



# SAVE OUR FUTURE

*Beloved Earth Community of Riverside Church*

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### THE PROBLEM

## Dirty Banking

Despite the climate crisis, our biggest banks continue to be huge funders of coal and gas and oil companies. In the years since the Paris climate accords, they have given more than three trillion dollars in loans to these companies, even as scientists have told us we must stop the expansion of this industry.

Solar and wind power is now the cheapest way to generate power on our planet. And it's a smart long-term investment because eventually fossil fuel companies will die. So why do big banks (Chase, Citibank, Wells Fargo, Bank of America) keep loaning money to the fossil fuel industry? Because they can still make a quick profit—but only at the expense of future generations and our planet.

**Demonstration at Chase on Tuesday, March 21st:** We begin at 10:30 am with a rally at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, E. 47th St., between 1st and 2nd Aves. Rev. Billy and his amazing “Stop Shopping Choir” will be there with speakers and other music (perhaps Batala New York), as well as the Climate Clock Car.

Then we'll march a few blocks on 47th St. to Chase headquarters, to cut up a giant credit card with giant scissors, and more music and maybe an exorcism. You don't need to bank at Chase or belong to Third Act to join this nonviolent demonstration. All are welcome.

Go to [mobilize.us/thirdact/event/547915/](https://mobilize.us/thirdact/event/547915/) to sign up and see a map.

**Save the Date | 3.21.23**



## STOP DIRTY BANKS

Join us for a National Day of Action on March 21, 2023 - 3.21.23! Together we demand banks stop funding climate chaos.

## *DIVESTMENT: DOES IT WORK?*

The divestment campaign against fossil fuel companies a decade ago removed trillions of dollars invested in those companies and is still growing.

The Riverside Church divested in 2017. The banks care about their image and will certainly feel the impact at the core of their business.

## Our Message on 3/21/2023:

*“If you don’t move your money out of fossil fuels, we’ll move our money out of your banks!”*

Are there other rallies elsewhere in the metro NY area and in different parts of the country?

Yes, there are. Go to [thirdact.org/national-day-of-action/](http://thirdact.org/national-day-of-action/) and check out the map.

**But what if I work and can’t join the demonstration on Tuesday? Can I still participate?**

Yes, you can. Go to [thirdact.org/bank-on-our-future-pledge/](http://thirdact.org/bank-on-our-future-pledge/) and sign the pledge. You can write a letter to your bank. Go to [thirdact.org](http://thirdact.org) and scroll down to sign up for the mailing list or to find a working group. People of all ages, races & means are welcome.

**If I leave my present bank, where can I go? What are the good financial institutions?**

The Third Act website provides a wonderful “Toolkit” with much information about which alternative banks and credit unions are “fossil free” where your money won’t hurt the planet.

Go to [thirdact.org/resources/how-to-switch-to-better-banks-credit-cards-faqs/](http://thirdact.org/resources/how-to-switch-to-better-banks-credit-cards-faqs/).



### Vegan Irish Leek & Potato Soup

#### Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 small yellow or white onion (minced)
- 3 leeks (cleaned thoroughly of all grit, trimmed, and white and green parts chopped)
- 3 medium russet potatoes (cut in a medium dice)
- 3-4 cups vegetable stock (more if needed)
- ¼ cup cashews
- Salt and ground black pepper to taste

#### Directions

- Soak the cashews for 30 minutes, place them in a blender with ½ cup water, and blend into a smooth paste.
- Heat the oil in a saucepan, add onions and a pinch of salt and pepper, and sauté over medium-low heat, stirring frequently, until translucent.
- Add the leeks and continue to cook for another couple of minutes. Add the potatoes and stir to mix.
- Pour in enough vegetable stock to cover the potatoes. Bring the soup to a boil, cover, and cook until the potatoes are very tender.
- Let the soup cool a bit, then transfer to a blender, in batches, to puree. Add more water if needed and let the blender run for just 5-6 seconds at a time. Make sure you have enough liquid in your blender to maintain soupiness.
- Return the pureed soup back to the saucepan and bring to a boil. Add the cashew cream and add more salt and ground black pepper, if needed, and serve hot!

<https://holycowvegan.net/vegan-irish--leek-and-potato-soup/>

### Beloved Earth Community

We call Riversiders to protest the climate crisis and care for the Earth through educational programs, greening the church, changing our lifestyles, and courageous political actions.

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#### Coming up...

- Beloved Earth usually meets the first Saturday of every month at 1 PM online, and sometimes in-person.
- To view this issue online, visit [www.trcnyc.org/belovedearthnewsletter](http://www.trcnyc.org/belovedearthnewsletter)

