

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JULY 12, 2020  
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

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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:

“God is in this, has this, in us, has us. “Come,” she says. Find, listen, enjoy, delight.

For all the dire physical reality, the virus, the injustice that cannot be denied or minimized, avoided or suppressed, exile is a state of mind that can be transcended while we work for change.”

-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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## GATHERING

*We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God*

### CARILLON

Jesus Shall Reign

*arr. Betty Buchanan*

*Charles, Semowich, Carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Prelude in D Major (BWV 532)

*J. S. Bach*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Your Word is a lamp to our feet!

**All: You light our path in our darkest days.**

One: When we feel our many afflictions, You give us life!

**All: According to Your Word, You give us life!**

One: By Your Word, we become transformed.

**All: Through Your Word, transform us in worship.**

### OPENING HYMN 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

*Mit Freuden Zart*

Sing praise to God, who reigns above,  
The God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love,  
The God of our salvation;  
With healing balm my soul is filled,  
And every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made  
God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning glow or evening shade  
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of God's might,  
Lo! all is just and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,  
But through all grief distressing,  
An ever present help and stay,  
Our peace and joy and blessing;  
As with a mother's tender hand,  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!

**Thus, all my gladsome way along,  
I sing aloud Thy praises  
That all may hear the grateful song  
My voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,  
Both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory!**

**INVOCATION**

Rev. Howard

*LISTENING*

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

**HEBREW BIBLE LESSON**

Alexa Donaphin

Isaiah 55:1-13

*(pages 685 & 686 in the Old Testament)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Livingston

God Is In This

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Kevin VanHook

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*RESPONDING*

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

**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.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Howard

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Alexa Donaphin

## OFFERTORY SOLO

Eternal Life

*Olive Dungan*

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

*Juan Jose Ibarra, Baritone*

## THE DOXOLOGY

**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

Rev. Kevin VanHook

*Today we celebrate the ministry of our Church Council, Commissions and Committees as they begin a new year of dreaming, planning, and discerning the many ways that we might be Christ's hands and feet in the world.*

## CLOSING HYMN 389

**O Jesus, I Have Promised**

*Nyland*

**O Jesus, I have promised**

**To serve Thee to the end;**

**Be Thou forever near me,**

**My Master and my Friend;**

**I shall not fear the battle**

**If Thou art by my side,**

**Nor wander from the pathway**

**If Thou wilt be my Guide.**

**O let me feel Thee near me!**

**The world is ever near;**

**I see the sights that dazzle,**

**The tempting sounds I hear;**

**My foes are ever near me,**

**Around me and within;**

**But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,**

**And shield my soul from sin.**

O let me hear Thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self will.  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou Guardian of my soul.  
O Jesus, Thou hast promised  
To all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory  
There shall Thy servant be.  
And Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my Friend.

*SENDING*

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

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Livingston

**POSTLUDE**

Fugue in D Major (BWV 532)

*J. S. Bach*

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*Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Rev. Howard & Alexa Donaphin*

## **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

## **RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST**

Are you receiving our weekly emails? Check your junk folder, add us to your “safe sender list,” or visit [\*\*trcnyc.org/Email\*\*](http://trcnyc.org/Email) to sign up. We want to make sure that you know all the latest news and events at The Riverside Church!

## **LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

For announcements of programs and events at The Riverside Church, please visit [\*\*trcnyc.org/Events\*\*](http://trcnyc.org/Events) for more information and to download a copy.

## **WORSHIP ONLINE & ALL WEEK LONG**

If you need more Riverside worship throughout the week, visit [\*\*trcnyc.org/DigitalDiscipleship\*\*](http://trcnyc.org/DigitalDiscipleship) to watch the Sunday morning Livestream, videos of the sermon and the choirs, and more. Be sure to watch The Word Made Fresh, our weekly video Bible Study, and catch up on Be Still and Go, our devotional podcast.

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