

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:

“Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time.”

-Marian Wright Edelman

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

Prelude

Theophil Rusterholz

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Jesus, Our Divine Companion

arr. Robert Hebble

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Phil Tom

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Geraldine Howard

One: Sing praises to the God of our ancestors!

All: Give thanks for the grace of the Lord!

One: Seek the strength in Christ's firm foundation

All: Let us stand in the presence of the Lord!

One: Remember the sacrifice that God has made for us.

All: Through God's grace we are here today. Let us worship together in the place where God's glory abides!

OPENING HYMN 416

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
And our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call You,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Your wonted lovingkindness
Hear Your people as they pray,
And Your fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away.**

**Here bestow on all Your servants
What they ask of You to gain,
What they gain from You forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Your glory
Evermore with You to reign.**

**Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run.**

INVOCATION

Minister Derrick Jordan

LISTENING

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

Exodus 3:1-12

(page 50 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Minister Jordan

Matthew 16:21-28

(pages 18 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Tom

Cheap Grace vs. Costly Grace

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Harper

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

Minister Jordan

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

OFFERTORY SOLO

O Praise the Lord Who Made All Beauty *Hal Hopson*
O praise the Lord who made all beauty, whose gift of the senses we enjoy, O
may we live each day in constant wonder, to see all of life in simple pleasure.
O praise the Lord who made all beauty, sing, "Laude, laudeamus te." Praise
Him who makes each day an adventure. Praise Him for eager eyes to see the
world. Praise Him for budding flower. Praise Him for stars and moonbeam.
Sing, "Laudeamus." Praise Her for sound of voice and music. Praise Her for
touch that loved ones share. Praise Her for fragrant springtime. Praise Her for
winter's bleakness. Sing, "Laudeamus."

David Orcutt, 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. Howard

*Today we celebrate the work of our Prison Ministry, which conducts advocacy and outreach
programs on behalf of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people, their families, and their
communities.*

CLOSING HYMN 343¹

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

**Called as partners in Christ's service
Called to ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace
May we learn the art of sharing
Side by side and friend with friend
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfil God's chosen end**

**Christ's example Christ's inspiring
Christ's clear call to work and worth
Let us follow never faltering
Reconciling folk on earth
Men and women richer poorer
All God's people young and old
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold**

**Thus new patterns for Christ's mission
In a small or global sense
Help us bear each other's burdens
Breaking down each wall or fence
Words of comfort words of vision
Words of challenge said with care
Bring new power and strength for action
Make us colleagues free and fair**

**So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife
Make us partners in our living
Our compassion to increase
Messengers of faith thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace**

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

Rev. Tom

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune in D Major

Craig Sellar Lang

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Rev. Geraldine Howard & Jacqueline McLeod

Liturgical Resources for Today:

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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

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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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