

RIVERSIDE CHURCH



Jerusalem, view from Mount Scopus
1890

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

7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 28, 2021

Palm/ Passion Sunday

10:00 AM

Call to Worship

Psalm 36:5-11

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me, or the hand of the wicked drive me away.

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

Mark 11:1-11

1. When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples
2. and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it.
3. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"
4. They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it,
5. some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"
6. They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.
7. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.
8. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.
9. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
10. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
11. Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was al-

ready late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Scripture Lesson 2

Psalm 31:9-16

Selected and Read by Deacon LeRoy Potts

9. Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

10. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.

11. I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

12. I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

13. For I hear the whispering of many-- terror all around!-- as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

14. But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

15. My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

16. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

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 15:15-41

15. So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

16. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort.

17. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him.

18. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

19. They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him.

20. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

21. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

22. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).

23. And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it.
24. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.
25. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.
26. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."
27. And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.
29. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days,
30. save yourself, and come down from the cross!"
31. In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself.
32. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.
33. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.
34. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
35. When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."
36. And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."
37. Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.
38. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.
39. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"
40. There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.
41. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

Sermon

Honor and Shame

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!

Today, Sunday, March 28th, 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

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>

Next Wednesday, April 7th, 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 continues on Wednesday, April 14th 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!

Today's featured artwork is a photograph for Jerusalem from Mount Scopus taken in 1890. It is from the collection "Views of the Holy Land." More information is available from the Library of Congress at <https://lccn.loc.gov/2002725018>

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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