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:

A Saint is not a person who does not sin but a sinner who never stops doing good.”

-Bangambiki Habyarimana The Great Pearl Of Wisdom

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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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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 “Oh, How Fleeting”                      John Knox
Paraphrase on “Land of Rest”                        Doug Gefvert
Variations on “Oh, How Fleeting”                    Georg Bohm
Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN
The Joy of the Redeemed                              Clarence Dickinson

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 526
For All the Saints                                    Sine nomine

CALL TO WORSHIP from Revelation 21                   Farley Lord
One: Behold the dwelling of God is with us.
All: God will dwell with us and we shall be God’s people.
One: God will wipe away every tear from our eyes,
    and death shall be no more.
All: Neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore,
    for the former things have passed away.
One: Behold, I make all things new.
All: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

INVOCATION

All who are able, please stand
ANTHEM
A City Called Heaven  Spiritual, arr. Leonard de Paur

I am a poor pilgrim of sorrow, I’m tossed in this wide world alone. No hope have I for tomorrow, I’ve started to make heav’n my home. Sometimes I am tossed and driven. Lord, sometimes I don’t know where to roam. I heard of a city called heaven, I’ve started to make it my home. My mother has reached that pure glory, my father still walkin’ in sin. My brothers and sisters won’t own me, because I am tryin’ to get in.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

Holy and Loving God,
you came to dwell among us,
calling us to be your faithful people.
Yet too often your image is marred in our lives.
We hurt and abuse those who are different.
We neglect and ignore the vulnerable.
We disgrace ourselves and dishonor your name.
Forgive us; unbind us from our sin, and set us free
so that we might carry on the work of your saints.
Hear now the confessions of our hearts. (silent prayer) Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

PSALTER LESSON  Karen McVoy
Psalm 149
(pg. 583 in the Old Testament)
One:  The Word of God for the People of God.
All:  Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON  Rev. Geraldine Howard
Ephesians 1:11-23
(pg. 192 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 453
O Holy City, Seen of John

GOSPEL LESSON
Luke 6:20-31
(pag. 64 in the New Testament)
One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON
Rich Inheritance for All
Rev. Debra Northern

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

NAMING OF THE SAINTS
Rev. Harper
Dr. Laury Ann Betha
Frank Bizzell
David Carey
Jane Curtis
Elizabeth Dunbar
Martha Ford
Mary Ida Gardner
Vera Smith Holzman
John Larberg
Allen Lorick
Steven McCadney
Sue Miles
Dee Powell
Wilma Dean Small
Katherine Wilcox

PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS
Almighty God, we give you thanks for all your servants, who, having
finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace and
strength to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness
to carry on the work they have begun, to your honor and glory;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE
Jerome Hairston

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace
Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

We shall walk through the valley in peace, for Jesus himself will be our leader.
We will meet our loved ones there, for Jesus himself will be our leader. There
will be no more trials there, we shall walk through the valley in peace.
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;

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each petition, please join in the following response:

One: O Lord our God, have mercy,
All: and wipe away our tears.

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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

Holy, holy, holy God, Ruler Almighty;
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O God.
Blessed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

CALL TO SUPPER

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

Lamento

Denis Bédard

† All who are able, please stand
CHOIR
In Paradisum\(^1\)  
Gabriel Fauré
May the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs receive you in your coming. And may they guide you into the holy city, Jerusalem. May the chorus of angels receive you, and with Lazarus once poor, may you have eternal rest.

ORGAN
Song of Peace  
Jean Langlais

HYMN 515
Now to Your Table Spread  
Love Unknown

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION  
Rev. Livingston
God of the ages, 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

‡RECESSIONAL HYMN 475
O That I Had a Thousand Voices  
O dass ich tausend Züngen hätte

BENEDICTION  
Rev. Northern
Please be seated.

POSTLUDE
Pardon, O Christ, Your Servants  
Marcel Dupré

Liturgical Resources for Today:
\(^1\)From Requiem, sung in Latin

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Karen McVoy, Jerome Hairston, & Rev. Geraldine Howard

Finish the drawing of the prophet Habakkuk standing at his watch post. He is praying, waiting to hear some direction from God.
Luke 19 tells the story of Zacchaeus climbing a tree to see Jesus walk by in a crowd of people. Draw a picture of how you imagined this looked.
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 - 11/3/2019
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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