

RIVERSIDE CHURCH



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

7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 9, 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 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread,

he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron;

until what he had said came to pass, the word of the Lord kept testing him.

The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.

He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions, to instruct his officials at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom.

Praise the Lord!

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 85:8-13

Selected and Read by Deacon Jonathan J. Holley

8 .Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

9 .Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

10. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

11. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.
12. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
13. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

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 14:22-33

22. Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.
23. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,
24. but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.
25. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.
26. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.
27. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."
28. Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."
29. He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.
30. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"
31. Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"
32. When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
33. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Sermon

What is Faith?

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.

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

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!

Today, Sunday, August 9th, we will celebrate virtual communion at the end of the 11 AM prayer meeting. Please bring wine/juice and bread or a cracker to your table to join in.

Friday August 28th at 7 PM, Riverside Social Events Team (RiSET) invites you to join in a series of virtual conversations, Safe Space Chat. Themes for the series include: Justice, Antiracism, and Living Together. This month we will have a guest speaker, the Rev. Starlette Thomas, who will share reflections on the life of Congressman John R. Lewis. Please e-mail [Jonathan](#) to RSVP for this fantastic discussion!

Pray For: Derek Ford and his sister, Misha Reed; Annie Abbott; Brenda Rozier Clark and the family of Rev. Paul 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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