

At Riverside Baptist Church, our one law is love of God and neighbor. In this diverse community, we celebrate all identities, orientations, gender equality, and racial diversity. We draw the circle of God's love large here. Whoever you are and wherever you are on the journey, you are included.

# RIVERSIDE CHURCH



**Good Grief**  
SUN | APRIL 23 | 11:30AM-12:30PM  
WASSUM CONFERENCE ROOM


Join us for the relaunch of our grief group. This is a co-facilitated space that is for all who are experiencing loss of any kind.

While this group aims to be a resource for our community, it is not meant to be a substitute for a relationship with a licensed health professional. Email Rev. Mia at [pastor@riversidedc.org](mailto:pastor@riversidedc.org) for additional resources.

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**Pray For:**; Eduardo Gyles; Lillie Ransom; Freda White's sister, Virginia Howerton & Family; Terryn Nelson and her sister, Rachelle Nelson, niece and nephew Cecilly and Hasaan, and family friend Robert Napson; Lynda Gyles's aunt, Heidi DeVaughn; Terri Battle and her mother, Claudia Green; Karl Maxwell and his brother, Kenneth Maxwell; Edward Harris's mother, Ruth Harris; Edith Booker; Annie Abbott; Tanya Bethel and her mother, Ruby McCrary; Gale Miller's mother, Marian Miller; Lillie Ransom's sister Teriea and her husband, Jerry; Sheba Greene's daughter Donna; Dr. Bledsoe's mother, Peggy Bledsoe



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*Out of concern for the safety of your neighbors we ask you to please continue wearing masks at all times. We appreciate your cooperation*

# Riverside Baptist Church

## The Worship of God

April 23, 2023

10:00 A.M.

### Prelude

Opening Song - see the song sheet insert

### Call to Worship and Invocation

\*Songs of Praise - see the song sheet insert

### Welcome

Visitors - We are so excited that you are joining us, in-person and online! If this is your first time, please fill out a welcome card in the pew or scan the QR Code on the back of the bulletin. We'd love to get to know you better.

### \*The Peace of Christ

### Sweet Sweet Spirit

*There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place, and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord.  
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know that it's the presence of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love.  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

### Offertory

### \*Response

### For the Beauty of the Earth

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies;  
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.*

### \*Prayer of Thanks

### Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

*Please join in the prayer using the language you prefer*

*Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy/your name  
Thy/Your kin-dom 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/yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen*

### Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:13-35 (page NT 68)

Selected and read by Deacon Terryn Nelson

### Anthem

### Sermon Lesson

Acts 8:26-40 (page NT 96)

### Sermon

Rev. Mia M. McClain

### Invitation to Community

*At this time, anyone who is interested in prayer, inquiring about baptism, or becoming a member of this community may come up to the front. You may also find a deacon immediately after worship by the communion table.*

### Hymn - see the song sheet insert

### \*Benediction

### \*Closing Song

### Go Now in Peace

*Go now in peace: never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others, so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen, amen, amen.*

\* for those who are able, please stand