

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JANUARY 26, 2020
THIRD 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:

“Jesus and the prophets judged the city, nation, or group of people first, then the individual. This is no longer the starting point for many people, which leaves us morally impotent. We do not reproach our towns, our own religion, or our nation, though Jesus did so regularly.”

-Richard Rohr on Matthew 11:20-24; Luke 10:10-16

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.

Fishers of men by Rex DeLoney

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

Our Father Who Art in Heaven
Variations on Our Father

Nicholas Vallet
Chris Dubois

STRING ENSEMBLE

St. Paul's Suite: Finale (The Dargason)

Gustav Holst

The Riverside Youth String Ensemble
Kristina Giles, director

ANTHEM

We Shall Overcome

Cherub Choir
Sharon Pritchard, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 442

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

✚CALL TO WORSHIP

Bruce Lamb

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

All: From the shadows we cry out to You, our refuge in times of trouble.

One: As the bright light of dawn shines on to the earth, all darkness and death shall retreat from Your presence.

All: May we follow the light that shines through Jesus Christ our Lord For all of our days to come.

✚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

The Light of God's Love with This Little Light of Mine

Mark Burrows

Look into my heart, what do you see? God's light shining in me. And I can reflect God's image, shine so bright, it will chase away the darkness night. It's a light that's brighter than a thousand stars above, the light of God's love. Deep down in your heart, you've got it too, God's light shining in you. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine.

*The Riverside Rising Voices
Matthew Hommez, director
Yuliya Basis, piano*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Allen Kratz

Isaiah 49:1-7

(pg. 679 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

✦ HYMN 377

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Pescadore de hombres

✦ GOSPEL LESSON

Bernita Dorch

Matthew 4:12-23

(pgs. 3&4 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

John's in Jail

✦ *All who are able, please stand*

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 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.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Lamb

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hold Out Your Light

Moses Hogan

Hold out your light, oh yes, you heaven-bound soldier, let your light shine around the world. Hear the children singing, O preacher can't you hold out your light. O, deacon can't you hold out your light. O leader, can't you hold out your light. Let your light shine around the world.

Karen McVoy, 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.

†*All who are able, please stand*

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Minister Charlene Wingate

Today we celebrate the work of our Latino Ministry, which brings political, cultural and spiritual issues of our Latino/a members and neighbors before our Riverside congregation.

SENDING

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

✦ RECESSIONAL HYMN 389

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Nyland

BENEDICTION

Please be seated.

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

Welcome to the newest members of our
Riverside Church family who joined January 19, 2020

Julian Wharton
Kerry Cook
Amanda Genovese

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Allen Kratz & Bernita Dorch*

✦ *All who are able, please stand*



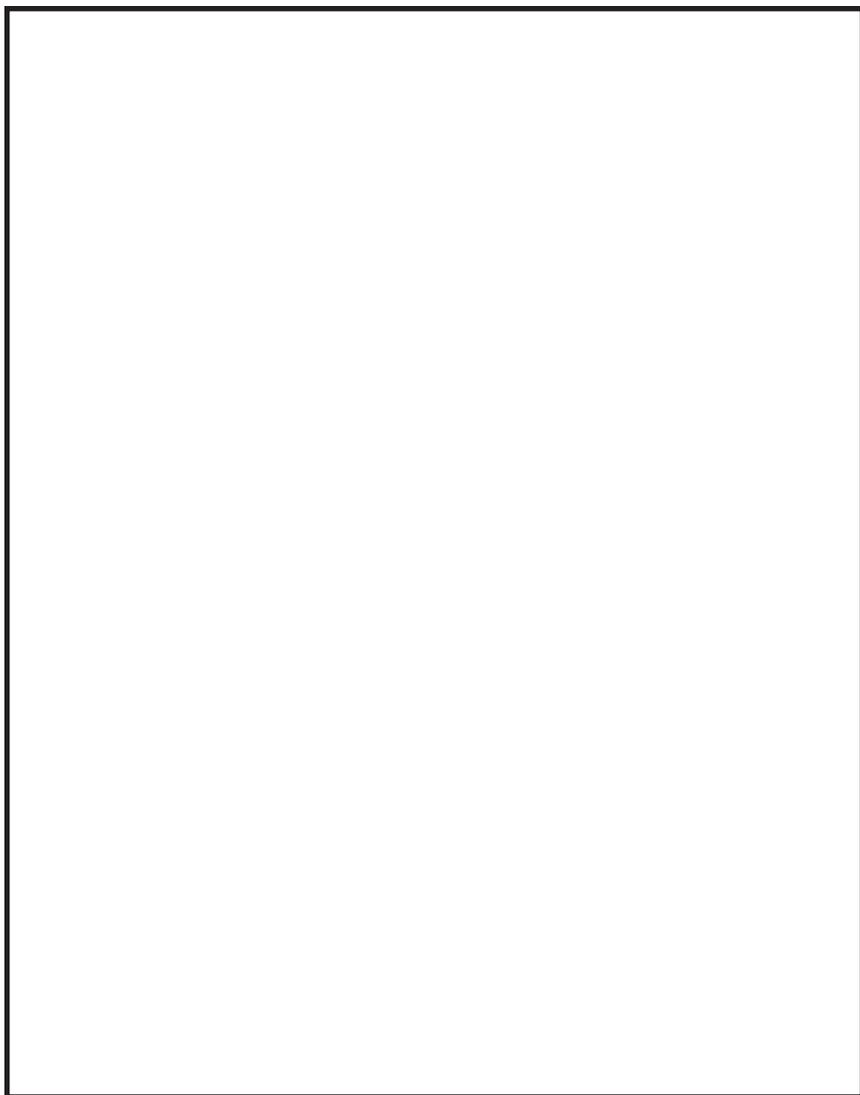
“The Lord is my light
and my salvation; whom
shall I fear?”
- Psalm 27:1

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Some of Jesus' first disciples were fishermen. They were working on their boats when Jesus found them because that's where they spent most of their time. Draw a picture of Jesus inviting these four fishermen to follow him.



Paul knows how important unity is in the church. What does he ask the Corinthian church to work toward? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see Paul's desire spelled out below.

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P a v O n t S z l o E end

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 - 01/26/2020

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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