymn Preludes

arr. John Courter

Precious Lord

There is a Balm in Gilead

Were You There

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Blessed Assurance

arr. Nancy Wertsch

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 361

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

✚CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Farley Lord

One: With a new song, we shall breathe new life. A song of praise to our God!

All: We shall not fear, just patiently see. The Light of the World shines bright in me.

One: Let this celebration of Epiphany mark the dawn of a fresh new being. Shine in us and through us, far beyond this season.

All: Happy are those who make the Lord their trust. May our Lord sing through us this new song of compassion, strength and steadfast love as we enter in to be renewed.

✚INVOCATION

✚*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Michael 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.***

✚PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

Call to Justice "Justice and Mercy" (Ode to Union)

M. Roger Holland II

Justice and mercy mean more to me than your prayers and sacrifice, says the Lord.
Oh, justice and mercy mean more to me. So love, have faith and believe in the way
of the Lord. What God has done for you, you must also do for someone else. If
you really love Me, feed My sheep. If you really love Me, take care of My lambs.
The love and care you show to the very least of My children is surely done to Me.
So no more offerings and no more prayers until you feed the hungry, clothe the
naked, take care of the oppressed. Justice and mercy mean more to mean than
your prayers and sacrifice says the Lord. So love, have faith and believe in the way
of the Lord.

The Riverside Inspirational Choir

Nedra Olds-Neal, director

Ramona Dunlap, soprano

Barry Spatz, piano

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hsien-Yu Wang

Jonah 1:11-17

(pg. 860 in the Old Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✚*All who are able, please stand*

EPISTLE LESSON

Marilyn Pam

Acts 27:21-26

(pg. 148 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 563

Lift Every Voice

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+GOSPEL LESSON

Monique Serres

Mark 4:35-40

(pg. 39 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMONIC SELECTION

Master, The Tempest is Raging

Horatio Richmond Palmer

Master, the tempest is raging! The billows are tossing high! The sky is o'ershadowed with blackness, no shelter or help is nigh. Carest thou not that we perish? How canst thou lie asleep, when each moment so madly is threatening a grave in the angry deep? The winds and the waves shall obey thy will: peace, be still! Whether the wrath of the storm-tossed sea or demons or men or whatever it be, no waters can swallow the ship where lies the master of ocean and earth and skies. They all shall sweetly obey thy will. Peace, be still! peace, be still!

Ramona Dunlap, soprano

Barry Spatz, piano

SERMON

Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes

There's Power in the Problem

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.

+*All who are able, please stand*

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

Linda Lewis

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Precious Lord

arr. Roy Ringwald

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night, through the dark, through the storm, to Thy light. I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land: Precious Lord, take my hand. Precious, Lord, take my hand, bring Thy child home at last, where the strife and the pain all are past: I have dreamed a great dream that Thy love shall rule our land: Precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand, take Thy child unto Thee, with my dream of a world that is free. For that day when all flesh joins the glory Thou hast planned, Precious Lord, take my hand.

✚ 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. Van Hook

Today we celebrate the 90th anniversary of Riverside's Business and Professional Women's Group, which encourages fellowship among business and professional women, while educating the Riverside community about issues unique to women. The B's & P's offer cultural, social, and service opportunities to promote spiritual growth and renewal for the church and community.

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

SENDING

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

+RECESSIONAL HYMN 354

Guide My Feet

Guide My Feet

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on 'We Shall Overcome'

Carl Haywood

FLOWER GIFT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The flowers in the Nave this season are dedicated by:

Sylvia Singletary and the members of the Riverside Church Business and
Professional Women's Club

In celebration of the club's 90th anniversary

Stacey Robinson and Mary Biggs

In memory of Kenitra Boone

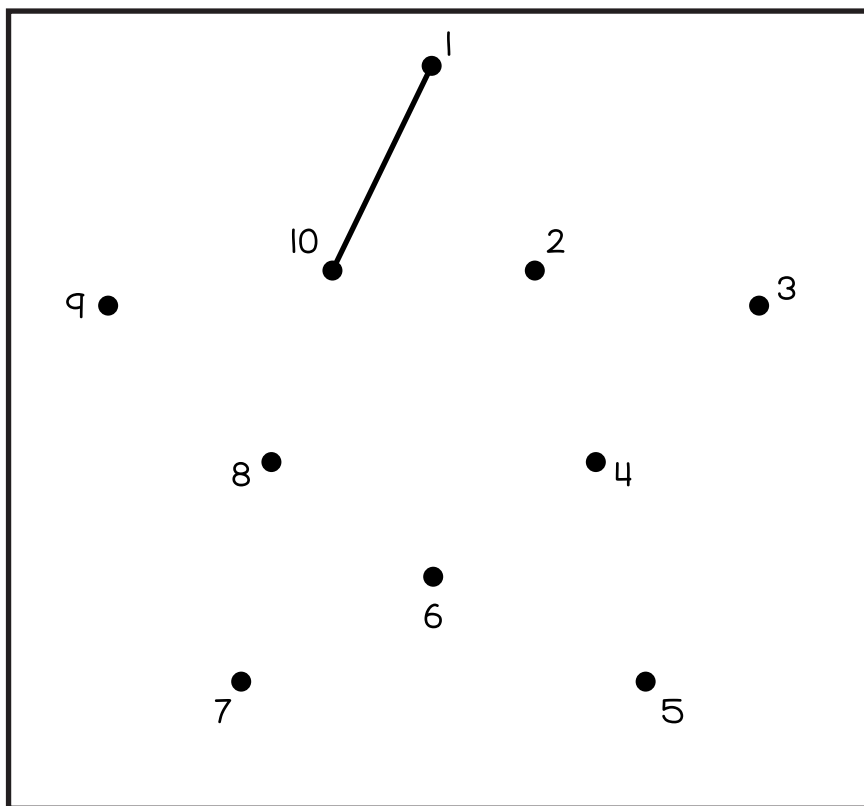
*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Linda Lewis, Marilyn Pam, & Monique Serres*

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹*Based on Psalm 40*

CONNECT^{the}DOTS

Isaiah 49 talks about being a light to the world and shining God's hope toward the world. Connect the dots to form a star. In and around the star, write or draw some ways you can be "light." For example, sharing what you have, speaking kind and truthful words, etc.



my God has
become



Strength

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 - 01/19/2020

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.



THE STORM ON THE SEA OF GALILEE

The Storm on the Sea of Galilee is a 1633 oil-on-canvas painting by the Dutch Golden Age painter Rembrandt van Rijn. It was previously in the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston but was stolen in 1990 and remains missing. The painting depicts the miracle of Jesus calming the storm on the Sea of Galilee, specifically as it is described in the fourth chapter of the Gospel of Mark. It is Rembrandt's only seascape.

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