

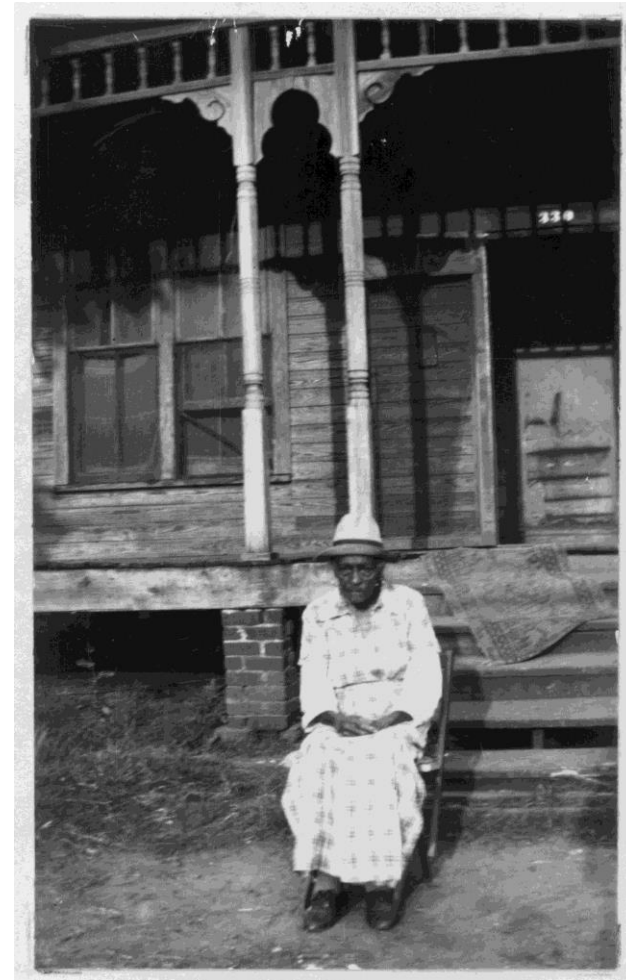
At Riverside Baptist Church, our one law is love of God and neighbor. In this diverse community, we celebrate all identities, orientations, gender equality, and racial diversity. We draw the circle of God's love large here. Whoever you are and wherever you are on the journey, you are included.

Today we welcome African drumming and dancing into our service in celebration of Juneteenth. Thanks to Terryn Nelson (Deacon) Michael Friend (Artistic Director of Soul in Motion Players, Inc.), and guests.

Today's featured image is a portrait of Emma Taylor from the collection of the Library of Congress. She was 89 years old when this photo was taken in 1936. Taylor was enslaved in Texas, and was freed when the Union soldiers arrived on June 19th, 1865. Her story, and stories and photographs of other formerly enslaved people can be found at the Library of Congress. For more information, visit <https://blogs.loc.gov/loc/2020/06/the-birth-of-juneteenth-voices-of-the-enslaved/>

**Pray For;** Kenneth Tinsley's aunt, Regina McNeil; Kenneth Tinsley's friend, Anthony and family; 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

# RIVERSIDE CHURCH



Emma Taylor, age 89  
Enslaved in Texas, freed June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1865  
WPA Photograph, 1936, Library of Congress

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*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

June 18, 2023

10:00 A.M.

### Prelude

Opening Song - see the song sheet insert

### Call to Worship and Invocation

\*Song 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

### All Are Welcome

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live.  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace.  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

### 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.

### Offertory

### \*Response

### We Give Thee but Thine Own

*We give thee but thine own whate'er the gift may be  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust oh Lord from thee. Amen.*

### \*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

### Anthem

### Sermon Lesson

Mark 2:1-12 (NT 28)

### Sermon

Getting to Freedom

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

. \* for those who are able, please stand