

RIVERSIDE CHURCH



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

7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 13, 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 103: 1-13

*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits--
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.*

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 14:1-12

Selected and Read by Deacon Ida Williams Lacewell

1. Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions.
2. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.

3. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.
4. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.
5. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.
6. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.
7. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.
8. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.
9. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
10. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.
11. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."
12. So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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 18:21-35

21. Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"
22. Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.
23. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

24. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;
25. and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.
26. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'
27. And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.
28. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.'
29. Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'
30. But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.
31. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.
32. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.
33. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'
34. And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.
35. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Sermon

Calculating Infinity

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/>. Today we will celebrate virtual communion at the end of the prayer meeting. Bring some bread or a cracker and some wine or juice to your table. Please join us!

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM we gather online via Zoom for Bible study. We are studying the book of Luke. For information and to join the zoom session, please go to <https://riversidedc.org/online-community-services/>

Pray For: We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to Danielle Ford and Laurel Eierman in the loss of Danielle's father, John Ford; 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 and mother, Clara Jefferson; Bob Nelson; Laurel Eierman's mother, Marcia Tringali; Tanya Bethel; Gale Miller's mother, Marian Miller; Karl Maxwell; Edith Booker;; 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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