

# RIVERSIDE CHURCH



*Persistence*

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

*7<sup>th</sup> Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC*

# RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 16, 2020

10:00 AM

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### 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

#### Isaiah 56:1,4-8

*Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.  
For thus says the Lord: To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant,  
I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters;  
I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.  
And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,  
and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—  
these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.  
Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, will gather others to them besides those already gathered.*

### 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 67

Selected and Read by Deacon Ida Williams Lacewell

1. May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
2. that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
4. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

5. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
6. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
7. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

## **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 15:10-28**

10. Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:
11. it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."
12. Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?"
13. He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.
14. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit."
15. But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us."
16. Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding?
17. Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?
18. But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.
19. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander.
20. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."
21. Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.
22. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."

23. But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."

24. He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

25. But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

26. He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

27. She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

28. Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

**Sermon**

**Nevertheless, She Persisted**

**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!

**Friday August 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Jonathan) to RSVP for this fantastic discussion!

**Friday August 28<sup>th</sup>** - Those who would like to participate and walk with other Riverside members in the "Commitment March: Get Your Knee Off Our Necks" taking place on August 28<sup>th</sup> can meet Rev. Nick beginning at 10AM outside the church. Please email Rev. Nick at [Pastor@riversidedc.org](mailto:Pastor@riversidedc.org) by Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup> to let him know if you will join him in walking down. More information regarding the march can be found here - <https://nationalactionnetwork.net/commitment-march-get-your-knee-off-our-necks/>

**Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**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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