

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



SEPTEMBER 4, 2022  
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
COMMUNION

# 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:

“There was a stricken conscience of public guilt and we all felt that we had been wrong, that something was wrong with that building which we had accepted or the tragedy never would have happened. Moved by this sense of stricken guilt, we banded ourselves together to find a way by law to prevent this kind of disaster.”

*-Frances Perkins, witness of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire and first woman to serve as a US cabinet secretary. Secretary of Labor 1933-1945*

## **A question to reflect on:**

Where do you go or what do you do to change your perspective on the world around you?

## **THE LITURGICAL YEAR**

In order for our faith community to flourish in upcoming seasons of change, we have to be ready. With the installation of a new senior minister, we will face opportunities and challenges that could bring out the best in us, if we are prepared. We must discipline ourselves to grow up in maturity, grow out in compassion, and grow down with deep roots. This summer we will study the Gospel of Luke, searching for ways to enrich our soul soil, so that we might not merely survive, but thrive “like a tree planted by streams of water.” Each week we will ask ourselves, “Are we ready?”

### **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.





## GATHERING

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

### CARILLON

Bread of Angels Peter Benoit

Prelude on Repton (How Clear is our Vocation)

Come Labor On

*arr. Ludo Geloën*

*Charles Semowich*

*arr. Janet Dundore*

*Charles Semowich, carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Adagio from Symphonie VI

There Is A Happy Land

*Charles-Marie Widor*

*George Shearing*

*Alan Montgomery, organist*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

### ✠CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

One: O Lord, you have searched us and known us.

**All: You know our every thought and action from far away.**

One: You search out our paths and all of our ways.

**All: You are the Potter of all of our clay.**

One: In Your infinite wisdom, You formed our inward parts.

**All: We praise you for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.**

**Let us worship You today in every way!**

### ✠INVOCATION

✠*All who are able, please stand*

✚ **OPENING HYMN 361**  
**How Firm a Foundation**

*Foundation*

**LISTENING**

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Charlene Wingate

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

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SOLO**

**My God Is So High**

*Hall Johnson*

*Jasmine Ismail, soprano*

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Rev. Colleen Birchett

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

*(pg. 186 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

Help Us Accept Each Other

*Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein*



1. Help us ac - cept each o - ther As Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life  
3. Let your ac - cept - ance change us, So that we may be moved  
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,  
Teach us as sis - ter, bro - ther, Each per - son to em - brace.  
We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith  
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;  
Who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, For right - eous - ness and bread,  
Be pre - sent, Lord, a - mong us And bring us to be - lieve  
Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some,  
To prac - tice Your ac - cep - tance Un - til we know by heart  
We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:  
We are our - selves ac - cept - ed And meant to love and live.  
To love them as we find them Or as they may be - come.  
The ta - ble of for - give - ness And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
Re - new us with Your Spi - rit; Lord, free us, make us one!

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Casteel Harper

Luke 14:25-33

(pg. 78 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer & Rev. Jim Keat

*A New Perspective*

† All who are able, please stand

## RESPONDING

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

### INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Eugene Melino

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

#### **This Is The Hour**

*Richard Shephard*

This is the hour of banquet and of song; This is the heavenly table spread for me; Here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee. Too soon we rise; we go our several ways; the feast, though not the love, is past and gone, the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days thou still art here with us--our Shield and Sun. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, yet, passing, points to the glad feast above, giving us foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

### †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

Rev. Keat

*Today we celebrate the ministry of our Welcome Center/Gift Shop, which offers hospitality to all – visitors, members, and staff, and provides items for sale that support the various programs and promote the general mission of our church and faith community.*

### †PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Wingate, Rev. Casteel-Harper, Rev. Meisenheimer

Rev. Birchett

*Following each petition, please join in the following responses:*

One: God of love,

**All: hear our prayer.**

†*All who are able, please stand*

## 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.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up unto the Lord.**


One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**


## SANCTUS




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul-er Al-might - y;



heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Glo-ry be to you, O God.



Bless-ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.---

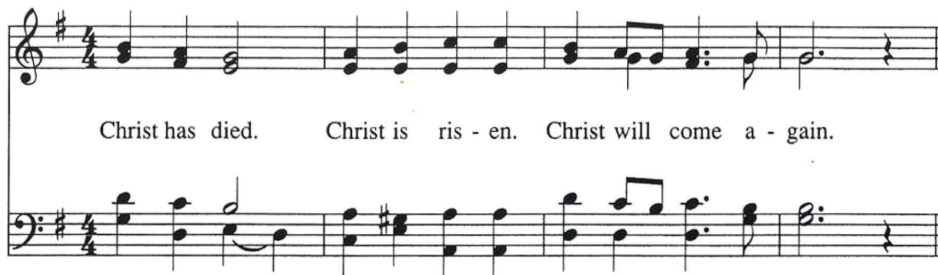


Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

## CALL TO SUPPER

**One:** The body of Christ, broken for you.

**All:** **Thanks be to God for the bread of life!**

**One:** The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

**All:** **Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!**

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

### ORGAN

Méditation

*Louis Vierne*

## ✠HYMN 513

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

*Let Us Break Bread*

✠ *All who are able, please stand*



†PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Casteel Harper

Compassionate God, you have met us in the bread and cup at your table. As we go from this place may we receive strength to walk with all your children in peace, and witness to the truth of your reconciliation and love. Amen.

SENDING

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

†CLOSING HYMN 389

O Jesus, I Have Promised

*Nyland*

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Meisenheimer

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

*Arthur Wills*

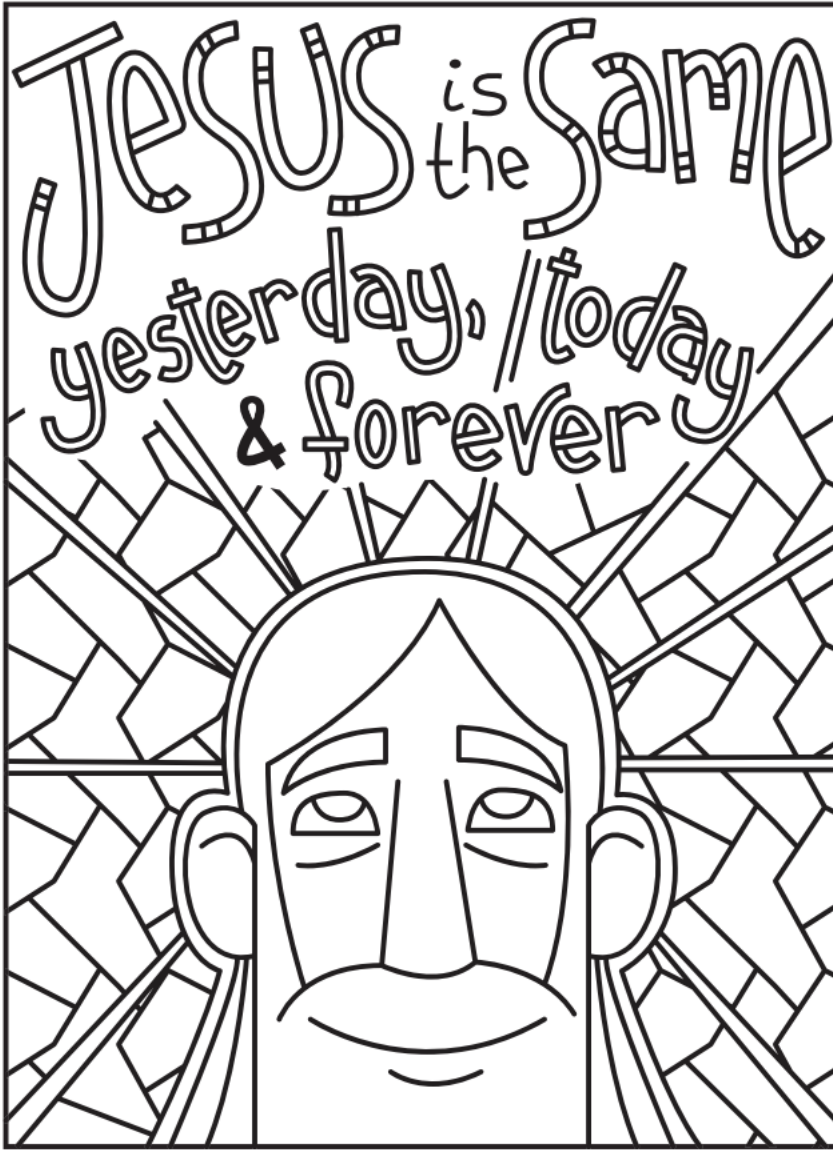
*Alan Montgomery, organist*

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders Rev. Colleen Birchett and Eugene Melino*

<sup>1</sup> Inspired by Psalm 139

<sup>2</sup> <https://yptheology.org/inclusive-psalter/>

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## **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 - 09/04/2022

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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