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:

“Don’t ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive and then go do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.”

-Howard Thurman

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 “Now Thank We All Our God”  
O Worship the King  
We Thank Thee, Lord
Anton van Ooik  
arr. Leen’t Hart  
J. S. Bach, arr. Bob van Wely

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

HANDBELLS
The Gift of Grace  
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Arnold B. Sherman  
Karen Buckwalter

The Riverside Ringers
Daniel Potter, director
Christopher Creaghan, organ

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY  
Rev. Michael Livingston

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 423
Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun  
Duke Street

CALL TO WORSHIP  
Minister Charlene Wingate

One:  Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega,  
      the one who is, who was, and is to come.

All:  We come to worship the one who rules justly.

One:  Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,  
      The firstborn of the dead,  
      The ruler of the kings of the earth!

All:  Bread of Heaven, God with us!

One:  Good Shepherd, True Vine!

All:  Eternal Word, Great I AM!

One:  Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!

All:  We come to worship Jesus Christ,  
      King of kings and Lord of lords!  
      To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.

INVOCATION

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

ANTHEM
Create in Me  
Create in me a clean, clean heart, create in me a work of art. Create in me a miracle, something real, something beautiful. You're not finished with me yet, by your power I can change. You're not finished with me yet.

*Create in Me*  
arr. J. Elson

The Riverside Youth Choir  
Joshua Elson, director

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON
Jeremiah 23:1-6  
(pgs. 725 in the Old Testament)

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

EPISTLE LESSON
Colossians 1:11-20  
(pg. 200 in the New Testament)

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

ANTHEM
Now Thank We All Our God  
arr. Eileen Laurence

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers’ arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

GOSPEL LESSON
(pg. 89 in the New Testament)

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

SERMON
The Courage to Ask

Rev. Livingston

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

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.

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
Thanks Be To God¹

Felix Mendelssohn

Thanks be to God: who reviveth the thirsty land. The waters gather; they rush along. The stormy billows are high: their fury is mighty, but the Lord is above them and almighty.

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;

All who are able, please stand
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Farley Lord

Today we celebrate the work of our Board of Ushers and Greeters Ministry who provide hospitality to all who enter The Riverside Church.

SENDING

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

Salutation on “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Alice Jordan

Cover Art by He Qi “The Risen Lord”

Currently a California resident, Dr. He Qi studied at Nanjing Normal University, Nanjing Art Institute in China and Hamburg Art Institute in Germany. Now he is currently an Artist-in-Residence at Fuller Theological Seminary and a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Art Institute of RUC (Renmin University of China, Beijing). Author and international speaker Dr. Richard Melheim describes the artistic style as, “...Chagall meets Matisse meets Picasso meets the East. Vibrant. Energetic. Breathtaking. Biblical. Humorous. Whole-world art.”

Liturgical Resources for Today:

1From Elijah

Special thanks to our congregational leader:

Marilyn Mitchell

All who are able, please stand.
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All things have been created through Christ for Christ.
Psalm 46 is a powerful reminder of God’s presence with us in the midst of scary times. How does the Psalmist describe God? **Unscramble the words to find out!**

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D A N G R E T H S T N
A E Y V R P E S E T N R
L E H P N I L E B U T R O
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**DOODLE AREA**

Draw something that you love.
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WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Luke 23 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

JESUS
PLACE
CRIMINAL
WATCH
FORGIVE
PEOPLE

LEADERS
CHosen
CLOTHING
CROSS
GOD
JUSTICE

SAVE
KING
MESSIAH
REMEMBER
KINGDOM
PARADISE
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 - 11/24/2019
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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