

RIVERSIDE CHURCH



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

7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 26, 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 119:129-135

*Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.
The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.
With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name.
Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.
Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.
Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.*

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 8:26-39

26. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

27. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

28. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

29. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

30. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

32. He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

33. Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

34. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

35. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36. As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

37. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

38. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39. nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13:31-33, 44-52

Selected and read by Deacon Vincent Haskell

31. He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;

32. it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

33. He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

44. "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;
46. on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.
47. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;
48. when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.
49. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous
50. and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
51. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes."
52. And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Sermon

Thy Kingdom Come

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!

Next Sunday, August 2nd, we will again celebrate virtual communion at the beginning of the 11 AM prayer meeting. Please bring wine/juice and bread or a cracker to your table to join in.

Next Sunday, August 2nd - Riverside Readers meet, virtually, at noon to discuss the poetry of Mary Oliver. Mary Jane Oliver (1935 – 2019), was described by The New York Times as "far and away, this country's best-selling poet." She would retreat from a difficult home to the nearby woods, where she would build huts of sticks and grass and write poems. Oliver lived in Provincetown, Massachusetts, and Hobe Sound, Florida, until her death in early 2019 at the age of 83. Please read "Morning Poem," and feel free to bring along any other poems by Mary Oliver 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 readers@riversidedc.org 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: Our Christian sympathy to Freda White's extended family in the passing of her cousin, Bonita Tillman; our Christian sympathy to Annie Abbot in the passing of her cousin, Constance Jones; 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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