

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



MAY 3, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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:

“The table is home. Your table is home, now, and we gather again this first Sunday to remember, to share, to be together where we are, as we can, not as a substitute for the real thing, not in a holding pattern until we can be restored to our rightful place of worship. We gather in sacred circles of one or three, two or four, six or more—whatever your number, and together we are the body of Christ, whole and complete. Holy Spirit among us. Wonder and mystery abounding.”

-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 Eastertide, a period of 50 days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ until Pentecost. The liturgical color of Eastertide is white, which symbolizes the hope of the resurrection, as well as the purity and newness that comes from victory over sin and death, as signified by the paraments and clergy stoles.



GATHERING

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

CARILLON

In Babilone

arr. Betty Buchanan

Charles, Semowich, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Arioso (BWV 156)

J. S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox¹

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: O Lord because you are our shepherd, we shall not want.

All: You lie with us in the green pastures. You restore our souls.

One: When we walk through the darkest valley, it is You who lights our way.

All: Your rod and Your staff bring us comfort. We shall not live in fear!

One: As God's people let us gather in spirit, from our homes to God's house.

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives.

OPENING HYMN 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
We would gladly trust God's word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord.

INVOCATION

Minister Charlene Wingate

LISTENING

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Rev. Bruce Lamb & 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.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister Wingate

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Michael Chase

Acts 2:42-47

(pages 120 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Geraldine Howard

John 10:1-10

(page 103 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

Broken : The Table is Home

RESPONDING

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Carolyn Bland

OFFERTORY SOLO

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Charles Gounod

The king of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; good shepherd, may I sing thy praise for ever and ever!

Christopher Judd, baritone

THE DOXOLOGY

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 Membership Ministry, which is dedicated to accompanying our church members and prospective members on their spiritual journeys.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Howard

Following our petition, please join in the following response

One: God, our healer and help in times of trouble,

All: hear our prayer.

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.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul-er Al-might - y;
 heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Glo-ry be to you, O God.
 Bless-ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

CALL TO SUPPER

One: The body of Christ, broken for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the bread of life!

One: The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!

CLOSING HYMN 387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

André Campra, arr. Virgil Fox

Welcome to the newest members of our
Riverside Church family who joined April 26, 2020

Dyana Jean Glasgow
David King
Beret Loncar
Chris Loncar
Robert Williams

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹*Organist of the Riverside Church 1946-1965. Born May 3, 1912.*

²*Inspired by Psalm 23*

Special thanks to our congregational leader: Rev. Geraldine Howard, Michael Chase, Carolyn Bland, & Hillary Puckett

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**](http://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 visit [**trcnyc.org/Events**](http://trcnyc.org/Events) for more information and to download a copy.

WORSHIP ONLINE & ALL WEEK LONG

If you need more Riverside worship throughout the week, visit [**trcnyc.org/DigitalDiscipleship**](http://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.

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