

RIVERSIDE CHURCH



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MULTI-CULTURAL, ECUMENICAL, INCLUSIVE**

7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 24, 2021

10:00 AM

Call to Worship

Psalm 71:1-6

*In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.
Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.*

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Music

The Peace of Christ

*May God grant us courage to change the things that need changing,
the peace to accept the things we cannot change,
and wisdom to know the difference.*

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

29. I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none,

30. and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions,

31. and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Scripture Lesson 2

Psalm 62:5-12

Selected and Read by Deacon Laurel Eierman

5. For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

6. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

7. On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

8. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

9. Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

10. Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

11. Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,
12. and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

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.*

Sermon Lesson

Mark 1:14-20

14. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,
15. and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."
16. As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen.
17. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."
18. And immediately they left their nets and followed him.
19. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.
20. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Sermon

Good News

Rev. Nicolas Mumejian

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. 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. 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.

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!

Bible study is on break this week, Wednesday January 27th, but will return on Wednesday February 3rd at 6:30 PM. The Zoom link will be available on the website. We will be concluding our discussion on “Does the Bible Support the Idea of Universalism?”

Tuesday Feb 9th at 6:30 PM, and continuing the second Tuesday of every month, we will offer "Good Grief", a grief share and support group that will meet monthly for folks who are grieving to come, share, and encourage one another. Further details will be available on the website and in the newsletter shortly.

We are updating the church directory. In the past, the directory has contained names, addresses, and telephone numbers. We would also like to include email addresses. Please send the information you would like included in the directory to the office at rsbc@riversidedc.org. Thank you.

Next Sunday, January 31st, following the prayer meeting, we will have a servanthood meeting via zoom. Members, please plan to attend and participate in the life of your church.

Riverside Readers are planning ahead! Sunday, February 7th is the next Riverside Readers meeting, immediately after our Sunday morning prayer meeting. This year, after exploring novels and poetry in previous years, we will read and discuss speeches of great orators. For more information, please email Cedric Lawson at readers@riversidedc.org

This year, we will discuss the following orators:

Sunday, February 7: Ida B Wells-Barnett, and her 1893 speech, "Lynch Law in all its Phases."

Sunday, May 2: Frederick Douglass

Sunday, August 1: Gardner C Taylor

Sunday, November 7: to be determined

Pray For: EJ Hill and family; Lynda Gyles and family; Danielle Ford's aunt, Connie Jasper; Danielle Ford and Laurel Eierman; 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; 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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