

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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SEPTEMBER 11, 2022  
FOURTEENTH 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 these quotes:

“The people who settled the country had a fatal flaw. They could recognize a man when they saw one. They knew he wasn’t anything else but a man, but since they were Christian and since they had already decided that they came here to establish a free country, the only way to justify the role this chattel was playing in one’s life was to say that he was not a man. But if he wasn’t, then no crime had been committed. That lie is the basis of our present trouble.”

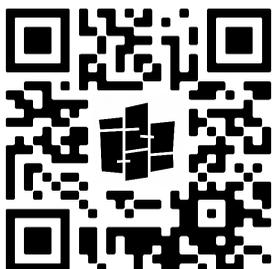
-James Baldwin, from *The White Problem* 1964.

## 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?

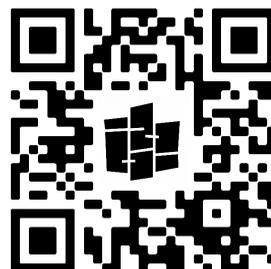
Learn about the events and activities of the Life of Our Community by opening your camera and scanning the code below.



### 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

Seven Model Pieces

*John Courter*

*Charles Semowich, carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Elegy

Prelude on 'Brother James Air'

Elegiac Prelude on 'Jerusalem'

*George Thalban-Ball*

*Searle Wright*

*Charles Callahan*

*Christopher Creaghan, organist*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

### ✦CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

One: Let us focus on God's presence.

**All: In the midst of a world that rarely is still.**

One: Come worship a God who feeds the hungry and clothes the naked.

**All: In the midst of a world filled with conflict and war.**

One: Come worship a God who desires peace and gives life meaning.

**All: Let us worship our God whose grace and love knows no end!**

### ✦INVOCATION

### ✦PROCESSIONAL HYMN 489

**Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

*Unser Herrscher*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Minister Richard X III

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

✦*All who are able, please stand*

# PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Michael Livingston

Myles Rene Cueva  
Valentina Waleska Sanders-Wyatt

## PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

SOLO  
Hold On

*arr. Hall Johnson*

*Irwin Reese, tenor*

### LISTENING

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

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Minister X

**Exodus 32:7-14**

(pg. 78 in the Old Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## †HYMN

**Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling**

*Softly and Tenderly*



1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for you and for me.

2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for you and for me?

5 3. O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for you and for me!



See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.

Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?

Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.



"Come home, come home! You who are wea - ry come home."



13 Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

†All who are able, please stand

## GOSPEL LESSON

Dr. Harriet Ward

### Luke 15:1-19

(pg. 79 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Mark Koyama

Behind the Shroud

### RESPONDING

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

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Meisenheimer

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

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

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Len Leach

✠*All who are able, please stand*

## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

### **Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee**

*June Nixon*

Jesu, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast, but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind recall, a sweeter sound than Thy blest name O Saviour of us all. O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how kind Thou art, how good to those who seek. But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show the love of Jesus, what it is, none but his loved ones know. Jesu, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize wilt be; Jesu, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.

## **✠ 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.**

## **✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION**

Minister X

*Today we celebrate the work of Riverside's Ushers, who have for more than 90 years provided hospitality to all who enter The Riverside Church.*

### *SENDING*

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

## **✠ RECESSIONAL HYMN 426**

**Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak**

*Canonbury*

## **✠ BENEDICTION**

Rev. Koyama

## **POSTLUDE**

Grand Choeur

*Théodore Salomé*

*Christopher Creaghan, organist*

**✠** *All who are able, please stand*

<sup>1</sup> *Inspired by Psalm 107*

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders Dr. Harriet Ward & Len Leach*

† *All who are able, please stand*



**Rev. Mark Koyama** grew up in South East Asia and New Zealand before coming to live in New York City in 1980. Mark's father, Kosuke Koyama, taught Ecumenics and World Christianity at Union Theological Seminary, and his mother often prevailed upon him to cross the street on a Sunday morning to hear Rev. William Sloane Coffin. "It will feed your spirit." How right she was! Mark went on to be educated at Bates College (BA, 1988), Union Theological Seminary (MA, 1992), University of Massachusetts Amherst (MFA, 2010) and Yale Divinity School (MDiv, 2015). He is now the settled pastor at the United Church of Jaffrey, in Jaffrey New Hampshire, and teaches Literature and Religious Studies at Northfield Mount Hermon

School, but the most elevated position Mark has ever held, was his first job out of High School when he was hired to scrape the rust from the girders that suspend the carillon bells of The Riverside Church.





## **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](http://trcnyc.org/Events) for more information and to download a copy.

## **RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST**

Are you receiving our weekly emails? Check your junk folder and add [communications@trcnyc.org](mailto:communications@trcnyc.org) to your "safe sender list" or visit [trcnyc.org/email](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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!

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PARKING - 09/11/2022

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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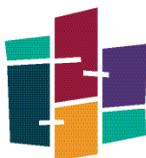
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