

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JUNE 19, 2022
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 your heart and mind for worship, consider this quote:

“Elijah’s story reminds us that our circumstances and perspective can turn on a dime. It assures us that God provides food for the journey as we wander through deserted areas, remembering what we have left but not knowing where we will end up. It removes the burden of pursuing the spectacular, the exciting, and the dramatic, resets our focus on the unspectacular, quiet voice of God that animates ministry within the mundane, and tells us that neither we nor God are finished yet. There is more yet to do and more yet to be disclosed, in a new and unfamiliar desert. “

L. Daniel Hawk

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the season of Ordinary Time or Time after Pentecost, a season in which we explore the mission of the church and use the color of green, symbolizing growth.

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

KLK's Dream
Great Day
I'll Overcome Some Day

*Pamela Ruiter-Feenstre
Adolphus Hailstork
arr. John Courter*

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

My Lord, What a Morning
Swing Lo, Sweet Chariot
Bye and Bye
Great Day, the Righteous Marching!

*arr. Nancy Wertsch
arr. Nancy Wertsch
arr. Will Farley Smith
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Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

GENERAL ORDER NO. 3

The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere.

Michael Winger

†*All who are able, please stand*

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory

Battle Hymn

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,
who is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored,
And has loosed the fateful lightning of a terrible swift sword;
God's truth is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
God's truth is marching on.

God has been there in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,
where they built a sacred altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read the righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
God's day is marching on. [Refrain]

God has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
and is sifting out the hearts of all before the judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer and be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. [Refrain]

†CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Charlene Wingate

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams of water, our souls reach out to seek
our God.

**All: Where is our God? In the cleansing of the rain, in the refreshing of a pool,
in the predictability of a faucet.**

One: With glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, our voices lift toward our God.

**All: Where is our God? In the melody of voices raised in concert, in the
stillness of silence, in the cacophony of spontaneous praise.**

One: As deep calls to deep, we come to worship the Living God.

**All: Where is our God? In the echoes of our prayers, in the reverence of bowed
heads, in the hope of raised faces. The Holy One is with us, let us worship.**

†INVOCATION

¹ Based on Psalm 42, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-2c-june-19/>

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SOLO
My Lord, What a Morning

Johnny Lee Green, tenor

Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

LISTENING

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

I Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a

(pg. 326 in the Old Testament)

Jonathan Favors-Grimes

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 563

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift Every Voice

EPISTLE LESSON

Galatians 3:23-29

(pg. 189 in the New Testament)

Rev. Jim Keat

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Whisper Like Freedom

Rev. Livingston

RESPONDING

We respond to the hearing of God's word through prayer,

PASTORAL PRAYER

Min. Richard X III

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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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

Min. Richard X III

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Jerome Hairston

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Saints Bound For Heaven

Arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Our bondage it shall end by and by. From Egypt's yoke set free, hail the glorious jubilee,
and to Canaan we'll return by and by. Our Deliverer shall come by and by, and our sorrows
have an end, with our three-score years and ten, and vast glory crown the day by and by. And
when to Jordan's floods we are come, Jehovah rules the tide, and the waters will divide, and
the ransomed host shall shout, we are come. Then with all the happy throng we'll rejoice!
Shouting glory to our king, till the vaults of heaven ring, and through all eternity we'll rejoice.

✠AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY

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

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.

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✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Rev. Wingate

Today we celebrate the ministry of the African Fellowship Group, which supports Riverside's mission by focusing on social justice issues that impact our brothers and sisters on the African Continent and throughout the African diaspora.

SENDING

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

✦ RECESSIONAL HYMN²

Siyamba

Siyamba

1. Siyahamba: Soloist - Choir - All
2. We Are Marching: All

We are march - ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
 Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen kwen - hos, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
 nyen kwen - hos. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha nyen kwen - hos,
 we are march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing,
 si - ya hamb' e - ku - kha nyen kwen - hos. Si - ya - ham - ba,
 march-ing, we are march-ing, oo we are march-ing in the
 ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, oo si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 light of God. We are march-ing, march-ing, we are
 nyen kwen - hos. Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -
 march-ing, oo we are march-ing in the light of God.
 ham - ba, oo si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen kwen - hos.

² Tune: SIYAHAMBA, Irregular; South African © 1984, Peace of Music Publishing AB, admin. by

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†BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Great Day

Adolphus Hailstork

Christopher Creaghan, organist

Special thanks to our congregational leaders Jonathan Favors-Grimes & Jerome Hairston

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The image on the cover is **Harmonia Rosales's "Still We Rise."** The painting engages with the Sistine Chapel by reimagining Michelangelo's vision of the Last Judgment. In Rosales's painting, the hell below looks like American slavery, with its slave ships, chains, manacles, and auction blocks. In the strata immediately above, we see Black people engaged in helping each other rise up, using cloth and ladders to climb out of the misery beneath them. On the right-hand side of the painting, ascending figures carry African sculptures aloft, and in the center, a man draped in traditional African cloth burns a Confederate flag. All of the Black figures are haloed in gold leaf, symbolizing the glory of their souls. Finally, at the top, figures cling to a pair of flying crosses as a giant snake, avatar of the sea orisha Yemaya, looks on.

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 VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR 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 9T 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

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.

SUMMER CHOIR AT RIVERSIDE

Do you sing? Read music? Love choral music? If so, we invite you to sing with members of the Riverside Choir this summer! Rehearsals are on Sunday morning and you can join us for however many Sundays you wish. To apply please email Associate Organist Alan Montgomery at amontgomery@trcnyc.org with a brief cell phone recording of you singing one verse of your favorite hymn (don't worry about a perfect performance), and a brief description of your musical experience, and he will get back to you. We look forward to hearing from you!

PARKING - 06/19/2022

Parking is available in the garage below the building. Present this bulletin to the attendant before 11:00 p.m. for a reduced rate of \$5.00.

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