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:

“The Church is the only institution that exists primarily for the benefit of those who are not its members.”

-William Temple

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.

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 “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”
Leen ’t Hart

ORGAN
Adagio in E Major
Frank Bridge

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY
Rev. Jim Keat

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 461
God Is Here!
Abbot’s Leigh

†CALL TO WORSHIP
Hsien-Yu Wang
One: Jesus offers a new-old commandment:
All: Love one another as I have loved you.
One: With the incredible power
and the unfathomable depth
of God’s love for us,
All: we can, we must
love one another.
One: And it is in this,
our love for one another,
All: that the world will know
the God of love that we worship.
Come, children of God,
let us love one another.

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

ANTHEM
Jesus Promised
Oh how wonderful it is, Jesus promised he’ll take care of me! Oh how marvelous it is, Jesus promised he’ll take care of me. I don’t have to worry about the things ahead. All I have to do is live right, and believe in what he said. I can call him in the morning, I can call him in the middle of the night. And when I call him, he makes everything all right. It does not matter how big the problem may be! Jesus promised he’ll take care of me!

The Riverside Inspirational Choir
Nedra Olds-Neal, director
Matt King, piano
Jonathon Peretz, percussion
Tash Neal, bass

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
(pg. 736 in the Old Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON
1 Timothy 6:6-19
(pg. 210 in the New Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

All who are able, please stand
HYMN

Within Your Shelter, Loving God

Amazing Grace

Within Your shelter, loving God, My refuge and my
Because I___ trust in You a-lone, No evil shall come
Your holy___ angels bear me up and keep my___ feet see-
As of-ten___ as I call to You, You kindly hear my
All those who know Your name on earth shall live abun-dant

tower,____ I safely___ walk by day___ and_
near.____ The strong___ de-fend-er of___ my_
cure.____ Though fierce___ and an-gry foes___ as-
prayer.____ In times___ of___ trou-ble and___ dis-
know.____ On all___ a-bid-ing in___ Your_
night be-neth Your___ guid-ing power____
home, with You I___ have no fear____
sail, In You my___ way is sure____
tress I rest in___ Your own care____
love Your sav-ing___ grace be-stow____

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:19-31
(pg. 79 in the New Testament)
One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

For the Love

Rev. Keat

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Alisha Gordon

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

One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to 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.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Hsien-Yu Wang

All who are able, please stand.
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Ev’ry Blessing

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount I’m fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy throne I’m come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY

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 work of our Small Group Ministry, which provides educational and spiritual growth opportunities for people in our church and in the community.

All who are able, please stand
SENDING
We are sent out into the world to love God and our neighbors

†BENEDICTION
Rev. Keat

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 210
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
St. Anne

POSTLUDE
“The people respond - Amen!”
Dan Locklair

Welcome to the newest members of our Riverside Church family who joined September 22, 2019

Christian Sineath Grant  Jia Liu
Les Grant  Lara Richardson
Gary S. Bogle  Lucas Lopes
Lissa Dodington  Joel Francois

Liturgical Resources for Today:
1From Rubrics

Special thanks to our congregational leader:
Carol Fouke-Mpoyo

†All who are able, please stand
Activities based on Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16, 1 Timothy 6:6-19.
God sent the prophet Jeremiah to share important messages to the people. Help Jeremiah through the maze to reach God’s people.

1 Timothy 6 talks about contentment. Another word for contentment is gratitude. Draw 3 things for which you are grateful and want to thank God.
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 for more information and to download a copy.

PARKING - 9/29/2019
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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