

RIVERSIDE CHURCH



Abraham's Oak
Henry Ossawa Tanner

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

7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 21, 2021

African American History Month

10:00 AM

Lent

Call to Worship

Psalm 25

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!
Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.
Who are they that fear the Lord? He will teach them the way that they should choose.
They will abide in prosperity, and their children shall possess the land.
The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them.
My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.
Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me.
O guard my life, and deliver me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all its troubles.*

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 the wisdom to know the difference.*

Scripture Lesson

1 Peter 3:18-22

18. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,

19. in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison

20. who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

21. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

22. who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Scripture Lesson 2

Isaiah 58:1-12

Selected and Read by Deacon Ida Williams Lacewell

1. Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

2. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.
3. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.
4. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.
5. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?
6. Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
7. Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
8. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
9. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
10. if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.
11. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.
12. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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 1:9-15

9. In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.
10. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.
11. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."
12. And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.
13. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.
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."

Sermon

The Land of Wild Beasts

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/> Please join us!

This Friday, February 26th, is Safe Space chat. The Zoom link will be available on the website. Join Jonathan Holley for fellowship and discussion at 6 PM!

Wednesday March 3rd, and continuing the first Wednesday of every month, we 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. The Zoom link will be available on the website.

Bible study will return in March. Plan to join us on the 10th and the 24th.

Today's featured artwork is "Abraham's Oak," a 1905 painting by African American artist Henry Ossawa Tanner, who was the first internationally renowned African American painter. It is on display at the Smithsonian Institution American Art Museum. More information on the art is available from the Smithsonian at <https://americanart.si.edu/blog/art-bites-tanners-abrahams-oak> and more information on the artist is available from the Smithsonian at <https://americanart.si.edu/artist/henry-ossawa-tanner-4742>

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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