

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JUNE 28, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PRIDE SUNDAY

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 cannot bring long-term equality and systemic change to people if we do not believe that all people deserve to thrive.”

-Bishop Yvette Flunder

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the green paraments and clergy stoles that represent new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

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GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

arr. Betty Buchanan

Charles, Semowich, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Cantilene, from Sonata No. 11

Josef Rheinberger

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome! Welcome one and welcome all!

All: Every being of our rich variety, you are welcomed by God!

One: God calls the peace-filled spirits, and the hopeful, filled with joy.

All: God calls the marginalized many and the vulnerable who walk alone.

One: In this place, God's love is unconditional.

All: Let us worship, welcoming God into our hearts together.

OPENING HYMN 281

All Are Welcome¹

Two Oaks

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.

INVOCATION

Minister Charlene Wingate

LISTENING

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Derek Schwabe

Leviticus 25: 1-4, 8-10

(pages 112 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Bishop Yvette Flunder

Divine Re-Set

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Bruce Lamb

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

RESPONDING

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

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minster Wingate

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Lisa Cooke

OFFERTORY SOLO

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Harry Huff

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my day; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my king. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Lisa Daehlin, soprano

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

Rev. Livingston

Today we celebrate the ministry of Maranatha, which for over forty years has worked to provide a safe and welcoming haven where lesbian, bisexual, transgender, gay, and queer people can be their whole selves, find healing community, and share their God-given gifts in faith and love.

CLOSING HYMN

In the Midst²

New Dimensions

**In the midst of new dimensions,
in the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?**

Refrain:

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and ever,
now and ever, now and ever more.**

**Through the flood of starving people,
warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care? (Refrain)**

**As we stand a world divided
by our own self seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village
might envision wider dreams. (Refrain)
Should the threats of dire predictions
cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit,
resurrect the church again. (Refrain)**

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Promenade, from “Jubilee Suite”

Gordon Young

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Derek Schwabe & Lisa Cooke

Liturgical Resources for Today:

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Rev. Dr. Yvette Flunder, a San Francisco native, has served her call through prophetic action and ministry for justice for over thirty years. This call to “blend proclamation, worship, service and advocacy on behalf of those most marginalized in church and in society” led to the founding of the City of Refuge United Church of Christ in 1991.

In 2003, Rev. Dr. Flunder was consecrated Presiding Bishop of The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, a multi-denominational coalition of over 100 primarily African American Christian leaders and laity.. Rev. Dr. Flunder is on the Board of Starr King School for the Ministry and DEMOS and has taught at many theological schools. She is a graduate of the Certificate of Ministry and Master of Arts programs at PSR, and received her Doctor of Ministry from San Francisco Theological Seminary. She is also an award winning gospel music artist and author of *Where the Edge Gathers: A Theology of Homiletic and Radical Inclusion*.

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

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LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

For announcements of programs and events at The Riverside Church, please visit **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** 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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