

RIVERSIDE CHURCH



*Meal at Emmaus - detail
Washington National Cathedral, Resurrection Chapel*

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7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 18, 2021

Easter

10:00 AM

Call to Worship

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety

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

Acts 3:12-19

12. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"

13. The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

14. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you,

15. and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

16. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

17. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

18. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

19. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

Scripture Lesson 2

1 John 3:1-7

Selected and Read by Deacon Lillie Ransom

1. See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

2. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

3. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
4. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.
5. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.
6. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.
7. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

Luke 24:34-48

- 34 They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”
- 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.
- 36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”
- 37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.
- 38 He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”
- 39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”
- 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.
- 41 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”
- 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish,
- 43 and he took it and ate in their presence.
- 44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”
- 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,
- 46 and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,
- 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
- 48 You are witnesses of these things.

Sermon

Breaking Bread

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, April 21st 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!

Still looking for a vaccine? The District has opened a new large-scale vaccination site at Arena Stage. While appointments are booked through the city's site at vaccinate.dc.gov, they have also occasionally had extra at the end of the day, and some community members have received vaccines by visiting the site to check in about 30 minutes before closing. The Arena Stage site is open Thursday-Sunday, 8-5

If you are looking for a vaccine in MD, check out my Maryland Equity Vaccine Hunters on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/884582065668731/?ref=share> They also have a phone number and email address so those not on Facebook can contact them. The hunters search through the various sites and try to find something that is as close to the person's home as possible.

• (410) 424-5020 (people can also text to this number) • mdvaxhelp@gmail.com

And in VA, connect with Virginia Vaccine Hunters via <https://www.facebook.com/groups/novavaccinehunters/>

Today's featured artwork is a detail from "Emmaus," by Rowan and Irene LeCompte. It is a mosaic in the Resurrection Chapel at Washington National Cathedral. For a video tour of the Resurrection Chapel, visit <https://cathedral.org/visit-us/chapels/>

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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