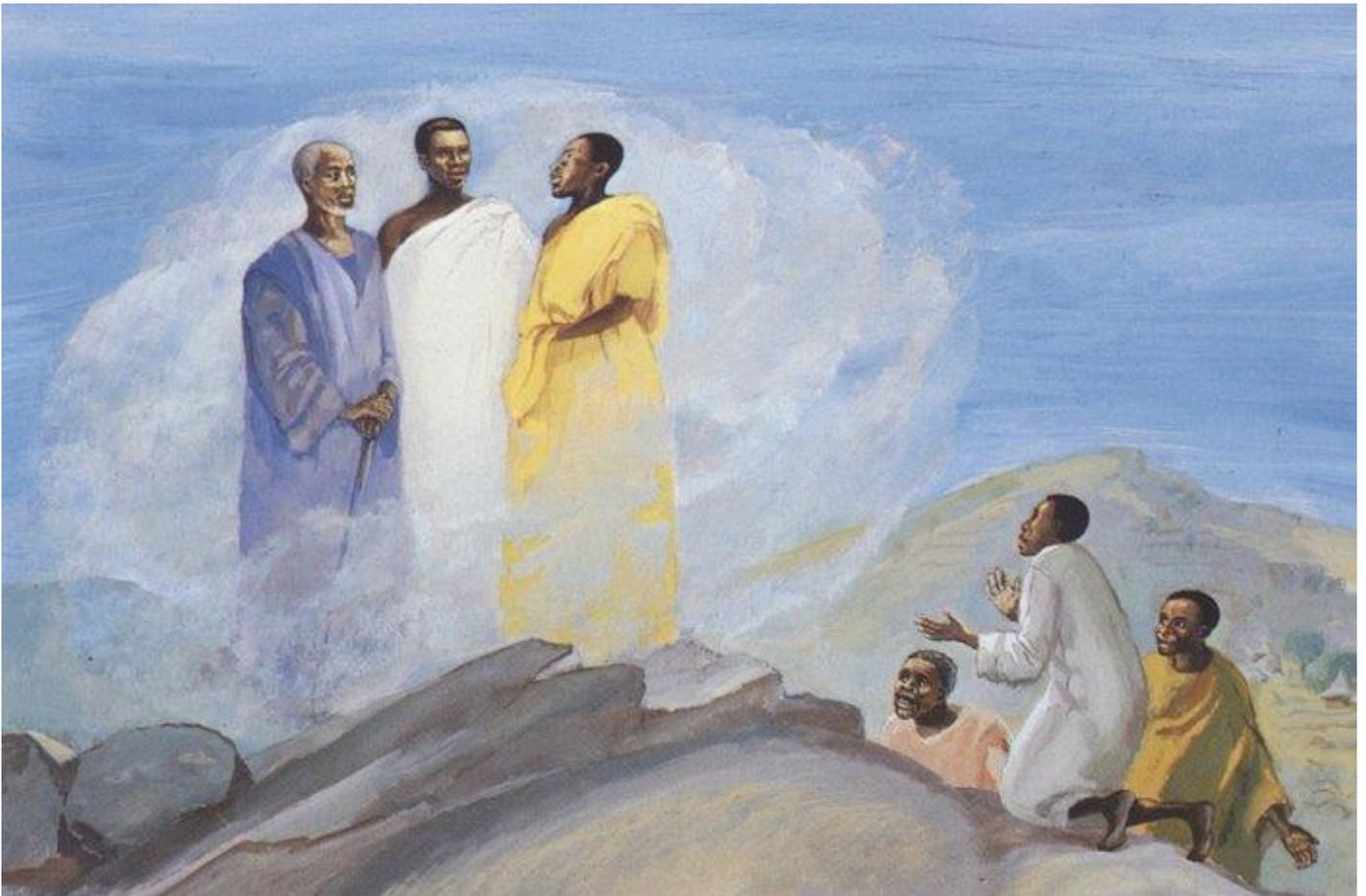


RIVERSIDE CHURCH



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7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 14, 2021

African American History Month

10:00 AM

Call to Worship

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

*Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.
Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

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

2 Kings 2:1-12

1. Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.
2. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.
3. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."
4. Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho.
5. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."
6. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.
7. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.
8. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

9. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."

10. He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

11. As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

12. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Scripture Lesson 2

Psalm 50:1-6

Selected and Read by Deacon LeRoy Potts

1. The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
2. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
3. Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.
4. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
5. "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
6. The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

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 9:2-9

2. Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them,
3. and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.
4. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.
5. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
6. He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.
7. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"
8. Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.
9. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Sermon

Twin Peaks

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

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. EVEN IF YOU THINK WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION, please verify it, and let us know if we may add your email address to your listing. Thank you.

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/> Today we will share communion at the end of the prayer meeting. Please bring the elements to your table so that we all can gather at the Lord's Table. Please join us!

Today, February 14th, following the prayer meeting, we will have a special called servanthood meeting via zoom to complete the discussion of endowment donations for 2021. This will be in the same zoom room as the prayer meeting. Members, please plan to attend and participate in the life of your church.

Bible study will meet this Wednesday, February 17th, at 6:30 PM. The Zoom link is available on the website. This is a special Ash Wednesday Bible study.

Pray For: Pamela Maimer's sisters, Monica Thomas and Tonya Jefferson, and mother, Clara Jefferson; 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; 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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