

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 living in times marked by gaping inequities, systemic racism, a lethal virus, mass death, coercive power, and narcissistic “leadership”--as well as by a spirit of protest, resistance, and transformation. In just such a time as this, let us turn to the women in our scriptures for guidance and instruction.”

-Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

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

Be Still, My Soul (Finlandia)

arr. Don Cook

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Rhapsody in D-flat (Op. 17, No. 1)

Herbert Howells

Christopher Johnson, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister Charlene Wingate

One: God invites us to share in all that is good.

All: Everything that God has created is good.

One: Our community, the earth, the sea and air are all a gift of God's creation.

All: We extend our love to all gifts that come from God.

One: Let us open our eyes to see God's gift of diversity.

All: We praise God with joy for all that God has created.

Let us worship together in love and peace!

OPENING HYMN 297

O Lord of Every Shining Constellation

Vicar

O Lord of every shining constellation

That wheels in splendor through the midnight sky,

Grant us Your Spirit's true illumination

To read the secrets of Your work on high.

You, Lord, have made the atom's hidden forces,

Your laws its mighty energies fulfill;

Teach us, to whom You give such rich resources,

In all we use, to serve Your holy will.

You, Lord, have stamped Your image on Your creatures,

And though they mar that image, love them still;

Lift up our eyes to Christ, that in His features

We may discern the beauty of Your will.

INVOCATION

Minister Wingate

LISTENING

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

SOLO

The Cloths of Heaven

Music: Thomas Dunhill

Text: W. B. Yeats

Had I the heavens' embroidered cloths
Enwrought with golden and silver light
The blue and the dim and the dark cloths
Of night and light and the half-light

I would spread the cloths under your feet:

But I, being poor, have only my dreams;
I have spread my dreams under your feet;
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams

Meghann Vaughn, mezzo-soprano

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Denise Menard Davis

Genesis 1:26-31

(pages 1 & 2 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

Eve

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Kevin VanHook

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

Rev. VanHook

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Hillary Puckett

OFFERTORY SOLO

Ride On, King Jesus

John Carter

Ride on, King Jesus, no man can a-hinder me. He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords. Jesus Christ, first and last, no man works like Him. King Jesus rides a milk white horse, no man works like Him. The river of Jordan He did cross, no man works like Him. (from Cantata)

Liz Lang, 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

Minister Wingate

Today we celebrate the work of our Food Pantry Ministry, which opens our doors to the community to provide food for our neighbors needing assistance.

CLOSING HYMN 475

O That I Had a Thousand Voices

O dass ich tausend Zungen hätte

O that I had a thousand voices to praise my God with thousand tongues!

My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, would then proclaim in grateful songs

To all, wherever I might be, what great things God has done for me.

O all ye pow'rs that God implanted, arise, and silence keep no more;

Put forth the strength that God has granted, your noblest work is to adore!

O soul and body, join to raise with heartfelt joy our Maker's praise!

You forest leaves so green and tender that dance for joy in summer air,

You meadow grasses, bright and slender, you flowers so fragrant and fair,

You live to show God's praise alone. Join me to make God's glory known

All creatures that have breath and motion, that throng the earth, the sea, the sky,

Come share with me my heart's devotion, help me to sing God's praises high.

My utmost pow'rs can never quite declare the wonders of God's might.

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Denise Menard Davis & 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

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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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