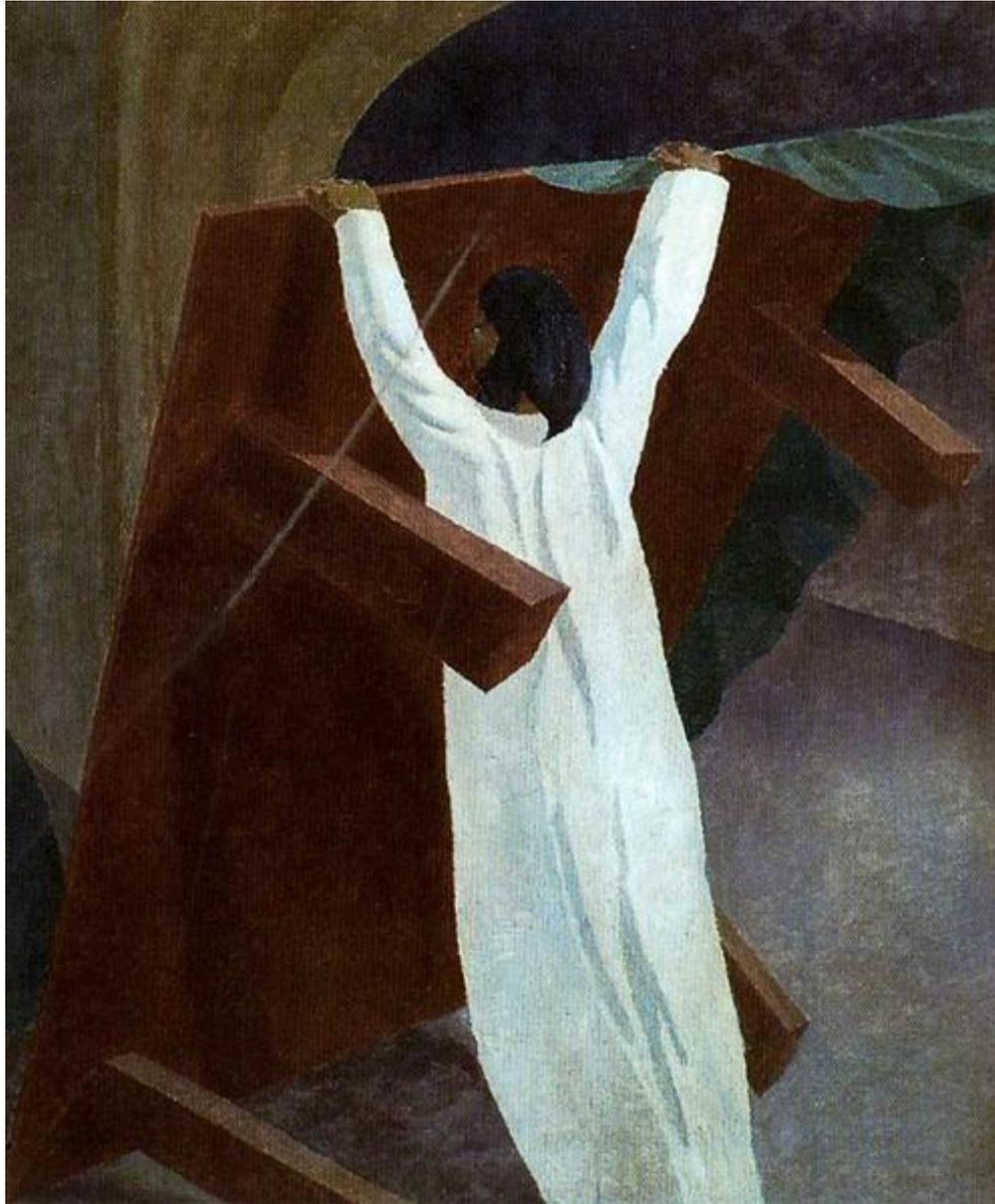


RIVERSIDE CHURCH



Christ Overturning the Moneychangers' Tables
Stanley Spencer

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

7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 7, 2021

Lent

10:00 AM

Call to Worship

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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

Exodus 20: 1-17

1. Then God spoke all these words:
2. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;
3. you shall have no other gods before me.
4. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
5. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me,
6. but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.
7. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who mis-

uses his name.

8. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

9. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

10. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work--you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns.

11. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

12. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

13. You shall not murder.

14. You shall not commit adultery.

15. You shall not steal.

16. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Scripture Lesson 2

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Selected and Read by Deacon Jonathan Holley

18. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

19. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

20. Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

21. For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

22. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

23. but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

24. but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

25. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength

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

John 2:12-22

12. After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there a few days.
13. The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
14. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.
15. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.
16. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"
17. His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."
18. The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?"
19. Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."
20. The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?"
21. But he was speaking of the temple of his body.
22. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Sermon

When Doves Cry

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/> This week we will share communion following the prayer meeting. Bring the elements to your table so that we may all gather together at the Lord's table. Please join us!

Bible study returns this Wednesday, March 10th and Wednesday March 24th at 6:30 PM. The zoom link will be available on the website. We will be discussing Eschatology and the End Times and what they mean for us. Join us!

Wednesday, March 17th is Saint Patrick's Day. Join us online at 7 PM for Pints with the Pastor, an informal gathering and chance for folk to talk with one another and get to know the pastor better. You're encouraged to bring your favorite beverage of choice.

March 2021 - Serve Your City and Ward 6 Mutual Aid are hosting a clothing donation drive throughout March for Southwest kids. Donate gently used, clean baby and children's clothing and shoes and new, still in the package, underwear and socks for ages infants to teens. Bring donations to Christ United Methodist Church 900 4th Street SW, Courtyard Gate Mon., Wed. and Fri. 3-6 pm / Sat. 11 am - 2 pm Donate online at [BIT.LY/SWDCDUCKLINGS](https://bit.ly/swdcducklings) For more information, email SWMUTUALAID@SERVEYOURCITYDC.ORG

Students – The Greater Washington Urban League has opened applications for its 2021 scholarships for high school and undergraduate college students. The deadline for application is March 31st. For information, visit <https://www.gwul.org/gwulscholarships>

Today's featured artwork is “Christ Overturning the Moneychangers’ Tables,” a 1921 painting by British artist Stanley Spencer. More information on the artist is available from Wikipedia at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stanley_Spencer

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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