

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
NEWS & EVENTS
JULY 2019



2019 FREEDOM SCHOOL

July 8th-August 16th

Launched in 2016, The Riverside Freedom School is committed to providing the following to all young scholars, at absolutely no cost to participants. Because of your generosity, over sixty children from neighborhoods surrounding Riverside attended for free..

Riverside's Freedom School offers scholars:

- Personalized academic coaching utilizing Children's Defense Fund reading enrichment modules.
- Support and love from a host of inter-generational camp mentors.
- Two nutritious meals and a snack every day.
- Daily fun afternoon activities promoting learning and physical activities.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

The results are in! Riverside's children left their fundraising goal of \$1,000 in the dust and raised \$4,697 for the Coming Home Ministry! The Stewardship Committee is so honored to have been part of a multi-commission partnership, that taught kids (really, all of us) how to show love to people we don't even know, and put a significant dent in the funds it takes to offer the Coming Home ministry.



THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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Visit The Riverside Church gift shop or online store to purchase your God Is Love t-shirt and mug, empowering you to literally wear your inclusive theology on your sleeve (er, chest) and share it with every sip of coffee.

Worship & the Arts

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MORNING LIGHT

Sundays | 8:30 am | Christ Chapel
Our intimate early Sunday morning service incorporating meditation, scripture reading, and communion.
July 7th: Rev. Rachel Johnson
July 14th : Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper
July 21st: Rev. Alisha Gordon
July 28th: Dr. Hsien-Yu Wang

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

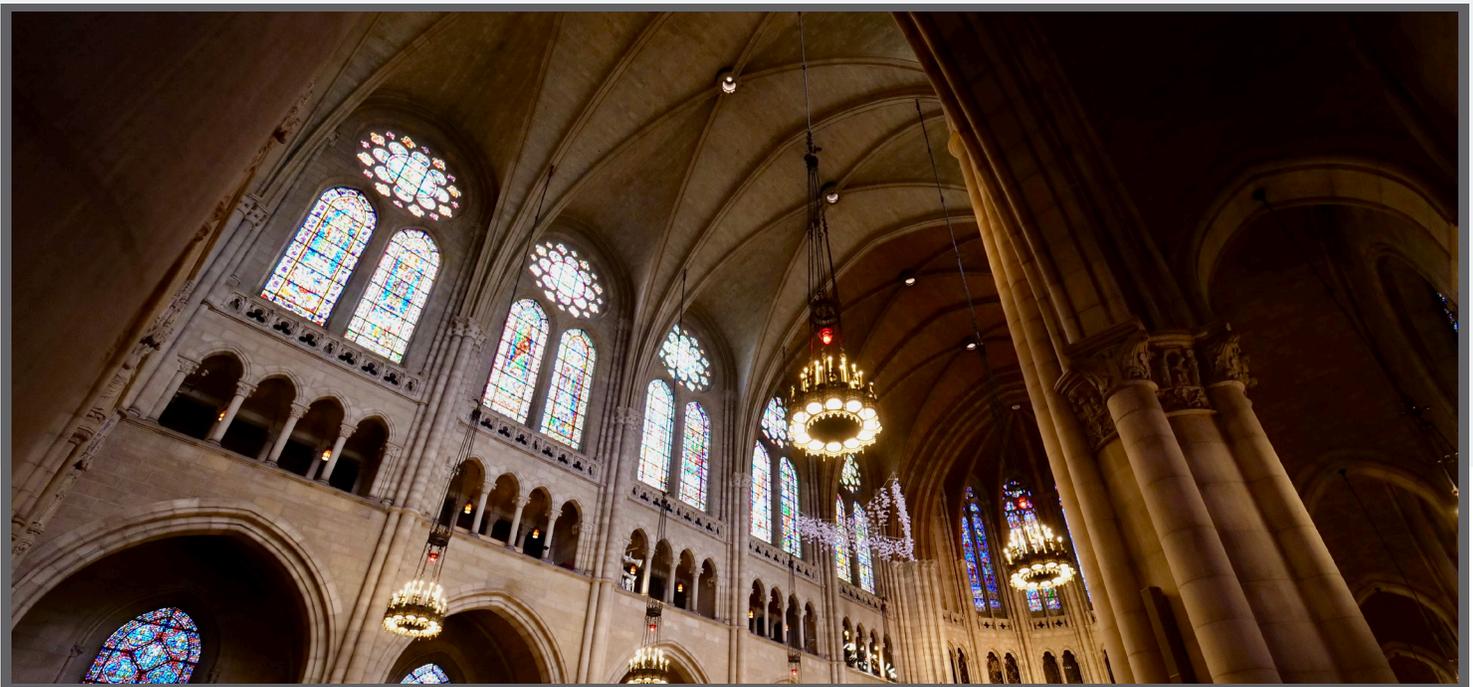
Sundays | 10:45 am | Nave
Our traditional Sunday service, held in the historic and beautiful Nave, follows the lectionary and liturgical calendar and is centered around scripture, preaching, music, and prayer. Communion is typically celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.
July 7th: Rev. Jim Keat
July 14th : Rev. Christian Peele
July 21st: Rev. Michael Livingston
July 28th: Rev. Rachel Johnson

SPACE FOR GRACE

Wednesdays | 7:00 pm | Assembly Hall
Our Wednesday evening service is celebratory and less formal, featuring preaching, prayer, and gospel-inspired music to revive the spirit and help you through the week.
July 3rd: Farley Lord
July 10th: Rev. Kevin VanHook
July 17th: Rev. Rachel Johnson
July 24th: Amanda Meisenheimer
July 31st: Rev. Debra Northern

TAPESTRY OF TEACHING

During these four weeks we dive into the middle of some of the most beloved gospel passages in Luke's gospel. From hard words of Jesus laying out the challenges of what it means to be a disciple, to the parable of the Good Samaritan, these weeks will give us the opportunity to hear these words of Jesus again and consider how they're woven together to create a rich and full picture of what he was trying to show his first disciples about what it meant to follow him. Different preaching voices of the Riverside pastoral team will each add his or her own take on these familiar biblical texts, their voices weaving together to help all of us understand more clearly what these ancient stories mean for our modern context. And all of these threads will find their way into the tapestries of our own lives, creating depth and beauty we might never have anticipated. Join us as we weave together an ancient story and our modern stories, and just watch what beauty emerges.



Parish Care

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RIVERSIDE TOWER LEAGUE

Special Note: Regular weekly Tower League programming resumes on Thursday, September 12.

SPECIAL TOWER LEAGUE SUMMER PROGRAM

July 11th | 1 pm | 10T

Riverside Mace Anderson will offer a presentation on the art and architecture of cathedrals, with special focus on Notre Dame, Chartres, and The Riverside Church.

INTERGENERATIONAL BRUNCH

July 28th | 12:30 pm | 9T

Riverside Older Adults and Young Adults are invited to enjoy a time of intergenerational fellowship, food, and fun. Brunch will be provided. Space is limited. Reservations required. Please contact Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper, 212.870.6753, lharper@trcnyc.org for more details. All sign-ups must be completed by July 22nd

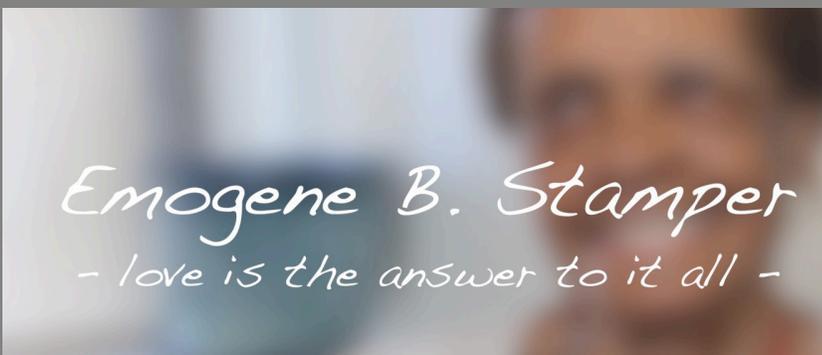
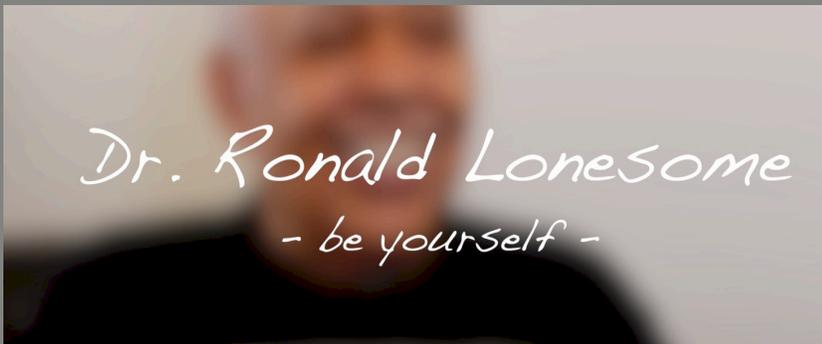
BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S GROUP MONTHLY PLANNING MEETING

Special Note: Business and Professional Women's Group monthly meetings resume on Sunday, September 8.

LET'S TAKE A LOOK BACK IN TIME



VISIT TRCNyc.org/LIVINGAGOODLIFE TO FIND OUT MORE.



Mission and Social Justice

“Justice is love correcting that which revolts against love.”

—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Live Justice Now is an ongoing initiative of Riverside’s Mission & Social Justice ministries as we take action in response to the great need for truth, justice, and compassion in our world. Many of our opportunities to take action arise in real time with short notice and are not listed here. To sign up for our mailing list, please visit our table at Coffee Hour or e-mail David Black at dblack@trcnyc.org

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WHITE SUPREMACY IS NOT THE GOSPEL: DECOLONIZING THEOLOGY IN WEST AFRICA & BEYOND

July 28th | 1pm | Assembly Hall

Join us for a forum on the legacy of white supremacy in post-colonial West Africa led by Rev. Dr. Karyn Carlo of New York Theological Seminary. Dr. Carlo has done extensive research on how white supremacy infiltrated the African consciousness by way of the teachings of missionaries from America and Europe. Corrupted theology continues to shape perceptions of identity, politics, and religion all across West Africa. Dr. Carlo will deliver a lecture, followed by a community conversation about theology, white supremacy, and the future of Christianity in West Africa.



HALLS OF REFUGE ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE

July | Riverside Drive

This July, the scaffolding attached to the church on Riverside Drive will be transformed into an art installation and prayer walk inspired by the experience of standing on a border. A liminal space is in between the origin and destination -- effectively a no-place, the space we occupy before fully becoming. For countless thousands of migrants, the southern border of the United States is the liminal space that has defined their lives and the destiny of their descendants. It is a boundary that looms large in our collective American imagination, whether we are among those who have chanted for a wall or those who have protested for our neighbors to cross unhindered. We invite you into this experience of existing between worlds as we grow in empathy for our neighbors, adversaries, allies, and aliens.



ON GOING REGULAR MEETINGS

BELOVED EARTH COMMUNITY

July 6th | 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Multipurpose Room
Beloved Earth is a group of passionate climate change activists who take to heart the Church's mission to care for the earth. Contact Susan Wersan at susanwersan@gmail.com or Regina Tate at mariposa21355@yahoo.com for more information.

KNITTERS & CROCHETERS AT RIVERSIDE

July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th | 11:00 AM | 7C
This fellowship discussed issues impacting the community, country, and world while knitting and crocheting together. Everything created by members in our sessions is donated to people in need.

BLACK LIVES MATTER

July 7th | 9:00 am - 10:00 am | Multipurpose Room
The Black Lives Matter committee will meet for discussion and fellowship, and to strategize about upcoming events. Please contact Ruby Sprott at rubysprott@gmail.com for more information and to get involved in this ministry.

THEATRE OF THE OPPRESSED

July 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th | 1:00 pm - 4 pm | 15T
This ministry uses theatre as a means of promoting empowerment, and social and political change, teaching participants about their power and agency within institutions and systems. Please contact Jeremiah Drake at theatreoftheoppressedtrc@gmail.com

SOJOURNERS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

July 14th | 1:00-2:00 pm | Pickup from Riverside
An opportunity for interested individuals to learn about and join our ministry of advocacy and friendship for migrants. For more information and to join our team of Sojourners, please contact Frances Connell at frances.connell@gmail.com.

AFRICAN FELLOWSHIP

July 14th | 1:00-3:00 pm | Multipurpose Room
African Fellowship a community of Africans and friends of Africa who gather monthly to celebrate our heritage, have spiritual fellowship and discuss issues that impact Africans on the continent and in the diaspora.



COMING HOME ALUMNI MEETING

July 16th | 1:00-3:00 pm | Multipurpose Room
Alumni of the Coming Home program will meet for fellowship and strategize about the program's future. For more information and to get involved please contact Michelle Mishoe at mmishoe@fordham.edu.

MEN'S CLASS

July 21st | 1:00-3:00 pm | Multipurpose Room
The Men's Class serves the members, congregation, and community of Riverside Church through spiritual, educational, and fellowship programs that encourage a more just society.

LATINO MINISTRY

July 22nd | 1:00 pm - 3pm | 20T
The Latino Ministry at Riverside brings to the congregation the political, cultural and spiritual issues of Latinos/as in the United States.

SOJOURNERS ICE DETENTION VISITATION

July 27th | 7:45 am | Pickup from Riverside
Be a friend to an immigration asylum-seeker currently detained in Elizabeth, NJ. We welcome volunteers to be pen-pals, twice-monthly visitors to the detention center or contributors for phone cards and commissary purchased on behalf of detained migrants. Drivers are also needed. For more information and to join our team of Sojourners, please contact Frances Connell at frances.connell@gmail.com

ECCLESIA MINISTRY

July 28th | 2:00 pm - 3pm | Marcus Garvey Park
Ecclesia is a radically open and welcoming group of individuals who desire to be in community with the poor and marginalized of our society, sharing worship and free lunch in Marcus Garvey Park. All are most welcome to join. Contact Doug Miller at Mil429440@aol.com for more information.

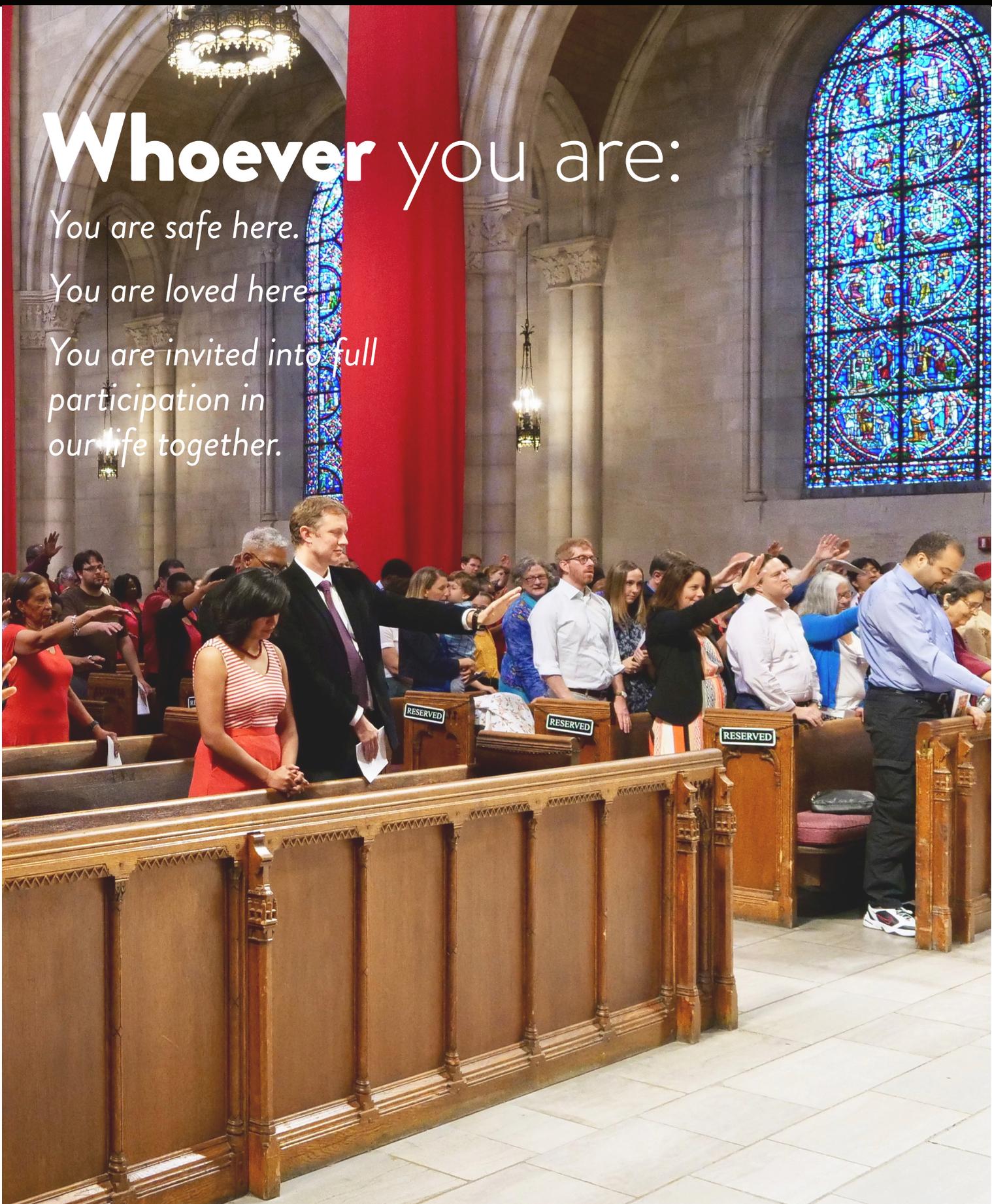


Whoever you are:

You are safe here.

You are loved here.

*You are invited into full
participation in
our life together.*



Education Ministry & Faith Formation

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MEET JOSH ELSON - RIVERSIDE'S NEW YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR

The Riverside Youth Ministry is excited to welcome Josh Elson to Riverside! Josh is excited to start his role this summer where he will direct the Riverside Arts Camp (August 18-23) and also launch the new youth choir for 7-12 grades starting this fall. Josh also serves as a Teacher of Performing Arts at the Trinity School (NYC) where he works with 7-12th graders. He has over 20 years of experience working with church youth choirs and is a familiar face at Riverside with his two children involved in the Children's Ministry. For twelve years before joining Trinity School he was the choir director at Palisades Charter High School in California. He is excited to be back in New York with his wife, Molly, and their two daughters, Magnolia and Vienna. Josh enjoys being a dad, reading, yoga, and, of course, good music. Welcome, Josh!



JOIN THE RIVERSIDE YOUTH CHOIR 7-12TH GRADES

Calling all 7-12th graders to join the launch of our new Riverside Youth Choir under the direction of Mr. Josh Elson. The choir will perform in Sunday worship, Space For Grace and perform an annual concert. Rehearsals begin on Homecoming Sunday, September 22nd. Time and location to be announced. All youth are invited to join and bring friends. Please email Joshua Elson at JElson@trcnyc.org to sign-up for the choir.

JOIN THE RIVERSIDE YOUTH STRING ENSEMBLE

The Riverside Youth String Ensemble is open to violin, viola, cello, and bass players in grades 6-12. Ensemble members learn how to play classical chamber music in a nurturing Christian environment. They serve the community by performing in several Sunday morning worship and outreach services during the school year. Prospective members are invited to join by audition by contacting Kristi Giles at kristihen@gmail.com

2019 RIVERSIDE ARTS CAMP: CAMP - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

August 19th-23rd | 8:30 am-3pm

Seeking 5th - 9th Graders for a week-long intensive engagement in the arts - including music, drama, dance, creative writing, and visual art! Lunch is provided. Registration fee is \$35 per family, and scholarships are available. There will be a final showcase on August 23 at 12:00 noon. To register go to trcnyc.org/RAC2019

BAPTISM AT RIVERSIDE

At The Riverside Church, we love to celebrate new life! Baptism is an outward and visible sign of God's grace and the abundant life that Christ offers. God's promise of new life extends to both children and adults. Baptism ushers us into the care of Christ's church, affirms us, regardless of age, as children of God, and celebrates our nurture and growth toward mature faith and Christian discipleship. If you desire to be baptized and you are a member of the Riverside Church, register for our next baptism orientation here. Email Amanda Meisenheimer with any questions.

DONATE SUPPLIES FOR FREEDOM SCHOOL

Freedom School is right around this summer. The program runs July 8 - August 16. Launched in 2016, The Riverside Freedom School is committed to providing the following to all young scholars, at absolutely no cost to participants. Because of your generosity, 60 children from neighborhoods surrounding Riverside are able to attend this year's Freedom School. We need your help with snack and supply donations. Go to trcnyc.org/FreedomSchool to donate.

RECRUITING RIVERSIDE KIDS WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Our children worship in the Chapel of the Cross almost every Sunday during the school year. Be a part of the dynamic team that brings the scriptures alive through drama, music, preaching, and activities. Whether you can serve one Sunday per month or every Sunday, we would love to hear from you. Email Amanda Meisenheimer to schedule a volunteer interview, mmeisenheimer@trcnyc.org.

PASTORS' SUMMER BIBLE STUDY!



SUNDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST

9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. | 330 MLK

REV. RACHEL JOHNSON	JULY 7	PASTOR AMY BUTLER	AUG 4
DAVID BLACK	JULY 14	REV. MICHAEL LIVINGSTON	AUG 11
REV. LYNN CASTEEL HARPER	JULY 21	REV. JAN POWELL	AUG 18
REV. BRUCE LAMB	JULY 28	FARLEY LORD	AUG 25

Join your pastors for a summer of studying the Bible together. Each week one of our pastors will help us walk through one of the lectionary texts together. All are welcome! Bibles provided!

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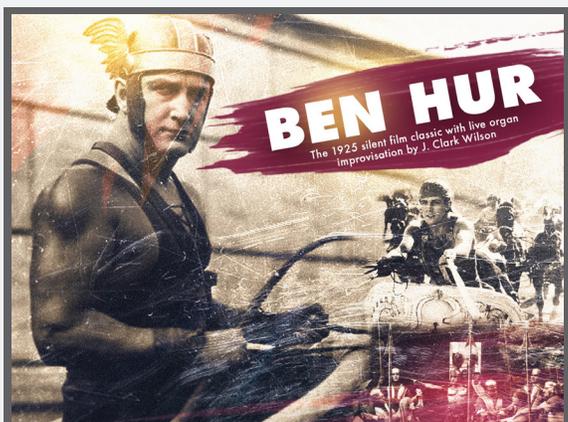
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BENHUR FILM SCREENING

Tuesday, July 30th | 7:00 pm | Christ Chapel

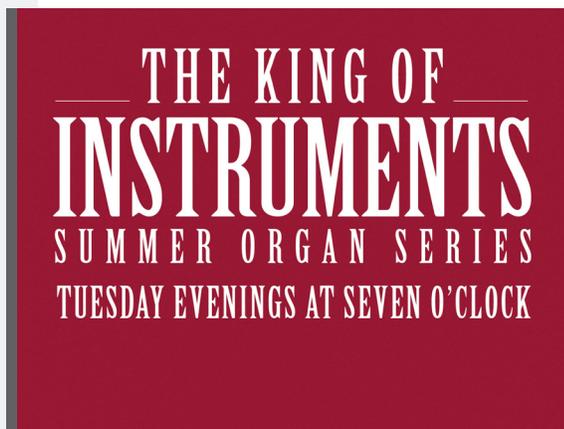
A special concert of live organ improvisation on the 1925 silent film classic



THE KING OF INSTRUMENTS: SUMMER ORGAN SERIES

Summer Tuesdays | 7:00 pm | Nave

Riverside's annual series features some of the world's most outstanding organists performing on The Riverside Church's famed Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ, one of the most magnificent instruments of its kind.



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GRATEFUL GATHERING

July 21st | Immediately Following Worship | South Hall

Please join us for a fun, family-friendly opportunity to celebrate our spiritual call to giving and service at our next Grateful Gathering. We're excited to highlight the wonderful work that's been done in our community and share with you a preview of what's to come! We will provide a delicious lunch, fun games, and warm fellowship, and the entire church community is invited.



NEED HELP DRAFTING A WILL?

We are here for you. Riverside has teamed up with FreeWill, an online will-creation tool.

If you don't have a will, you can make one today for free, whether or not you choose to make a gift to The Riverside Church.

A few months ago, I reached out to Farley Lord for help writing my will. We sat side by side and she patiently walked me through the use of the marvelous tool called Free Will. It was easier than I ever could have imagined. In one brief sitting, I had a totally legal will. She even provided two witnesses and a notary public. I highly recommend this process. It was an absolute joy." – Jacqueline Hopkins, member and friend

Create a will online today at www.trcnyc.org/LegacyGiving, or contact Farley Lord at flord@trcnyc.com or (212) 870-6755

Dear friends,

This month we are exploring **"A Tapestry of Teachings"** in worship, and the sermons are illuminating stories from the Gospel of Luke. We are meeting Jesus face to face, asking what it means to be a disciple, and hearing his simple yet challenging answers.

As we hope you know, Stewardship and Development approaches its work as an integral ministry to the spiritual life of the congregation. We are lay and ordained ministers of generosity and gratitude, and our ministry is inspiring disciples to holistic lives of giving and serving. Building on actions like putting money into the offering plate and volunteering at the food pantry, Christian Stewardship extends to our full expression of care for the world. This means that how we respond to people on the subway, the choices we make to sustain the earth, and the spirit with which we show up for our work with each other as the Riverside Community are equally important components of Christian stewardship.

We invite you to explore the Scriptural themes in this sermon series through the lens of Christian Stewardship. What do these stories say to you about giving and serving? How do you think Jesus would define "stewardship"? How are you encouraged by these stories for your own stewardship practice? How are you challenged?

At the end of the series, we'd like to hear what you think. (Think of it as a Sermon Talkback with a Stewardship focus.) On July 28, the last Sunday of "A Tapestry of Teachings", the Stewardship team will be at a specially designated table in South Hall during Coffee Hour. Join us for coffee, lunch, and good conversation.

As a reminder, the Scripture lessons from the series are:

July 7: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (Rev. Jim Keat)

July 14: Luke 10:25-37 (Rev. Christian Peele)

July 21: Luke 10:38-42 (Rev. Michael Livingston)

July 28: Luke 11:1-13 (Rev. Rachel Johnson)

With gratitude,

Kaitlin Cook

Director of Stewardship and Development

Select Commission & Committee Meetings

Below are the typical meeting dates, times, and locations for select Commissions/Committees. Always contact the Commission/Committee in advance to confirm meeting dates, times, and room locations, especially for meetings that fall on holidays and during the summer. All dates, times, and locations are subject to change without notice.

Audit Committee
Quarterly at Call of Chair

Church Council
Monday, July 22nd at 6:45 p.m.

Education Commission
Monday, July 8th at 6:30 p.m.

MSJ Commission.
Monday, July 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Personnel & Salary Committee
Monday, July 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Budget & Planning Committee
Tuesday, July 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Committee
Monday, July 15th at 5:30 p.m.
• Conference Call

Nominating Committee
Tuesday, July 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Sharing Fund Committee
Monday, July 1st at 6:30 p.m.

Stewardship Committee
Tuesday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Building Committee
Tuesday, July 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Membership & Parish Life Comm.
Monday, July 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Ordination Committee
Tuesday, July 16th at 6:45 p.m.

Social Services Committee
Sunday, July 7th at 1:00 p.m.

Worship Commission
Monday, July 8th at 6:45 p.m.



For a complete list of Calendar of Events
please visit trcnyc.org/events

Or please scan the QR code below
with your mobile devices.



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IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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Visit The Riverside Church gift shop or online store to purchase your God Is Love t-shirt and mug, empowering you to literally wear your inclusive theology on your sleeve (er, chest) and share it with every sip of coffee.

What are you waiting for? Get your t-shirt, mug, and tote bag today!



visit us at <https://www.trcnyc.org/pridemerch/>

Receive Congregational Care Info

Subscribe to email updates on prayer requests, illnesses, and memorial services at <http://tinyurl.com/trccareupdates>.

Clergy On Call

Pastoral Care is pleased to offer Clergy on Call when there is a life event or crisis which creates a need for pastoral care outside of regular office hours. Congregants may reach Clergy on Call by calling 212.870.6712, and a member of the clergy will respond as soon as possible.

Clergy On Call is specifically designated for Riverside members who are experiencing an emergency such as illness, death, accident, or hospitalization as well as those who urgently require prayer.

Please be aware that financial assistance and other social service-related calls will not be responded to by Clergy on Call.

For pastoral needs during business hours, contact the Parish Care Office at 212.870.6909.

Alert Compassionate Care

Do you know of someone who can't make it to church due to illness, surgery, crisis, or other challenge? Have you noticed someone missing from their regular seat in the pew? Have a prayer request?

If you think that one of our brothers or sisters might be in need of compassionate care, or if you have a personal prayer request, please take a moment to let us know. If you know something, say something. Contact the Office of Parish Care 212.870.6741 or email dnorthern@trcnyc.org.

Questions? Comments? Contact Riverside Communications

Have questions about Riverside events? Does your ministry or group have news to share? Send your questions, comments, or news to communications@trcnyc.org.

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You are welcome into full participation in our life together.

