



# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

For such a time as *this*

NOVEMBER 22, 2020  
TWENTY-FIFTH 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:

“One of the women greeted me.  
I love you, she said. She didn’t  
Know me, but I believed her . . .  
I love you in the rusted iron  
Chains someone was made  
To drag until love let them be  
Unclassed and left empty  
In the center of the ring. . . .  
O Miraculous Many Gone—  
O Lord—O Lord—Lord—  
Is this love the trouble you promised?

-Tracy K. Smith, “Wade in the Water”

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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

Variations on "Nun Danket Alle Gott"

*Anton van Ooik*

*Charles Semowich, carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Adagio in E Major

*Frank Bridge*

*Christopher Creaghan, organist*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Annah Heckman

One: Make a joyful noise to the Holy One, know that the Holy One is our God.

**All: Come into God's presence with gladness. Sing, in adoration.**

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.

**All: Give thanks to God and bless God's Holy name.**

One: For God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.

**All: God is faithful to all generations. Come, let us offer God our praise.**

### OPENING HYMN 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*Coronation*

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all!

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,

Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him Lord of all!

Hail Him who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe,

On this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all!

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all!

**O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all!**

## INVOCATION

### ANTHEM

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

*Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman  
arr. Lloyd Larson*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, worship your holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger. Your name is great, and your heart is kind. For all your goodness I will keep on singing. Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come. Still my soul will sing your praise unending. Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

*The Riverside Youth Choir  
Matthew Hommez, director  
Yuliya Basis, pianist*

### LISTENING

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

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Penelope Yungblut

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

*(page 803 in the Old Testament)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Livingston

Ephesians 1:15-23

*(page 192 in the Old Testament)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Rev. Dr. Andrea White

Ravaged No More

## RESPONDING

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

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Livingsgton

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.**

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Annah Heckman

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Clent Jones

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*Richard Dirksen*

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your glorious banner  
wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

Hosanna, hosanna, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth, pour out the strains of  
joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth.

Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud; while answering echoes upward  
float, like wreaths of incense cloud.

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing! Your glorious banner  
wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

*Jasmine Ismail, soprano*

*Mary Jo Page, mezzo-soprano*

*Jacob Roan, tenor*

*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. Livingston

*Today we celebrate the ministry of our Nominating Committee, which connects members of our congregation to each other and to areas of ministry in our community where they can use their gifts in service and love.*

## CLOSING HYMN 555

Now Thank We All Our God

*Nun danket alle Gott*

Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God,  
Who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son  
And Spirit now be given.  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore,  
The God who was, and is,  
And shall be evermore.

## SENDING

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

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

## POSTLUDE

March in D Major

*Alexandre Guilmant*

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*Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Annab Heckman, Clent Jones & Penelope Yungblut*



**The Rev. Dr. Andrea C. White** is Associate Professor of Theology and Culture at Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York. She has served as Executive Director of the Society for the Study of Black Religion and is currently chair of the Columbia University Senate Commission on Diversity. Her forthcoming books are *The Scandal of Flesh: Black Women's Bodies, God, and Politics* and *Mundane*

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(Routledge 2021). She is also author of *The Back of God: A Theology of Otherness in Karl Barth and Paul Ricoeur*, and editor of *Political Theology on Edge* (with Catherine Keller and Clayton Crockett; Fordham University Press, 2021), and *The State of Black Theology* (Routledge, 2022). She is an ordained American Baptist minister and a member of The Riverside Church, along with her husband, Richard Landers and their two girls, Mara and Chloe.

## **Featured on the cover left to right:**

*Sophia, Divine Wisdom* by artist Mary Plaster “I depicted Lady Wisdom seated in the context of the entire Cosmos, beckoning us to inclusive and sustainable decision making that gently cooperates with the global community.”

**Nadia Bolz-Weber** Author and founding pastor of *House for All Sinners and Saints*, known for its ministry to those with drug addiction, depression, and those of other faiths.

**Michelle Obama** American attorney and author and the African-American First Lady of the United States, married to the 44th president of the United States, Barack Obama.

**Maya Angelou** American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist, best known for her series of autobiographies on her childhood experiences, including *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.

**Toni Morrison** American novelist and essayist, and the first black female editor at Random House in New York City. Best celebrated for her Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Beloved*.

**Greta Thunberg** Swedish environmental activist who has gained international recognition for promoting the view that humanity is facing an existential crisis arising from climate change.

**Marilynne Robinson** Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, on issues of religion and science, US history, nuclear pollution, John Calvin, and contemporary American politics.

**Elinor Fosdick Downs** American pediatrician and medical officer in the maternal and child health sector of the WHO, and daughter of Riverside’s Rev. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick.

**Sharice Davids** American attorney, former mixed martial artist, and politician serving as the U.S. Representative from Kansas, and the first openly LGBT Native American elected to the U.S.

## **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/online\*\*](http://trcnyc.org/online) 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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