

RIVERSIDE CHURCH



*Beacon of Hope
Andy Scott, Belfast*

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

7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 24, 2020

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.]

Call to Worship

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

*Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.
As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.
But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.
Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds--his name is the LORD-- be exultant before him.
Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.
God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.
O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, Selah
the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;
your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.
Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, Selah
O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.
Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.
Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!*

Welcome and Announcements

The Gate of Peace

*Invocation for Peace

Music

*The Peace of Christ

*May God grant us courage to change the things need changing,
the peace to accept the things we cannot change,
and wisdom to know the difference.*

Gates of Offering and Thanksgiving

Scripture Lesson 1

Acts 1:1-11

Selected and read by Deacon Lillie Ransom

1. In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning
2. until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.
3. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.
4. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me;
5. for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
6. So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"
7. He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.
8. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
9. When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.
10. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.
11. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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 Peter 3:13-22

13. Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?
14. But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,
15. but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;

16. yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.
17. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.
18. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,
19. in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,
20. who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.
21. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
22. who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Sermon

Hope's Fall

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 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.

Every Sunday at 11 AM we gather online via Zoom to fellowship and pray. Information is available on the website at <https://riversidedc.org/online-community-services/> Please join us!

Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, May 27th, at 6:00 P.M. with the book of James, led by Rev. Nick via Zoom. Please read chapter 1 of James. Information is available on the website at <https://riversidedc.org/online-community-services/>

Our thanks to Tonetta Landis-Aina for her beautiful sermon last week.

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

Pray For: Our prayers and our deepest Christian sympathy go to Rev. Mumejian and his family in the passing of his brother; our deepest Christian sympathy goes to the family and friends of Louise Pitts on her passing; Annie Abbott; 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; Gale Miller's mother, Marian Miller; Karl Maxwell; Edith Booker; Pamela Maimer's mother, Clara Jefferson; 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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