

RIVERSIDE CHURCH



*The Madaba Map
Floor mosaic, Church of Saint George, Madaba, Jordan*

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

7th Street & Maine Avenue SW, Washington DC

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 2, 2021

Easter

10:00 AM

Call to Worship

Psalm 22:25-31

*From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.
To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.
Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.*

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

John 15:1-8

1. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.
2. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.
3. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.
4. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.
5. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.
6. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.
7. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
8. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Scripture Lesson 2

1 John 4:7-21

Selected and Read by Deacon Johnathan J. Holley

7. Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
8. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.
9. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through

him.

10. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

11. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

12. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

14. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

15. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.

16. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

17. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world.

18. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

19. We love because he first loved us.

20. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.

21. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

Acts 8:26-39

26. Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.)

27. So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship

28. and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

29. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."

30. So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

31. He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

32. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

33. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

34. The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

35. Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

36. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"

38. He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

39. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

Sermon

Biblical Intersectionality

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 to the website 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/> Today we will share virtual communion. Please bring the elements of bread and wine/juice to your table that we may gather around the Lord's table. Please join us!

Today, Sunday May 2nd, Riverside Readers meet immediately after our Sunday morning prayer meeting in the same zoom room. This year, after exploring novels and poetry in previous years, we will read and discuss speeches of great orators. This month we will focus on Frederick Douglass. For more information about Riverside Readers, please email Cedric Lawson at readers@riversidedc.org

This Wednesday, May 5th at 6:30PM, and on the first Wednesday of every month, we offer "Good Grief", a grief share and support group that meets monthly for folks who are grieving to come, share, and encourage one another. The Zoom link will be available on the website.

This Thursday, May 6th, at noon, Baylor University's Washington program is hosting a free online panel discussion of "The Black Church and American Political Renewal." For more information and to register to attend, go to https://baylor.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ohcDGOQpTI20_VXvyTKHGw

Bible study will return on Wednesday, May 12th at 6:30 PM. We will continue our discussion of eschatology, the end times, and what this means to us. The zoom link will be available on the website.

Still looking for a vaccine? The District has transitioned to the use of 11 high-capacity, walk-up, no appointment needed vaccination sites. Days, hours, and available vaccines are listed on <http://vaccinefinder.org>

In MD, check out Maryland Equity Vaccine Hunters on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/884582065668731/> or by telephone or text at (410) 424-5020 and email at mdvaxhelp@gmail.com

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

Today's featured artwork is a floor mosaic map of the holy land from the 6th Century, located in the Church of Saint George, in Madaba, Jordan. More information can be found at <https://www.britannica.com/place/Madaba>

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; 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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