



May 17, 2026

Our one law is love of God and love of neighbor.  
Justice matters. Christ is the center.  
All identities are celebrated.

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\*You may rise in body or spirit

Centering Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev. Carolyn Hutchinson

Songs of Praise\*

Welcome

Deacon Cheryl Parham

*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 email  
"hello" to [info@riversidedc.org](mailto:info@riversidedc.org).*

Passing of the Peace\*

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Offering

Rev. Carolyn Hutchinson

1. Text "Give" to 202.5194330
2. Go to [RiversideDC.org/giving](http://RiversideDC.org/giving)
3. Offer Cash/check in-person or by mail

Doxology & Prayer of Thanksgiving\*

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*

Musical Selection

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 16: 11-13 (OT 202)

Sermon

Chosen to Do a New Thing

Rev. Robin Williams Evans

Song\*

Prayers of the People

Deacon David McKinney

Prayer that Jesus Taught

*(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\*

Rev. Robin Williams Evans

Sending Song\*

Let the Church Say Amen

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

## Songs of Praise

### All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
And all can safely live.  
A place where saints and children  
Tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
Rock of faith and vault of grace.  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found,  
In water, wine and wheat.  
A banquet hall on holy ground,  
Where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
Is revealed in time and space,  
As we share in Christ  
The feast that frees us;  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,  
Their songs and visions heard.  
And loved and treasured, taught and  
Claimed as words within the word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
Prayers of faith and songs of grace.  
Let this house proclaim from  
Floor to rafter;  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place

### Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia...

I will praise God...

Alleluia...

## Song

### 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
And to take him at his word;  
Just to rest upon his promise,  
And to know, "Thus says the Lord!"  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,  
Precious Jesus, savior, friend;  
And I know that thou art with me,  
Wilt be with me to the end.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more

**WEDNESDAY SCHOOL**

**READING THE BIBLE IN  
BABYLON: A CALL OUT OF  
EMPIRE**

**2-Part Conversation**  
Wed. May 6 & Wed. May 20 | 7:30-8:30 PM



Join us for a 2-part collaborative conversation between **Collective Liberation Church** (Charlotte, NC) and **Riverside Baptist Church** (Washington, DC) facilitated by Rev. Dr. Benjamin Boswell and Rev. Mia M. McClain. Scan QR code to register for Zoom or visit website.







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**Pray for:** Eduardo and Lynda Gyles; Our community and our world.

**Celebrating May Birthdays** - Happy Birthday to: Jonathan Holley (5/3). Minister Jonathan is collecting birthdays! Please let him know when your birthday is. No need to give the year!

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