

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



FEBRUARY 9, 2020
FIFTH 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 are in that time. This is that moment. The liturgical calendar says ordinary time. It suggests we are biding time until Lent, then comes our big moment, our moment of moments; Easter. There is nothing ordinary about this time. There is no ordinary time. Not in this world. Not in this life. All time is extraordinary. All of life is precious, every moment.”

- 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 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 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

Prelude and Fugue

Marcel Seibers

Fantasy on The Doxology and For all the Saints

John Gouwens

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

HANDBELLS

The River

arr. Anna Laura Page

Let All Things Now Living

arr. Cathy Moglebust

The Riverside Ringers

Daniel Potter, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 470

O Day of Radiant Gladness

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

†CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Hsien-Yu Wang

One: God the source and ground of being, the one from whom all blessings flow.

All: May we move beyond empty words to faith-filled actions, to be a church that embodies your love and justice in the world around us.

One: Inspire us with the preaching of your word, unite and expand us with your ever-inclusive love.

All: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the love and grace of the Lord.

†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

In The Light

Charlie Peacock

I want to be in the Light as You are in the Light. I want to shine like the stars in the heavens. Oh, Lord be my Light and be my salvation. All I want is to be in the Light. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*The Riverside Youth Choir
Joshua Elson, Director*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Samuel Coleman

Isaiah 58:1-9a

(pg. 688 in the Old Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Bruce Lamb

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, 13-16

(pg 167 in the New Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✦ HYMN 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee

✦ GOSPEL LESSON

Marie Wilson

Matthew 5:13-20

(pg 4 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✦ *All who are able, please stand*

SERMONIC SELECTION

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Henry Percy Smith

O master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way. Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way; in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O master, let me live.

Juan Jose Ibarra, baritone soloist

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

Salt, Spirit, Service

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lamb

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

Min. Charlene Wingate

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Prophet

Larry King

Thus speaks the God of Hosts to the Holy Prophets: Shout! Shout aloud! Shout as loud as you can! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Tell my people about their sins: Your faithful city now is shameless; Compassion and justice once lodged there but now murderers, hypocrites and thieves; You do not defend the fatherless, and the plight of the poor does not interest you. When you spread forth your hands I will hide my eyes from you; though you make many prayers I will not listen; you are keeping no fast that will carry your cry to heaven. I hate, I despise your feasts; and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melodies of your harps, I will not listen. For this is the fast that I ask of you: To loose the chains of oppression, to undo the yoke of injustice, to share your bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor; to give clothes to those who have nothing to wear, and to honor your kinsfolk. Put an end to the perversion of justice and the pointing of accusing fingers. Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever rolling stream. Then shall your light break forth, break forth like the dawn! Your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call and the Lord will answer; You shall cry, and God will say: Here am I, Here am I, Here am I. Here am I!

✦ 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 work of our Shower Ministry, which provides a safe, private, and sanitary space for those in need of a warm shower and laundry service. This is a ministry that has become a sanctuary and a place of respite for 50-60 unsheltered people each week.

SENDING

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

✦ RECESSIONAL HYMN 462

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Ratisbon

✦ *All who are able, please stand*

BENEDICTION

Please be seated.

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Fanfares (from Suite No. 1)

Calvin Hampton

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Marie Wilson & Samuel Coleman*

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹*Adapted from Congregational Prayers and Psalm 112:6-7*

WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Isaiah 58 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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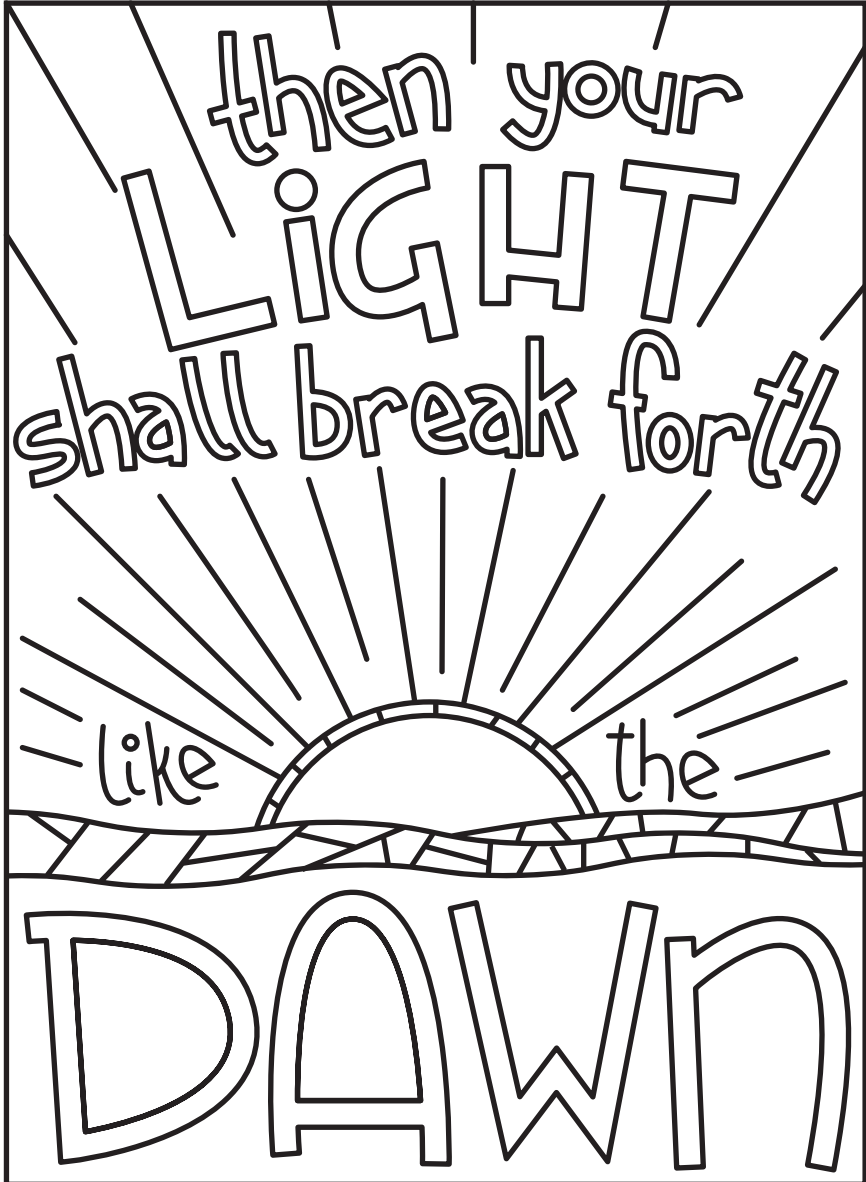
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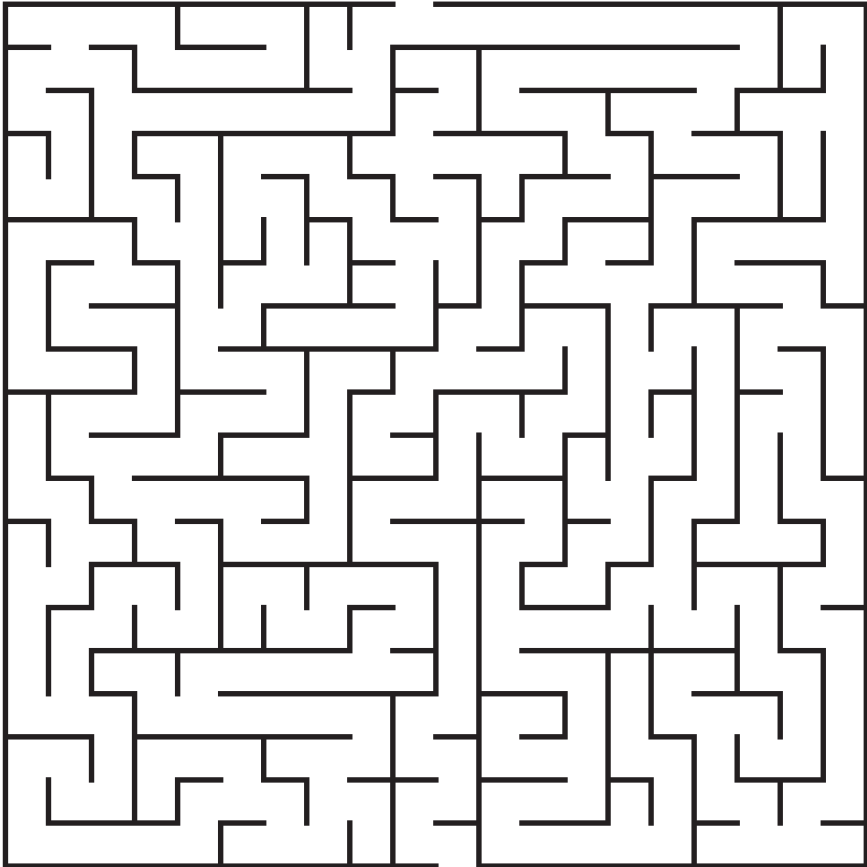
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Isaiah 58: 1-9a (9b-12), 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 (13-16), Matthew 5: 13-20.



SOLVE (the) MAZE

In 1 Corinthians, Paul talks about his visit to the church in Corinth. Help Paul find his way through the maze to reach the church.



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 - 02/09/2020

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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