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:

Therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

– Hebrews 12:1

The image of a tree on the front cover is from Tree of Life * Or L’Simcha Congregation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and is featured as a symbol of our solidarity with their community on All Saints’ Sunday.

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 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
Variations on “For All the Saints”  
arr. Betty Buchanan

ORGAN
Preludio “Sine Nomine”  
Herbert Howells

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY  
Rev. Amy Butler

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 526
For All the Saints  
Sine nomine

CALL TO WORSHIP from Revelation 21  
Rev. Jim Keat
One: Behold the dwelling of God is with us.
All: God will dwell with us and we shall be God’s people.
One: God will wipe away every tear from our eyes, and death shall be no more.
All: Neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.
One: Behold, I make all things new.
All: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

INVOCATION

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

ANTHEM
A Spiritual Reflection
I am a poor pilgrim of sorrow, I’m tossed in dis wide worl’ alone, No hope have I for tomorrow, I started to make heav’n my home. Sometimes I feel like a motherless child, a long way from home. Sometimes I am tossded an’ driven, Lord, Oh, sometimes I don’t know where to roam. I heard of a city called heaven, I’ve started to make it my home. Sometimes I feel like I’m almos’ gone, a long way from home.

Diana Solomon-Glover, soprano

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Minister Derrick Jordan

Holy and Loving God, you came to dwell among us, calling us to be your faithful people.

Yet too often your image is marred in our lives. We hurt and abuse those who are different.

We neglect and ignore the vulnerable.

We disgrace ourselves and dishonor your name.

Forgive us; unbind us from our sin, and set us free so that we might carry on the work of your saints.

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON
Celia Hazzard

Isaiah 25:6-9
(page 652 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON
Minister Christian Peele

Revelation 21:1-6
(page 259 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.
HYMN 406
Why Has God Forsaken Me?
Shimpi

GOSPEL LESSON
John 11:32-44
(page 105 in the New Testament)
One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON
When the Tears Won’t Stop
Rev. Butler

NAMING OF THE SAINTS
Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper
Ruth Allen
Frank Boone
Alisha Marie Bryant
Dr. Mariah Britton
Joseph Copeland
Jean Goossen
Beverly Hurd
Dr. John Hutchison
Michael Isaacs
Ben Jenkins
Kenneth Jenkins
Ermine Keitt
Dionisio Lind
Harold McQuilla
Jey Montreal
Kay Murray
Verlene Ota
Dr. Pamela Palaque-North

PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS
Almighty God, we give you thanks for all your servants, who having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace and strength to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness to carry on the work they have begun, to your honor and glory; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE
Farley Lord & Rev. Aaron Rogers

All who are able, please stand
OFFERTORY ANTHEM
And I Saw a New Heaven

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with all and God will dwell with them and they shall be her people, and God alone shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away.”

†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
Today we celebrate the ministry of our Memorial Society which assists members and friends with end of life planning.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Following each petition, please join in the following responses:

One: O Lord our God, have mercy,
All: and wipe away our tears.

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
†All who are able, please stand
INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul - er Al - might - y;
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo - ry be to you, O God.
Bless - ed 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 ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

All who are able, please stand
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!

A gluten-free option for communion bread is available upon request from a communion server.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

VIOLIN & PIANO
Theme from “Schindler’s List” John Williams
Athena Wilkinson, violin
Christopher Creaghan, piano

CHOIR
In Paradisum from “Requiem” Gabriel Faure
May the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs receive you in your coming. And may they guide you into the holy city, Jerusalem. May the chorus of angels receive you, and with Lazarus once poor, may you have eternal rest.

HYMN 504
Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether Union Seminary

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION
God of the ages, you have met us in the bread and cup at this your table. As we go from this place may we receive strength to walk with all your children in peace, and witness to the truth of your reconciliation and love. Amen.

FAREWELL TO REV. KEVIN WRIGHT
**SENDING**

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

**+BENEDICTION**

Rev. Butler

**+RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*O God of Every Nation*  
*Lancashire*

O God of every nation, of every race and land,  
Redeem the whole creation with Your almighty hand;  
Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,  
In love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.  

From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,  
From trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,  
From pride of race and station and blindness to Your way,  
Deliver every nation, Eternal God, we pray.  

Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release  
From fear of rattling saber, from dread of war’s increase;  
When hope and courage falter, Your still small voice be heard;  
With faith that none can alter, Your servants undergird.  

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,  
When hatred and division give way to love and peace,  
’Til dawns the morning glorious when peace on earth shall reign  
And You shall rule victorious o’er all the world’s domain.

**POSTLUDE**

*Carillon de Westminster, Opus 54, No. 6*  
*Louis Vierne*  
*In memory of Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur*  
*Christopher Creaghan, Associate Organist*

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**Special thanks to our congregational leaders:**  
Celia Hazzard, Aida Montero, Latoya Wilkinson, acolyte  
and Julian Veenstra-Vanderweele, crucifer

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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 trcny.org/events.

†*All who are able, please stand*
Mark 12 says that the most important commandments are to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Finish the drawing to make a picture of you, and then draw or write ways you can love God with each part of you. For example, by your head, you can draw or write ways to love God with your mind, by your arms you can write ways to love God with your strength, etc.
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Justice for the Oppressed
Psalm 146 shows us the kind of God we have. God "always does what God says - God defends the wronged, feeds the hungry, frees prisoners, gives sight to the blind, and lifts up those who fall down. God protects strangers and takes the side of orphans and widows" (The Message).

What did Ruth say to her mother-in-law, Naomi, when Naomi told her to go back home?

"OD TNO PSERS EM
OT LVAEE OUY!
WRHEE OYU OG, I LWLI OG;
HREWE OUY VELI,
I LLIW ELVI; UYRO POLPEE
LWIL EB YM PLEOPE
DAN UYRO OGD YM DGO."
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YOU ARE OFF FROM THE KINGDOM.
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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PARKING - 11/4/2018
Parking is available in the garage below the building. Present this bulletin to the attendant before 6:00 p.m. for a reduced rate of $5.00.