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



Pray For; Michell Yancey's father, James Yancey, and aunt, Shizua Oliver; 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 Baptist Church

The Worship of God

10:00 A.M.

Prelude

September 3, 2023

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

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

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

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

Reading

Musical Selection

Sermon Lesson

Sermon

The Creativity of God

Rev. Mia McClain

Isaiah 43:18-21 (OT 521)

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.

Prayers of the People

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

Hymn

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

Marching in the Light of God

We are marching in the light of God, We are marching in the light of God We are marching in the light of God, We are marching in the light of God We are marching, Oo! We are marching in the light of God We are marching, Oo! We are marching in the light of God

.* for those who are able, please stand