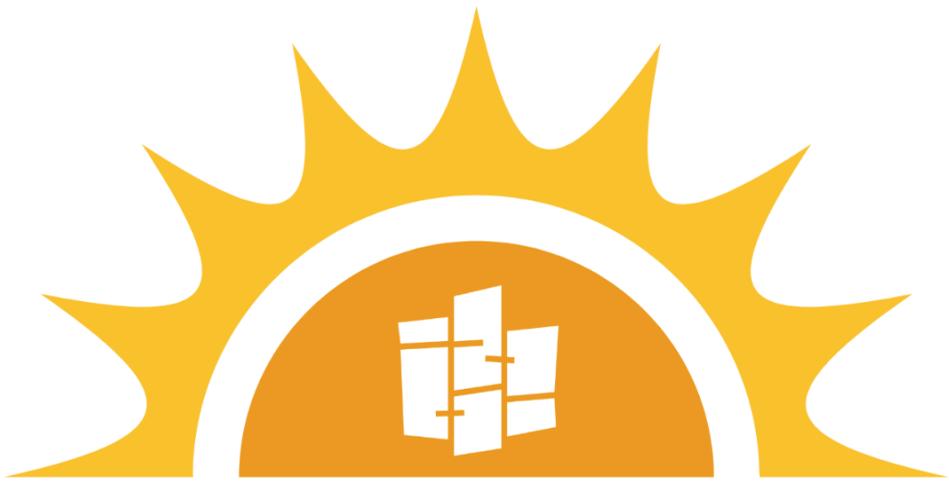


The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



New Beginnings

The Riverside Church Homecoming 2022

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
FIFTEENTH 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:

“It’s a kind of curious and awful thing to watch a society collapsing before one’s eyes, and that’s precisely what we have been watching these past few years. And we can’t blame it all on the corrupt and devious actions of a particular leader. It’s not as simple a collapse as that. What we must remember is that it was the solid body of American citizens who affirmed that leadership as the way to go. And even up to the very last moments of that fallen leadership, a large group of folks couldn’t believe they had chosen unwisely, not just the wrong people, but even more important, the wrong set of values.” *Rev. Dr. Edler G. Hawkins, January 19, 1975*

A question to reflect on:

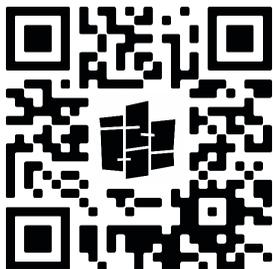
What is your prayer for “new beginnings” at Riverside?

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?

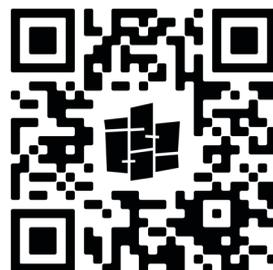
Learn about the events and activities of the Life of Our Community by opening your camera and scanning the code below.



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

Fanfare for Riverside's Homecoming

Charles Semowich

Centennial Prelude on CWM Rhondda (God of Grace and God of Glory)

Robert Hebble, arr. James Lawson

Riverside Chime

Johan Franco

Bells of Riverside

Otto Luening

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

HYMN SING

341 Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine! vs. 1 & 2

Assurance

138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! vs. 1, 2, & 4

Nicaea

377 Tú Has Venido a la Orilla vs. 1 & 2

Pescador de Hombres

372 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian vs. 1 & 2

I Want to be a Christian

115 Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain vs. 1 & 2

St. Kevin

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

✠CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: God of love, we rejoice in your name!

All: We will give thanks with our whole heart for the love that you sustain.

One: Today we celebrate coming home to our blessed church community.

All: We gather to remember our history and the years of faithful ministry.

One: As a new season begins, let us learn from the lessons of the past.

**All: Let us prepare ourselves to serve you joyfully, in all places and all times,
in our worship and ministries of justice, peace, mercy and love.**

Come, let us worship!

✠*All who are able, please stand*

† INVOCATION

INTROIT

Gabi, Gabi

*Trad. South African melody²
Trans. Nyberg, Notman KB, Ljungbro, and Parkman*

Praise our Creator, Liberator, and Lord, who frees all the captives and gives the hungry bread.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Who'll Be a Witness

Spiritual, arr. Wendall Whalum

Witness for my Lord, my soul is a witness for my Lord. Who'll be a witness for my Lord? Oh, I'll be a witness for my Lord. You read in the Bible and you understand, Methuselah was the oldest man. He lived nine hundred and sixty-nine. He died and went to heaven, Lord, in due time. Oh Methuselah was a witness for my Lord. You read in the Bible and you understand that Samson was the strongest man. And Samson went out, it was at one time, and he killed about a thousand of the Philistine. Delilah fooled Samson we all know, for the Holy Bible tells us so. She shaved off his head just as clean as your hand and his strength become like a natural man. Oh, Samson was a witness for my Lord. Daniel was a Hebrew child, he went to pray to his God for a while. The king at once for Daniel did send, and he put him right down in the lion's den. God sent His angels the lion's for to keep, and Daniel laid down and he went to sleep, oh Lord. Daniel was a witness for my Lord. Who'll be a witness for my Lord?

Jack Cotterell, tenor

LISTENING

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

PSALTER LESSON

Rev. Bertram Johnson

Psalm 113

(pg. 563 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

† *All who are able, please stand*

†HYMN 313

Come Down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney

EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 16:9, 13-14

(pg. 178 in the New Testament)

Alexa Donaphin

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Gratitude, Community, Justice, Love

Rev. Livingston

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

Rev. Casteel Harper

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.

†*All who are able, please stand*

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Bertram Johnson

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Hillary Puckett

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God! All things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did ever such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

†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

Rev. Casteel Harper

Today we joyfully celebrate 92 years of tireless dedication from all members of our lay ministries, committees, and commissions, here at The Riverside Church.

SENDING

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

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM Rhondda

†*All who are able, please stand*

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Grand Chœur Dialogué

Alan Montgomery, organist

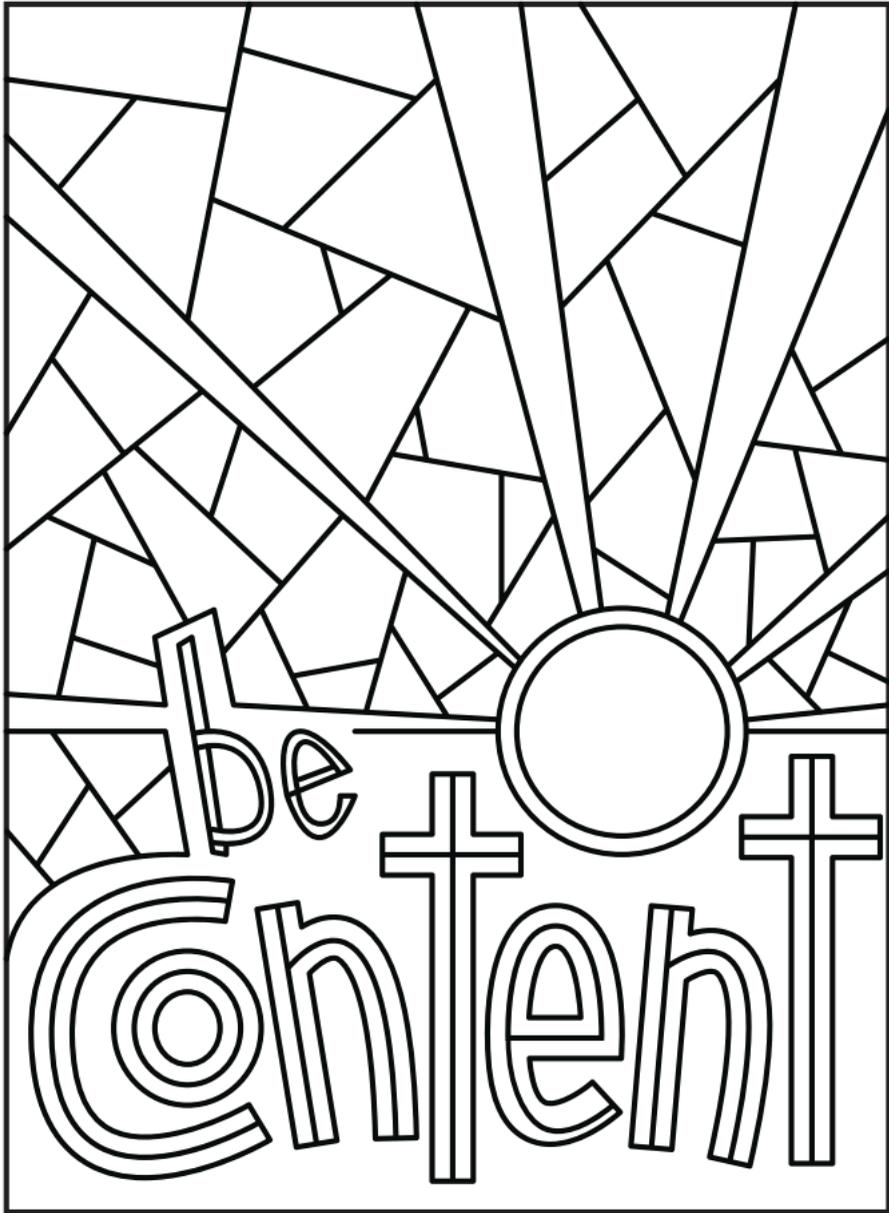
Eugène Gigout

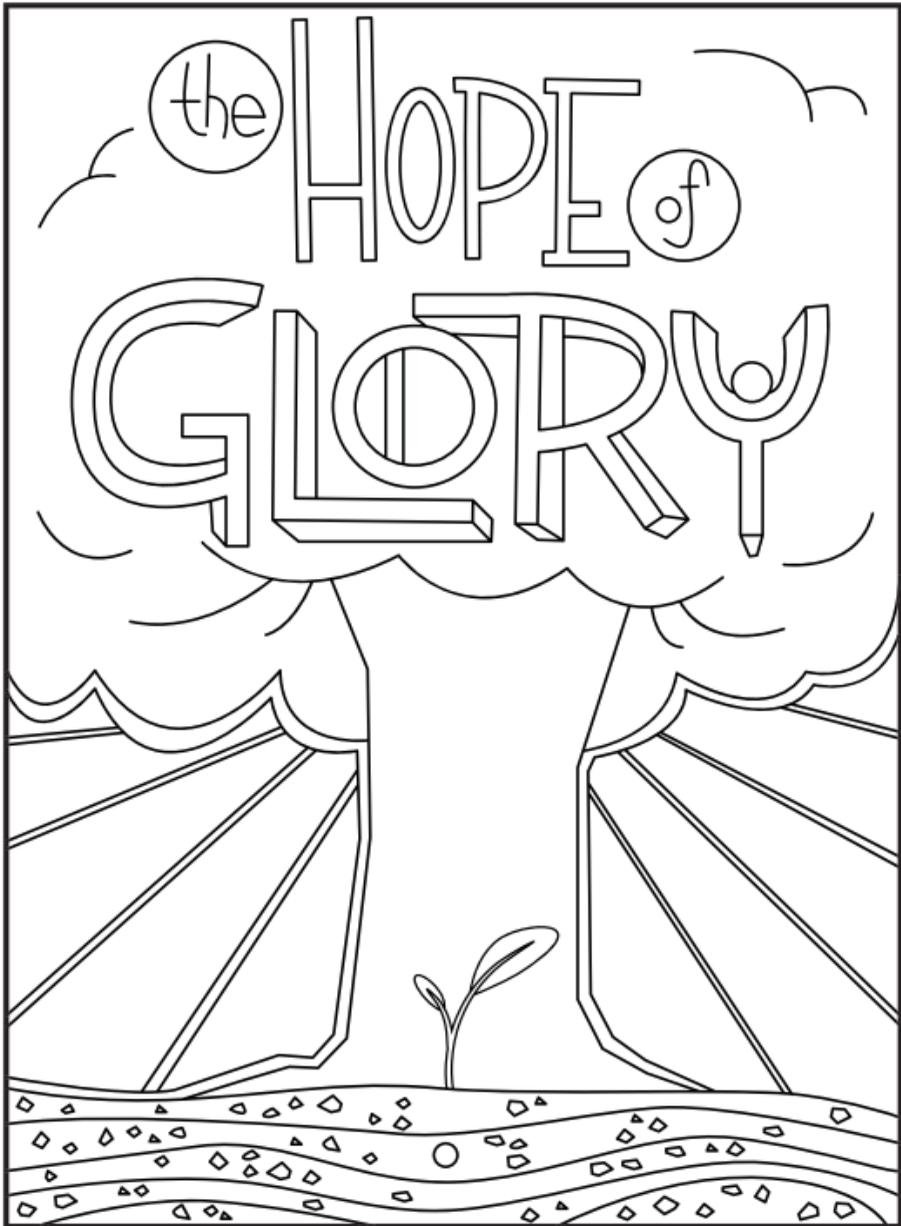
¹*Inspired by Psalm 107*

²*A joyful song of liberation from South Africa, once sung in hope, now in thanksgiving.*

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders Alexa Donaphin, Hillary Puckett,
and former Riverside minister Rev. Bertram Johnson*

†*All who are able, please stand*





WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Amos 8 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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M I H G N O S U P N N Y T S X
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V A N X A M R L M K G U A A D
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PROPHET
AMOS
BASKET
SUMMER
FRUIT
ISRAEL

TEMPLE
POOR
LAND
SABBATH
SANDALS
WHEAT

DAYLIGHT
FEAST
SONG
FAMINE
BREAD
BITTER

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.

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

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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 - 09/18/2022

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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