

# RIVERSIDE CHURCH



*Owl and Sunflowers*  
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**CHRIST-CENTERED  
MULTI-CULTURAL, ECUMENICAL, INCLUSIVE**

*7<sup>th</sup> Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC*

# RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 21, 2021

Lent

10:00 AM

### Call to Worship

Psalm 51:1-12

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

*Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*

*For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.*

*Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.*

*Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.*

*You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.*

*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

*Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.*

*Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.*

*Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.*

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.*

### 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

Hebrews 5:5-10

5. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

6. as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

7. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

8. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;

9. and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

10. having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

### Scripture Lesson 2

Psalm 119:9-16

Selected and Read by Deacon Ida Williams Lacewell

9. How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

10. With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

11. I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.
12. Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.
13. With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.
14. I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.
15. I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.
16. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

### **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 12:20-33**

20. Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.
21. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."
22. Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.
23. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
24. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
25. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.
26. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.
27. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say--' Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.
28. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."
29. The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."
30. Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.
31. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.
32. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."
33. He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**Sermon**

**Live and Let Die**

**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 continues on Wednesday**, 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!

**This Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**, join Jonathan Holley for Safe Space Chat – a Zoom gathering for fellowship and discussion. The link is available on the website.

**Next Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following the prayer meeting (approximately noon), in the same Zoom room, there will be a special called Servanthood meeting for members to nominate and elect board members. Please plan to attend and participate in the life of your church!

**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 <http://bitly.com/swdcDucklings> For more information, email [SWMUTUALAID@SERVEYOURCITYDC.ORG](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup>. For information, visit <https://www.gwul.org/gwulscholarships>

**Today's featured artwork** is Owl and Sunflowers, by Utsushi Rinsai, created in 1880.

**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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