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:

“From the first notes of the processional to the benediction—within that space there is peace, joy, contentment, warmth, the transforming truth of the gospel, the confidence of faith, spirit, and the presence of the divine: One God, mother of us all.”

-Rev. Michael Livingston

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

ORGAN
Angel’s Farewell Edward Elgar

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY Rev. Michael Livingston

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 391
Take My Life Hendon

CALL TO WORSHIP Hsien-Yu Wang
One: The Holy One is here in this community of faith:
All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!
One: Let us bless the Holy Name forever and ever
All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!
One: Let us meditate on God’s wondrous works
All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!
One: Let us bless and praise God’s name forever and ever
All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

INVOCATION

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

ANTHEM
Faithful Over A Few Things
Glenn Burleigh

You must be faithful over a few things to be ruler over many things. Be thou faithful unto death and God will give you a crown of life. If you have a song to sing, faithfully sing that song. If you have some love to show, show it the whole day long. If you have a kind word to say, try to say it each and ev’ry day. If you have a prayer to pray, pray on in Jesus name. Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of God. Know that your labor is not in vain, you shall receive a just reward. Be thou faithful and God will give you a crown of life. Well done, good and faithful servant, well done. Be thou faithful and God will give you a crown of life.

The Riverside Inspirational Choir
Nedra Olds-Neal, director
Ramona Dunlap, soprano
Matt King, piano

BAPTISM BY IMMERSION
Rev. Livingston

Robert Lugo

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM
Rev. Bruce Lamb

Alaric Castro
Ava Centeno
Leonie Francois
Robert Lugo
Byron O’Neal
Tatiana O’Neal
Kai Pierre
Mya Pierre
Laila Vargas

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES
Rev. Lamb

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON
Minister Derrick Jordan

Haggai 2:1-9
(pg. 878 in the Old Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

All who are able, please stand
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**EPISTLE LESSON**

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
*(pg. 206 in the New Testament)*

One: The Word of God for the People of God.  
All: Thanks be to God.

**HYMN 400**

Pues Si Vivimos  
*(verses 1-2 in Spanish, verses 3-4 in English, refrain in Spanish)*

Somos del Señor

**GOSPEL LESSON**

*(pg. 84 in the New Testament)*

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.  
All: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

Work, God is Near

**RESPONDING**

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

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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.

All who are able, please stand.
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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
At the River
Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel’s feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God. Yes we’ll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God. Soon we’ll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes we’ll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God, that flows by the throne of God.

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 the Sharing & Densford Funds, which offer grants to ministries around the world, so that all people may know safety, have access to education, clean drinking water, and live each day knowing their worth in God’s beloved community.

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

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN 483
Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

POSTLUDE
Trumpet Tune

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Belgica Gonzalez & Carol White

All who are able, please stand
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Try to find the words from Psalm 145 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

- EXTOL
- GOD
- BLESS
- NAME
- FOREVER
- PRAISE
- GREAT
- GENERATION
- MIGHTY
- GLORIOUS
- KIND
- NEAR
- TRUTH
- FULFILL
- HEAR
- SAVE
- FLESH
- SPEAK
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 - 11/10/2019
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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