Welcome to The Riverside Church

Worship is at the center of the life of The Riverside Church. As you prepare yourself for Worship, we invite you to reflect quietly on these words:

“The whole big world out there, it’s God’s worry, and it’s mine, I guess, because I belong to God.”

– Eight-year-old girl

The Liturgical Year

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the green paraments and clergy stoles that represent new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

Healing Prayer, typically offered the first Sunday of every month immediately following Worship, is available today. Two of Riverside’s ministers will be at the front of the Nave to pray for anyone who desires it.

If this is your first visit:

Complete a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate as it passes.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in South Hall Lobby directly after Worship. As you leave the Nave, take a right and follow the hallway past Christ Chapel. Signs and greeters are available to provide direction. You’ll find fair trade coffee from Javescia Coffee, a children’s play area, a greeting area to learn about membership at Riverside, and indoor seating.

A church tour is offered each Sunday after Worship free of charge. Meet in the 1st balcony. Tours also take place on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. leaving from the Gift Shop. No reservations are necessary.

Assistive hearing devices and large print bulletins are available upon request from an usher.
GATHERING
We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

**CARILLON**
Meditation: Largo                    G. F. Handel
Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

**ORGAN**
Meditation on Two American Melodies  Kimo Smith
When in Our Music God Is Glorified    McNeil Robinson
Christopher Creaghan, Associate Organist

**LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**  Rev. Kevin Wright

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 262
God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand  National Hymn

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 89  Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper
Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness
to all generations.
All: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Leader: You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have
sworn to my servant David: I will establish your descendants
forever, and build your throne for all generations.”
All: Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;
they exult in your name all day long,
and extol your righteousness.
Leader: For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn
is exalted.
All: For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the
Holy One of Israel.

INVOCATION

All who are able, please stand
LISTENING
We listen for the word of God through song, Scripture, and preaching

SOLO
A Simple Song

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude... Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude... Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, for God is the simplest of all. I will sing the Lord a new song to praise him, to bless him, to bless the Lord. I will sing his praises while I live, all of my days. Blessed is the one who loves the Lord, blessed is the one who praises him. Lauda, Lauda, Laude... And walks in his ways. I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the Lord, singing Lauda, Laude. For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand, and the sun shall not smite me by day, nor the moon by night. Blessed is the one who loves the Lord, Lauda, Lauda, Laude, and walks in his ways. Lauda, Lauda, Laude, all of my days.

Jake Roan, tenor

A TEACHING MOMENT

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 28:5-9
(page 730 in the Old Testament)

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 6:12-23
(page 156 in the New Testament)

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 341

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine! Assurance

†GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10:40-42
(page 11 in the New Testament)

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.
SERMON

Welcoming the Children

RESPONDING

We respond to the hearing of God’s word through confession, offering, passing the peace, and monthly communion

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Debra Northern

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

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Wright

OFFERTORY SOLO

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by thy help I’m come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be! Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Jake Roan, tenor
All who are able, please stand.

†AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY
The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize offering of our whole selves to God

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION
Rev. Robison

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
Rev. Livingston

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

CALL TO SUPPER
Leader:    The body of Christ, broken for you.
People:   Thanks be to God for the bread of life!
Leader:    The blood of Christ, poured out for you.
People:   Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!

MUSIC AT COMMUNION (INTINCTION)

ORGAN
Aria on a Chaconne
Let Us Break Bread Together

HYMN 514
Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Leader: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples
and poured out your life with such abundance that death
cannot claim the triumph over your universe.
People: May we who have received this bread and cup
be strengthened by your love and be transformed into a
people of justice and peace.
Leader: We ask this through Jesus Christ, our friend and Savior.
Amen.

SENDING
We are sent out into the world to love God and our neighbors

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP
++Benediction++

Rev. Livingston

++Recessional Hymn 420++

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

++Postlude++

Fanfare on “America the Beautiful”

Matthew H. Corl

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Mr. Brad Jones and Ms. Dana Ferguson-Moss and Mara White, crucifer

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New Members

We welcome you to our faith community:

Courtney Klamar
Tamika Johnson
Jason Johnson

Pamela Davis
Allen Kratz
A Teaching Moment – please enjoy these activities for our “younger” family members as we worship together this summer.

WORD SEARCH

T T C P P A P E W E E U K V
L S L T I U S T T E W D E L
G S D S C N L E P G R S O O
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S O C E E O P R O P H E T L

RIGHTeous
CUP
DISCIPLE
WATER
LOVE

REWARD
PROPHET
INCLUDE
JESUS
FOLLOWER

MATTHEW
WELCOME
KINDNESS
GUEST
Suppose someone gives even a cup of cold water to a little one who follows me. What I’m about to tell you is true. That person will certainly be rewarded.

Matthew 10:42
For announcements of programs and events in the church, please pick up the Life of Our Community bulletin located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center. Or visit our website www.trcny.org.
Talk With the Preacher

Entries from Pastor Amy’s blog, talkwiththepreacher.org, are printed and available in the Welcome Center/Gift Shop.

Pastor Amy is available for conversations with members by appointment. Please email srminister@trcny.org or call 212-870-6775 to arrange an appointment.

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