

RIVERSIDE CHURCH



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7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 22, 2020

Lent

10:00 AM

Gates of Prayer

Please practice silence and contemplative prayer, as we prepare our hearts to come before the LORD. Silence is the mother of speech. ~Brother Thomas Merton

[If you are unsure what to pray, pray this: Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the world, enlighten me.]

Gates of Praise

Psalm 23

*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Gate of Peace

*Invocation for Peace

*The Peace of Christ

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!*

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.*



Gates of Offering and Thanksgiving

Scripture Lesson 1

John 9:1-41

Chosen by Deacon Lillie S. Ransom

1. As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.
2. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
3. Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.
4. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

5. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
6. When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes,
7. saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.
8. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"
9. Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man."
10. But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"
11. He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."
12. They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."
13. They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.
14. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.
15. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."
16. Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided.
17. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."
18. The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight
19. and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"
20. His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;
21. but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself."
22. His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.
23. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."
24. So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner."
25. He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."
26. They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"
27. He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"
28. Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.
29. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."
30. The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.

31. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.
32. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.
33. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."
34. They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.
35. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
36. He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him."
37. Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."
38. He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.
39. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind."
40. Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?"
41. Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

Gates of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.*

The Gate of Proclamation

Scripture Lesson 2

1 Samuel 16:1-13

1. The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."
2. Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'
3. Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."
4. Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?"
5. He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.
6. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD."
7. But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks

on the heart."

8. Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

9. Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

10. Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these."

11. Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here."

12. He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one."

13. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Sermon

Who Sinned?

Rev. Nicolas Mumejian

Gate of Consecration

*Benediction

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Welcome to Riverside Baptist Church, where our one law is love of God and neighbor. Justice and peace matter to us. So we celebrate racial diversity, gender equality, and inclusion of all persons no matter their sexual orientation. We draw the circle of God's love large here. You're included. Christ is the center here. No one more and nothing less.

While the building is closed, we gather online to worship. We will keep you updated through the newsletter and the website on the status of the building.

Visitors— please use this QR code to let us know that you were online with us today.



The Servanthood meeting scheduled for next Sunday, March 29th, will be rescheduled once the building reopens.

Sunday, May 3rd - Save the date for the next Riverside Readers meeting after worship for about one hour of snacks and discussion. Email Cedric Lawson for more information: cedriclawson@gmail.com

Pray For: We offer our deepest Christian condolences to Nicole Warren and Sarah McCormack in the death of Nicole's father Philip Warren; Anthony Maimer's sister, Davi Stuhlsatz; Denise Bennett's sister, Dyanne Smith; Tanya Bethel's mother, Ruby McCrary; Eleanor Troutman; Pamela Maimer's sister, Monica Thomas; Allen Dobbins Sr., and his wife Nell, Courtney and Allen Jr; Bob Nelson; Laurel Eierman's mother, Marcia Tringali; Tanya Bethel; Annie Abbott; Gale Miller's mother, Marian Miller; Karl Maxwell; Edith Booker; Pamela Maimer's mother, Clara Jefferson; Louise Pitts; Emma Wright's sister Sallie Williams; Lillie Ransom's sister Teriea and her husband, Jerry; Sheba Greene's daughter Donna; Dr. Bledsoe's mother, Peggy Bledsoe

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