

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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OCTOBER 24, 2021
TWENTY-SECOND 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:

“For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”

-Galatians 3:26-28”

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.



Following industry standard, Riverside has secured rapid onsite COVID testing services for the health and safety of performers singing together, allowing us to permit unmasked singing. All performers will remain masked at all other times, but will unmask for anthems and singing in the chancel.



GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Sacred Suite
Passacaglia Antiqua

Geert D'hollander
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Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Adagio in E

Frank Bridge

Christopher Creaghan, organist

STRING ENSEMBLE

Presto String Quartet No. 1

Franz Joseph Haydn

The Riverside Youth String Ensemble
Kristina Giles, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

✦CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Dominique Atchison

One: Sing aloud with gladness:

All: God is gathering the people!

One: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

All: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

One: Those who are weeping, God will console;

All: Those who get lost find a clear path home.
Let us worship the God who gathers us!

✦INVOCATION

✦OPENING HYMN 495

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

We Know That Christ is Raised

Engleberg

LISTENING

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

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Livingston

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

✦WORDS OF ASSURANCE

✦*All who are able, please stand*

ANTHEM

You Must Have That True Religion

Roland M. Carter

You must have that true religion, you must have your soul converted, you must have that true religion or you can't cross there. Where have you been, poor sinner/mourner? Where have you been, I say? I've been way down to the river of Jordan. No, you can't cross there. Where have you been, good Christian? Where have you been so long? I've been way down to the valley for to pray, and I ain't done praying yet.

Wayne Arthur, baritone

PSALTER LESSON

Minister Charlene Wingate

Psalm 23

(page 501 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 380

Please meditate silently on the hymn and refrain from singing.

O Christ, the Healer

Erhalt Uns, Herr

+GOSPEL LESSON

Christen Walker-James

Matthew 25:31-46

(page 29 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Jim Wallis

Faith and Justice: Breaking White Silence

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Livingston

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

Rev. Atchison

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Linda Lewis

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Grant Us Thy Peace

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant us thy peace, Almighty Lord, thou source of every blessing. Feeble and frail, trust we thy word, all things in thee possessing. In thee is our hope and safety.

†THE DOXOLOGY

The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize the offering of our whole selves to God. 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

Minister Wingate

Today we celebrate the work of our Greeters Ministry, which offers hospitality and welcomes everyone each Sunday as we enter into Christian fellowship at The Riverside Church.

†CLOSING HYMN 379

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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Sinfonia, from Cantata 29, from Sonata No. 1

Johann Sebastian Bach, transcr. Marcel Dupré

Janet Chung, organist

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Rev. Dominique Atchison, Christen Walker-James & Linda Lewis

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-22-october-24/>



Jim Wallis is a globally respected writer, teacher, preacher, and justice advocate. He is the inaugural holder of the Chair in Faith and Justice at the McCourt School of Public Policy and the founding Director of the Center on Faith and Justice at Georgetown University.

He is a New York Times bestselling author, widely recognized public theologian, renowned speaker, regular international commentator on ethics and public life, and host of the popular podcast *The Soul of the Nation*.

He is the founder of *Sojourners*, and author of 12 books, including *America's Original Sin*, *God's Politics*, and *Christ in Crisis: Reclaiming Jesus In A Time of Fear, Hate, and Violence*.

He served on President Obama's White House Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships and is a Senior Fellow at the Georgetown University Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs.

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

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.

JOIN OUR WEEKLY SERMON TALKBACK

Go deeper with the sermons from The Riverside Church every Sunday after worship for a sermon talkback as part of Virtual Coffee Hour. Visit trcnyc.org/VirtualCoffeeHour to join us online or go to 411 MLK to join us in person. If you are unable to join the live conversation you can listen to After the Amen, our weekly sermon talkback podcast, as Riverside clergy and congregants talk with Sunday's preacher about how their sermon resonates in our lives and in our world. Visit trcnyc.org/AfterTheAmen to listen now.

RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST

Are you receiving our weekly emails? Check your junk folder and add communications@trcnyc.org 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!

DOWNLOAD THE RIVERSIDE APP

Take Riverside with you, wherever you go. Text TRCNYC to 833.833.4035 or visit trcnyc.org/app to download the app and stay connected to all the videos, podcasts, and events from The Riverside Church.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CARILLON RECITALS

Fall and Winter 2021 Sunday afternoon carillon recitals take place most weeks at 3:00 p.m. and can be best heard outdoors listening from Sakura Park, immediately north of The Riverside Church at 122nd Street. Visit trcnyc.org/CarillonRecitals for the complete schedule.

PARKING - 10/24/2021

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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