

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2010

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

RIVERSIDE AT WORSHIP

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CARILLON

Variations on

“God of Grace and God of Glory” *arr. E. deVos*

David Maker, guest carillonneur

ORGAN

Two Meditations on “Wondrous Love” *David Johnson*
Craig Phillips

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY Rev. J. Lee Hill, Jr.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken *Austrian Hymn*
Please stand as you are able

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Linda Tarry-Chard

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Sing the praises of God; raise a psalm
to the hallowed name.

People: **We will be joyful, and exult before
the Parent of the parentless, the
Companion of the lonely, the One
who makes a home for us all.**

INVOCATION Rev. Tarry-Chard
Congregation seated

SOLO

Sometimes I Feel

Like a Motherless Child *Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan*

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it
be heard, Alleluia! Utter it even unto the ends of
the earth: The Lord hath delivered the people,
Alleluia! O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing
praises to the honor of his name, make her praise
to be glorious. With a voice of singing, declare ye
this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Makea McDonald, soprano

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE Rev. J. Lee Hill, Jr.

Leader: The storms had names: Katrina, Rita,
Wilma. They exposed the underbelly of a
nation’s sin; our broken responsibility for the
least among us.

People: **We will repair the breach; we will raise
the foundations again, we will restore the
streets and make them livable again.**

Leader: They left trails of heartaches and tears, our
houses and hopes shattered.

People: **We will repair the breach; we will raise
the foundations again, we will restore
the streets and make them livable again.**

Leader: We saw the deaths: mostly poor, mostly
very elderly, mostly very young, mostly
people of color; as also we saw the scatter-
ing. Who will respond?

People: **We will repair the breach; we will raise
the foundations again, we will restore
the streets and make them livable again.**

Leader: Years of neglect floated up in the floods that
followed, uncovered our shame as a nation.

People: **And we are witnesses.**

Leader: We vexed the poor and needy, robbing them
of dignity and looting them of pride.

People: **And we are witnesses.**

Leader: Walk lightly in the streets where our kin have
floated into history; the streets are sacred, as
also are the memories.

People: **We will honor the lives of the dead and
the living by acting in justice.**

Leader: Speak softly in the bars where our kin have
disappeared; the music is holy, as also are the
memories.

People: We will honor the lives of the dead and the living by acting in justice.

Leader: We have been charged to repair the walls, to stand in the gaping hopes of society; to cry out to do justice.

People: We will repair the breach; we will raise the foundations again, we will restore the streets and make them livable again

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PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Hill

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the version or language that is most familiar to you.

OFFERING Rev. Tarry-Chard

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision *arr. Alice Parker*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking or Sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Mother and Father, you are to me, now and forever your child I will be. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Riverside Summer Choir

AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY

Congregation rising row by row as ushers pass

**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.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Hill

HYMN 85

What Wondrous Love Is This *Wondrous Love*
Please stand as you are able

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Rev. Tarry-Chard
Congregation seated

Jeremiah 2:4-13
(page 699 in the Old Testament section of the pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON Rev. Hill
Congregation seated

Luke 14:1, 7-14
(page 77 in the New Testament section of the pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Robert B. Coleman
"Humility as a Strategy"

HYMN 473

For the Beauty of the Earth *Dix*
Please stand as you are able

BENEDICTION Rev. Coleman
The congregation is seated and invited to a time of quiet reflection during the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Lobe den Herren" *Craig Phillips*

"Large Print" Bulletins are available from the ushers.

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Please join us for Fellowship Hour! *As you leave the Nave, take the stairs on your left down one level. Take a right, and an immediate left into the Cloister Lounge. You may also take the elevators in the Narthex to the "C" Level.*

Eternal God:
You commanded your people of old
"You should love the stranger..."

Help us remember
they are your beloved children;
people for whom Jesus died
and apart from whom, we will not be saved.

Grant us confidence
to witness peacefully to the heart of our faith
and to the path
you have called us to follow.

Help us to be hospitable,
and to listen to our neighbor's story:
their aspirations, hopes, and fears.

Save us
from asserting our own righteousness
and from judging others
by our own narrow grasp of truth.

In a society, where so many spirits are broken,
help us to be people of peace, justice and love.

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