

RIVERSIDE CHURCH



Abraham Deport Hagar and Ishmael
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**CHRIST-CENTERED
MULTI-CULTURAL, ECUMENICAL, INCLUSIVE**

7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 21, 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 69:7-18

*It is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that shame has covered my face.
I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.
It is zeal for your house that has consumed me; the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.
When I humbled my soul with fasting, they insulted me for doing so.
When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.
I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.
But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.
With your faithful help rescue me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.
Do not let the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the Pit close its mouth over me.
Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.
Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress--make haste to answer me.
Draw near to me, redeem me, set me free because of my enemies.*

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

Romans 6: 1-11

Selected and read by Deacon Ida Williams Lacewell

1. What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?
2. By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

3. Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
4. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.
5. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.
6. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin.
7. Because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.
8. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.
9. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.
10. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.
11. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Genesis 21:8-21

8. The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.
9. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac.
10. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac."
11. The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son.
12. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you.
13. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."

14. So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

15. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes.

16. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept.

17. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is.

18. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him."

19. Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

20. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow.

21. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt

Sermon

Father Abraham?

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 continues on Wednesday, June 24th, at 6:00 P.M. with the book of James, led by Rev. Nick via Zoom. Information is available on the website at <https://riversidedc.org/online-community-services/>

This Friday June 26, 6:00 PM.: RiSet presents an open forum on antiracism, faith, and creative justice via Zoom. Information is available on the website at <https://riversidedc.org/online-community-services/>

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

Pray For: We offer our deepest Christian sympathy and prayers to Derek Ford and his sister, Misha Reed, in the loss of Misha's daughter Zymia Joyner; We offer our deepest Christian sympathy and prayers to Nell, Allen Jr., and Courtney Dobbins in the passing of Allen Dobbins Sr.; 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 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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