Welcome to The Riverside Church

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

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:

“Listen! The wages of the labourers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.”

– James 5:4

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 Javesca 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:

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

ORGAN
Adagietto, Ops 16, No. 11
Sarabande (from “Baroques”)

Léon Boëllmann
Seth Bingham

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY
Rev. Michael Livingston

PASSING OF THE PEACE
One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
St. Denio

CALL TO WORSHIP
Amanda Meisenheimer
One: God, you have called us to be people of faith
in the midst of the world.
All: and so we join together our worship and our work,
our faith and our life.
One: On this day we celebrate the work of your hands
and the work you have given us to do.
All: We thank you for the call you have placed on our lives
and ask that you bless our work and worship this day.
Come, let us worship!

OPENING PRAYER

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

SOLO
Hear My Prayer  
Antonín Dvořák
Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear unto my cry. Thou art my refuge and my hope, thou shalt tread down my enemies. I will dwell forever in thy tents and hide me in the shadow of thy wings. Lord, thou art indeed my God, yea, I will seek thee early. My soul is faint, my body longeth after thee in a barren desert where there is no water. Now I will bless thee daily and lift my hands in prayer and adoration; yea, my lips shall praise thee all my life long.

Yi Wang, soprano

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON  
Stephen Pierre-Paul
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
(page 160 in the Old Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON  
Rev. Ellen Robison
James 1:17-27  
(page 229 in the New Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
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†HYMN 276
Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
Faithfulness

†GOSPEL LESSON  
Jean Schmidt
Mark 7:1-23  
(page 42 in the New Testament)
One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON  
Rev. Livingston
Listen, See, Act

SILENT MEDITATION
A time for reflection, prayer and contemplation.

†All who are able, please stand
RESPONDING

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY SOLO

Ich folge dir (St. John Passion, BWV 245)  
Johann Sebastian Bach

I follow you, likewise, with joyful steps, and will not forsake you, my life, my light. Lead me on my way, and do not cease to draw, push, and urge me on.

(sung in German)

†AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY

The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize the 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 & DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each petition, please join in the following responses:

One: Lord, in your mercy.  
All: bless the work of our lives.

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

†All who are able, please stand
GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy God, Ruler Almighty;
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O God.

Blessed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

CALL TO SUPPER

One: The body of Christ, broken for you.
All: Thanks be to God for the bread of life!

One: The blood of Christ, poured out for you.
All: Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!

+ All who are able, please stand
A gluten-free option for communion bread is available upon request from a communion server.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN
Elevation
Beloved Jesu, We Are Here (BWV 731)  
L. Boëllmann
J. S. Bach

HYMN 521
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart  
Finest Wheat

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your love, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

BENEDICTION
Rev. Livingston

RECESSIONAL HYMN 386
O For a World  
Azmon

POSTLUDE
Trumpet Tune  
Alfred Hollins

Liturgical Resources for Today:
1http://re-worship.blogspot.ca/2011/08/labour-day-litany.html

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Stephen Pierre-Paul and Jean Schmidt

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LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

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.trcnyc.org.

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Try to find the words from James 1:17-27 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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Every Generous Act of giving
Every perfect gift is from above.

James 1:17-27
TALK WITH THE PREACHER

Read Pastor Amy’s blog online at talkwiththepreacher.org.
Printed copies are also available in the Welcome Center/Gift Shop.

Pastor Amy is available for conversations with members by appointment.
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The Riverside Church is a member of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. and the United Church of Christ and cooperates with the Council of Churches in the City of New York, and with the New York State, National, and World Council of Churches.

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PARKING - 9/2/2018

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