

In the Life of the Church



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.

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Today we welcome to the pulpit Rev. Mahogany S. Thomas, a womanist theologian, pastor, and teacher. Rev. Mahogany is the former Executive Minister of Peoples Congregational UCC in Washington, D.C. Before Peoples, Rev. Mahogany served as the Minister of Youth and Families at First Church UCC in Middletown, Connecticut. Her prior ministry experiences also include First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn (UCC), Trinity UCC in Chicago, and one of the most creative and diverse churches in the country, Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco.

Rev. Mahogany received her Bachelor of Arts from Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, and graduated summa cum laude. A graduate of Yale University, she earned a Master of Divinity and is the recipient of several prestigious awards including the Charles Merick Award for Effective Public Address, and the Henry Hallam Tweedy Award for the student with exceptional promise for pastoral leadership. She is passionate about radical proclamation and has spoken around the world. Rev. Mahogany is a native of Columbia, Missouri, and an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ (UCC).

Pray For:; Freda White's sister, Virginia Howerton & Family; EJ Hill; Terryn Nelson and her sister, Rachelle Nelson, niece and nephew Cecilly and Hasaan, and family friend Robert Napson; Lynda Gyles's aunt, Heidi DeVaugh; 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; Gale Miller's mother, Marian Miller; 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

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 84:1-4 (page OT 422)

*Songs of Praise - see the song sheet insert

Invocation

Welcome and Announcements

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 or scan the QR Code on the back of the bulletin. We'd love to get to know you better.

*The Peace of Christ

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!*

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.*

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*

(Note the use of "kin-dom" in place of the traditional "kingdom." This term was first coined by Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz. It emphasizes relationality, community, and equity as the basis of God's reign.)

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 32 (page OT 394)

Selected and read by Deacon LeRoy Potts

Anthem

Sermon Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11 (page NT2)

Sermon

Wade Beyond the Water

Rev. Mahogany S. Thomas

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

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