

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



Gracious Creator, you are the source of all good things.

In you we know life, generosity, compassion, and love.

All-giving Christ, inspire us to give our whole selves to you with joy.

**May thanksgiving and celebration for our giving
and serving remind us of your resurrection life.**

Generous Spirit, breathe life into the seeds
of gratitude we offer as gifts to you.

Bring forth a blossom of joy, healing, justice, and love for the world.

Triune and eternal One, knit us together, givers and receivers,
in a web of loving community.

Bless the gifts of all people and in all Creation. Amen.



OCTOBER 28, 2018
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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:

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Matthew 6:21

Thou that has given so much to me,
Give one thing more – a grateful heart. . . .
Not thankful when it pleases me,
As if They blessings had spare days;
But such a heart, whose pulse may be Thy praise.
– George Herbert, “Gratefulness,” *The Temple*

Join Rev. Michael Livingston for a Sermon Talkback today after worship at the front of the Nave.

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.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:

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

Join us for Coffee Hour in South hall 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. Breakfast and lunch for purchase will be in South Hall.

A free church tour is offered each Sunday after Worship. Meet in the 1st balcony, no reservation necessary. Tours also take place Wednesday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., as church schedule permits, leaving from the Welcome Center / Gift Shop. Reservations recommended. Visit trcnyc.org/visit.

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

Sinfonia from the Trinity Cantata

J. S. Bach

George Matthew, Jr., guest carillonneur

HANDBELLS

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens *arr. Cathy Moglebust Rigaudon*

Rigaudon

André Campra, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

The Riverside Ringers

Daniel Potter, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

✚ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 260

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Ein' feste Burg

✚ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jim Keat

One: God of heaven and earth, we call upon your name
as we gather to worship you.

**All: Hear our prayers and heed our cries,
as we yearn to grow closer to you.**

One: Shower us with your grace,
and light the fire of your Holy Spirit in our hearts.

**All: We gather in gratefulness and joy
to praise your holy name!**

✚ INVOCATION

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

We listen for the word of God through song, Scripture, and preaching

ANTHEM

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Cathy Moglebust

*The Riverside Ringers
Christopher Creaghan, organ*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Rachel Johnson

Generous God,

you have given us so much. We ask for one thing more.

Give us a thankful heart and a grateful spirit.

We often hold on when we should let go.

We hoard when we could be generous,

and doubt when we could lean on faith.

We are fearful instead of trusting your goodness.

Give us again the assurance of your love and care,

and fill us with grateful hearts and open hands.

Hear now the confessions of our hearts. (*silent prayer*). Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Keat

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

(page 488 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Anna Meyer

Hebrews 7:23-28

(page 222 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 324

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open My Eyes

+*All who are able, please stand*

✚ GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:46-528

(page 47 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Rev. Jonathan J. Favors-Grimes

SERMON

The Stewardship of Sight and Sound

Rev. Livingston

SILENT MEDITATION

A time for reflection, prayer and contemplation.

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Debra Northern

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: 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.

CHORAL AMEN

✚ PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Teach Me, O Lord

David Hurd

Psalm Response
TEACH ME, O LORD

Psalm 118(119).33-38.40

Setting by David Hurd

The REFRAIN below is repeated immediately after the choir sings it at the beginning and as indicated in the text.



Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

REFRAIN

Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;
give me life in your ways.

REFRAIN

Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which you make to those who fear you.

Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness preserve my life.

REFRAIN

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✚ 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;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Rev. Keat

Today we celebrate the ministry of the Stewardship Committee, which helps all members of this community deepen their understanding of Christian stewardship and become more generous in their giving, serving, and caring.

SENDING

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

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BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

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RECESSIONAL HYMN 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

POSTLUDE

Festival Overture on “Ein’ feste Burg”, Op. 31

Otto Nicolai
arr. Franz Liszt

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Welcome to the newest members of our
Riverside Church family who joined **September 23, 2018**

Alanna Pennant
Anna Oguntimein
Constanze Oya
Lee Sartain
Rainer Engelken
Stuart Pennant

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Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Anna Meyer and Rev. Jonathan J. Favors-Grimes

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 trcnyc.org/events.

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All who are able, please stand

Let the humble

HEAR

and be glad





DRAW IT

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners, intended for drawing.A second large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners, identical to the first one, intended for drawing.

Mark 10 shares the story of a blind man, Bartimaeus, who asks Jesus to heal him. "What do you want me to do for you," Jesus asks Bartimaeus, and Bartimaeus says, "Teacher, let me see again." In the first box, imagine you were watching this happen and draw what this looked like. In the second box, draw what you would ask Jesus to do if he asked you that same question.





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.

Please email srminister@trcnyc.org or call 212-870-6775 to arrange an appointment.

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