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:

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

- Matthew 11:28-30

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
Fantasia on ‘Te Deum Laudamus’  Albert de Klerk
Prelude  Sean Duffy

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN
Adoration  Florence B. Price
Air on the G String (BWV 1048)  Johann Sebastian Bach

Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY  Rev. Jim Keat

CALL TO WORSHIP  Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer
One:  Come, enter into worship with gratitude!
All:  Let us worship with gladness and joy.
One:  Let every fear rest, every cry be heard.
All:  Lift every song of praise to the world.
One:  May God’s loving grace inspire our hearts as we listen.
All:  Open our ears to hear God’s magnificent word.
With gratitude, let us worship together in Christ!

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN 263
Please meditate silently on the hymn, and refrain from singing.
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise  St. Denio

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  Rev. Phil Tom
In a moment of silence, offer your own prayers of confession.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM
Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land  Glenn Burleigh
Jesus is a Rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land. Jesus is a Rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm. I would not be a sinner. I’ll tell you the reason why. I’m afraid my Lord might call my name, and I wouldn’t be ready to die. I would not be a back slider. Has He ever made a way when you didn’t have a dime? Has He ever stepped in just right on time? Has He ever picked you up when you were down? Has He ever placed your feet on solid ground? Then you know He is a Rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm. I’m a witness, He’s a Rock of Ages in a weary land. He is a shelter in a time of storm.

The Riverside Inspirational Choir
Nedra Olds-Neal, director
Matt King, piano
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Meisenheimer & Rev. Bruce Lamb

Christian Jordan Lockhart
Irene Delmore Chiles

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

PSALTER LESSON
Psalm 11
(page 494 in the Old Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 357
Please meditate silently on the hymn and refrain from singing.
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

GOSPEL LESSON
Matthew 11:2-19; 28-30
(pages 11 & 12 in the New Testament)
One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON
Rest for the Stressed

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

PASTORAL PRAYER
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.
CHORAL AMEN

PASSING OF THE PEACE
One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE
David Vaughn & Lisa Hinds

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Psalm 150
César Franck

O praise ye the lord, praise God in this temple. Praise ye the lord in the
firmament of great power. Sing praises for God's might, and the greatness of
God's wonders. O praise God according to God's majesty. Praise the Lord with
the sound of the trumpet. Praise the Lord with the lute and the harp. Praise
the Lord with the timbrel and the dance. O praise God with the organ and
instrument of strings. Praise God upon the loud cymbals, praise God upon the
high sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord! Alleluia.

Cynthia Powell, conductor

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;

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION
Rev. Lamb
Today we celebrate the dedication of our Senior Minister Search Committee, which is entrusted
with the responsibility of prayerfully selecting a pastoral candidate.

CLOSING HYMN 343
Please meditate silently on the hymn, and refrain from singing.

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Showalter

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the ever-last ing arms;
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarm, leaning on the ever-last ing arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the ever-last ing arms;
Last ing arms; what a blessed ness, what a peace is mine,

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the ever-last ing arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the ever-last ing arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarm, leaning on the ever-last ing arms.
Keri Day is an Associate Professor of Constructive Theology and African American Religion at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ. She earned an M.A. in Religion and Ethics from Yale University Divinity School and received her Ph.D. in Religion from Vanderbilt University. Her academic research focuses on how African American theology and black religious thought address global economics, especially among women of the African Diaspora. Her articles and essays on religion, culture, and economics have been published in several nationally regarded journals. She has authored three academic books, Unfinished Business: Black Women, The Black Church, and the Struggle to Thrive in America (2012); Religious Resistance to Neoliberalism: Womanist and Black Feminist Perspectives (2015); and Notes of a Native Daughter: Testifying in Theological Education (2021). She currently has her next book, Azusa Reimagined: A Radical Vision of Religious and Democratic Belonging, under contract with Stanford University Press, which will be published summer of 2022. She has also been recognized by ABC News as one of six black women at the center of gravity in theological education in America. She has written for the New York Daily News, The Christian Century, The Feminist Wire, and The Huffington Post.
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 - 10/10/2021
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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