

RIVERSIDE CHURCH



The Sower
Jesus M.A.F.A. Project

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

7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 12, 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 65:1-8

*Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,
O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.
When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.
Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.
By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.
You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.
Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.*

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

Psalm 119:105-112

Selected and read by Deacon Jonathan J. Holley

105. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

106. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

107. I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

108. Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.

109. I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

110. The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

111. Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

112. I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

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

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

1. That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.
2. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.
3. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow.
4. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.
5. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.
6. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.
7. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.
8. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.
9. Let anyone with ears listen!"
18. "Hear then the parable of the sower.
19. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.
20. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;
21. yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account

of the word, that person immediately falls away.

22. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

23. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Sermon

Sowing Seeds

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 recommendations from the CDC and local authorities Riverside's building will remain closed until further notice. We are working on a plan to reopen the building and resume in person worship services as soon as it is safe. 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!

This Sunday, July 12th, we will again celebrate virtual communion at the beginning of the 11 AM prayer meeting. Please bring wine/juice and bread or cracker to your table to join in.

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

Pray For: Derek Ford and his sister, Misha Reed; 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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