

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

**Mental Health Awareness Month**

**SUN May 7 11:30 AM** **Sermon Talk Back with Rev. Mia**  
 This is an opportunity to go deeper into the sermon topic surrounding faith and mental wellness.

**A Conversation on Faith & Mental Wellness with Pastor Jevon Billups**  
 VIRTUAL | Join us as we discuss the ways we can equip ourselves for the journey toward mental wellness.

**WED May 10 7 PM**

**SUN May 21 11:30 AM** **Good Grief Group**  
 Join our grief group. This is a co-facilitated space that is for all who are experiencing grief and loss of any kind.

 *Rev. Mia M. McClain, Senior Pastor*  
 Visit [RiversideDC.org](http://RiversideDC.org) for more information

 **Riverside DC**  
 Baptist Church

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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; Lillie Ransom’s sister Teriea and her husband, Jerry; Sheba Greene’s daughter Donna; Dr. Bledsoe’s mother, Peggy Bledsoe



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*As of today, masking in the building is at each person’s discretion.  
 Masks continue to be available in the atrium and the narthex.*

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# Riverside Baptist Church

## The Worship of God

May 7, 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. We'd love to get to know you better.

### \*The Peace of Christ

### They'll Know We Are Christians

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

### Invitation to Offering

There are 3 ways to give:

1. Text "Give" to 202.5194330
2. Go to [RiversideDC.com/giving](https://RiversideDC.com/giving)
3. Offer Cash/check in-person or by mail

Thank you for your generosity.

### \*Response

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### Doxology

### \*Prayer of Thanks

The Dedication to God of Yemoja Ruskamp and Zora Ruskamp  
by devoted parents Scott and Simone Ruskamp.

### 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

1 Peter 2:2-10 (page NT 182)

Selected and read by Deacon LeRoy Potts

### Anthem

### Sermon Lesson

Psalms 31:1-16 (page OT 393)

### Sermon

Writing Your Way to Deliverance

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

## The Ordinance of Holy Communion

Communion Litany – see the insert

Communion Prayer

Institution

Sharing of the Meal

Please come to the table as directed by a deacon

### \*Benediction

### \*Closing Song

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.

\* for those who are able, please stand