

# RIVERSIDE CHURCH



*Christ and Thomas  
Resurrection Mosaic, Washington National Cathedral*

**CHRIST-CENTERED  
MULTI-CULTURAL, ECUMENICAL, INCLUSIVE**

*7<sup>th</sup> Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC*

# RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 19, 2020

10:00 AM

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### 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.]

### Call to Worship

#### Psalm 16

*Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."  
As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.  
Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.  
The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.  
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.  
I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.  
I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.  
Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.  
For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.  
You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

#### Welcome and Announcements

### The Gate of Peace

#### \*Invocation for Peace

#### \*The Peace of Christ

*Praise God from who all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

### Gates of Offering and Thanksgiving

#### Scripture Lesson 1

1 Peter 1:3-9

3. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4. and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,
5. who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
6. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,
7. so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.
8. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,
9. for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## 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

**John 20:19-31**

**Selected by Deacon Lillie S. Ransom**

19. When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
20. After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
21. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
22. When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
23. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."
24. But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
25. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."
26. A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
27. Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

28. Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

29. Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30. Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

31. But these are written so that you may come to believe.

Sermon

Believe and See

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.

**With the continued recommendation from the CDC and local authorities Riverside's building will remain closed until further notice. Please do not hesitate to contact our staff should you need anything.**

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.

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Riverside Readers** meet, virtually, to discuss the poetry of Audre Lorde. Please read "A Litany for Survival," and feel free to bring along any other poems by Audre Lorde that you would like to share and discuss. And since we can't share snacks in person, bring your snacks too!

Email Cedric Lawson at [cedriclawson@gmail.com](mailto:cedriclawson@gmail.com) for more information. Cedric will provide information ahead of the meeting on how to access the virtual meeting.

**Visitors**— please go [here](#) to let us know that you were online with us today.

**Pray For:** Brenda Rozier Clark; 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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