

RIVERSIDE CHURCH



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

7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 23, 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 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

*I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.*

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

*Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.*

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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

Matthew 16:13-20

13. Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

14. And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

15. He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16. Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

17. And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

18. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

19. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

20. Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Romans 12:1-8

Selected and Read by Deacon Vincent Haskell

1. I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

2. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

4. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,

5. so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

6. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;

7. ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;

8. the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Sermon

Living Sacrifices and Renewed Minds

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!

This 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!

This Friday August 28th - 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 28th can meet Rev. Nick beginning at 10AM outside the church. Please email Rev. Nick at Pastor@riversidedc.org by Thursday August 27th 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 9th.

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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