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.



Pray For; Kenneth Tinsley's aunt, Regina McNeil; 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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## RIVERSIDE CHURCH



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Masks continue to be available in the atrium and the narthex.

# Riverside Baptist Church

The Worship of God

July 30, 2023

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

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
3. Offer Cash/check in-person or by mail Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory

\*Response Doxology

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.

\*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

Reading

The Divine Image by William Blake

Selected and read by Deacon Laurel Eierman

Anthem

Sermon Lesson

Song of Solomon 1:5-7 (OT 483)

Sermon

Somebody Almost Walked Off Wid Alla My Stuff

Rev. Mia 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

God Be With You

God be with you 'til we meet again;
With wise counsel guide, uphold you,
With the sheep securely fold you;
God be with you 'til we meet again
'Til we meet, 'til we meet at Jesus' feet;
'Til we meet, 'til we meet,
God be with you 'til we meet again.

.\* for those who are able, please stand