



THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

AUGUST 22, 2021
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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:

'Lord, to whom can we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
We have come to believe and know
that you are the Holy One of God.'

- John 6:68-69

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.

Whats happening at Riverside?

Learn about the events and activities of the Life of Our Community by opening your camera and scanning the code below.



Give by your phone

Make an offering using your smartphone by opening your camera and scanning the code below.

Or text TRCNYCGIVE to
833.833.4035.



GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Choral Elegie "God is Working his Purpose Out"

Georg Koppl

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Aria on a Chaconne

Joel Martinson

My Lord, What a Morning

Spiritual, arr. Nancy Wertsch

Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Bruce Lamb

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lamb

One: In this house you will find bread for your life's journey.

All: In Jesus we find life anew.

One: Come. Stay awhile and eat this bread so you will never be hungry.

All: In Jesus we find life anew.

One: Come. Be strengthened in God to withstand the present night and the spiritual forces of evil.

All: In Jesus we find life anew. Let us come to believe and know the Holy One through worship.

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN 483

Please meditate silently on the hymn, and refrain from singing.

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!**

LISTENING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lamb

In a moment of silence, offer your own prayers of confession.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

EPISTLE LESSON

Latoya Wilkinson

Ephesians 6:10-20

(page 195 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Debra Northern

John 6:56-69

(pages 98 & 99 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Hsien-yu Wang

The Spirit of Love

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Northern

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 in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come,

Your 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.

Save us from the time of trial, deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Northern

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Carol White

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.

David Orcutt, baritone

THE DOXOLOGY

Please meditate silently and refrain from singing.

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. Lamb

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 343

Please meditate silently on the hymn, and refrain from singing.

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
Then 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. Northern

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare

Benedetto Marcell

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Latoya Wilkinson & Carol White

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 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 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 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.

PARKING - 8/22/2021

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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