

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



*Extended Family by Laura James*

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019  
TWELFTH 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:

“How can we claim to be a fair and just democracy if we treat the working person; citizen, immigrant, young or old, on farms and factories, from maintenance work to farm work, customer service to domestic workers, unskilled construction workers and independent contractors—with less dignity and respect than those who reap enormous profit from their essential labor? If we steal from them, pay them unfairly, deny them the right to organize and bargain from a seat at the table—who are we as a nation?”

—Rev. Michael Livingston

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## 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.

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**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.

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## IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:

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

**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](http://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

### ORGAN

Adagietto, Opus 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 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*Lobe den Herren*

### ✚CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>1</sup> (from Psalm 81)

Hsien-Yu Wang

One: Sing aloud to God our strength and shout with joy:  
**All: God, our Host, welcomes us.**

One: God reminds us, "I brought you out of the land of Egypt  
and fed you along the way:"

**All: When we opened our mouths, God filled us with good things.**

One: God calls us to walk the path of faithfulness,  
trusting the promise: a feast for all-- freshly-baked bread,  
hot from the oven, and sweet honey to satisfy our hunger.

**All: Let us worship God!**

### ✚INVOCATION

✚*All who are able, please stand*

## LISTENING

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

### SOLO

Take My Life, and Let It Be

*Harry Huff*

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my day; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my king. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

*Lisa Daebelin, soprano*

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Susan Wersan

Jeremiah 2:4-13

*(pg. 699 in the Old Testament)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE LESSON

Minister Charlene Wingate

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

*(pg. 227 in the New Testament)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### +HYMN 367

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

*Chereponi*

### +GOSPEL LESSON

Farley Lord

Luke 14:1, 7-14

*(pg. 77 in the New Testament)*

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Rev. Livingston

Living As Though

+*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

Hsien-Yu Wang

## OFFERTORY SOLO

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings *Samuel Liddle*  
How lovely are thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longeth, yea, fainteth,  
for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.  
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow a nest, where she  
may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.  
O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer. I would rather be a door keeper in the  
house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness, for a day in thy  
courts is better than a thousand.

## +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.**

## +PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Minister Charlene Wingate

*Today we celebrate the ministry of our Barber Training Program, which provides access  
to free haircuts for the community, and prepares trainees to apply for a barbering license  
upon graduation.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

**One:** O God, hear our prayer.  
**All:** God's love endures forever.

## 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.**

+All who are able, please stand

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

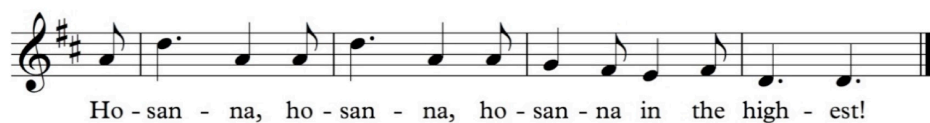
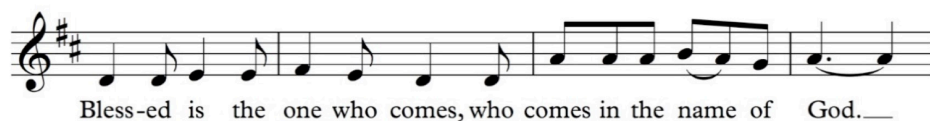
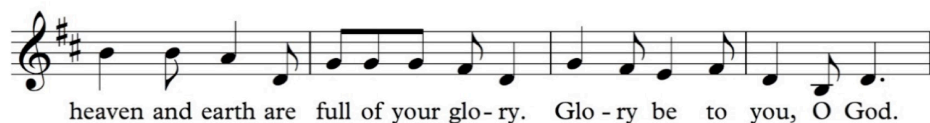
One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

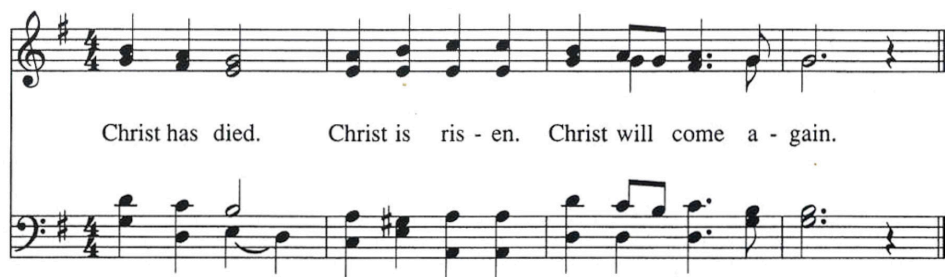
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## SANCTUS



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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

### ORGAN

Elevation

*Léon Boëllmann*

Beloved Jesu, We Are Here (BWV 731)

*J. S. Bach*

### HYMN 504

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

*Union Seminary*

## ✚PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Livingston

Compassionate God, 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.

## SENDING

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

## ✚BENEDICTION

## ✚RECESSIONAL HYMN 389

O Jesus, I Have Promised

*Nyland*

## POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

*Alfred Hollins*

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Liturgical Resources for Today:

<sup>1</sup>*Worship Ways*

*Special thanks to our congregational leader:*

*Susan Wersan*



In Luke 14, Jesus teaches his friends about being humble and including others. He uses the example of hosting a dinner. Rather than inviting friends or people who could invite you to their house, Jesus tells his disciples to invite people who are poor, sick, or in need. Draw a dinner table and the people you would like to invite to your meal. Think especially about people who could use the encouragement of food and friendship.





JESUS is the Same  
yesterday, // today  
& forever



# WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Hebrews 13 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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X	R	A	E	N	T	P	C	R	C	E	R	P	Y	U
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MONEY  
CONFIDENCE  
LORD  
HELPER  
LEADERS  
FAITH

LOVE  
HOSPITALITY  
ANGELS  
REMEMBER  
STRANGERS  
MARRIAGE

JESUS  
CHRIST  
FOREVER  
SACRIFICE  
PRAISE  
SHARE

## ABOUT RIVERSIDE

The Riverside Church is an interdenominational, interracial, international, open, welcoming, and affirming church and congregation. The church is a member of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. and the United Church of Christ. Riverside cooperates with the Council of Churches in the City of New York and with the New York State, National, and World Council of Churches. Whoever you are: You are safe here. You are loved here. You are invited into full participation in our life together.

Rev. Michael Livingston, Interim Senior Minister  
Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Senior Minister Emeritus

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

For announcements of programs and events at The Riverside Church, please pick up the Life of the Community newsletter located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center. Visit [trcnyc.org/Events](http://trcnyc.org/Events) for more information and to download a copy.



*Extended Family* (2006) “I like to come up with the title for a piece when I first start thinking about the image, and thought I would call this one *Outside Children Inside* (I overheard a discussion about a man’s ‘outside children,’ a reference to children born from an extramarital affair and it reminded me of slavery, and the idea that the master’s ‘outside children’ often lived ‘inside’ with the rest of the family). I imagined the black woman as wet-nurse for her mistresses’ child... with the slave’s own children with her master tending the mistress, fanning her and bringing her tea. These children are shown floating, an image I use sometimes to show one’s detachment and instability. When it was complete, I thought *Extended Family* was a more appropriate title, as the picture is not just about the children, but a whole bizarrely dysfunctional family.”

-Laura James, artist

*In her upcoming exhibit at Riverside, Laura James combines the use of surrealist painting and postcolonial theory to address issues of gender, work, and motherhood in the lives of domestic workers living in New York City. The Nanny Series: A Postcolonial Reading opens September 22nd.*

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## PARKING - 9/1/2019

**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.

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