

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 to the pulpit, Reverend Elijah R. Zehyoue, Ph.D., who serves as the Co-Director of the Alliance of Baptists. In this role, he is leading them through an effort to become an anti-racist organization. As a historian, theologian, pastor, preacher, and professor, Elijah is committed to using his many gifts to help people of all walks of life do the head, heart, and soul work required for our collective liberation. He is a graduate of Morehouse College (B.A.) and the University of Chicago (M.Div.) and Howard University where he earned his Ph.D. in African History. His dissertation focused on White Supremacy and its impact on the Origins of the Conflict in Liberia. Additionally, Elijah teaches African and African American Studies at the university level. Prior to coming to the Alliance, Elijah served on the pastoral staff at Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. Elijah is originally from Liberia, West Africa and grew up in Baton Rouge, La.

After the service today, there will be a conversation led by Dr. Zehyoue | 11:30AM | Multipurpose Room

Please pray for:

Shronda Hunt's mother, Shelvy J. Hunt; Carolyn Hutchinson; Terri Battle and her mother, Claudia Green

We have updated our prayer list procedures. Our public list in the bulletin will include recent prayer requests only. Each name will stay publicly posted for 4 weeks upon which it will be removed and added to our archived prayer list (which can be viewed by request). This is to highlight recent joys and concerns, knowing that we will continue to pray for all who are a part of our community, named and unnamed. If you'd like to submit a joy or concern, you may contact your deacon, the church administrator, or Rev. Mia.

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

Riverside Baptist Church

The Worship of God

October 15, 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

Peace Like a River

*I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.*

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

Reading

Musical Selection

Sermon Lesson

Luke 4:16-22 (NT 47)

Sermon

The Case for Abolition

Rev. Dr. Elijah Zehyoue

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

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*

*Benediction

*Closing Song

Let the Church Say Amen

Let the church say amen! Let the church say amen! God has spoken, let the church say amen.

* for those who are able, please stand