

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



FEBRUARY 26, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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:

“Never forget the three powerful resources you always have available to you: love, prayer, and forgiveness.” *-H. Jackson Brown, Jr.*

A question for reflection:

What will you be working to forgive in this Lenten season?

FOLLOW THE LEADER

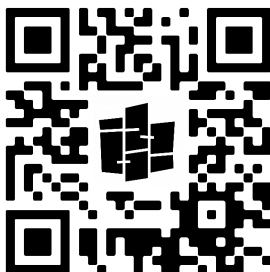
The childhood game of “Follow the Leader” invites players to mimic the actions of a designated leader, to watch closely and do what they do in order to win. As disciples of Christ, we, too, are invited to Follow the Leader—to watch and mirror the spiritual practices and commitments of Jesus. While this is not a game we “win,” it is a daily challenge to enter deeper into the heart of worship, community, and prayer. During this Lenten season, we will focus on Following the Leader, as we journey with Jesus on the road of love and justice, on the way from death to new life. In a culture where authority is too often abused and power is misused, let us deepen our commitment to following the Crucified Christ, the One True Authority.

Visit trcnyc.org/Lent to find out more.

The image on the cover is a panel from the Christ and Humanity window. Turn to the back of the bulletin to learn more about this window.

Whats happening at Riverside?

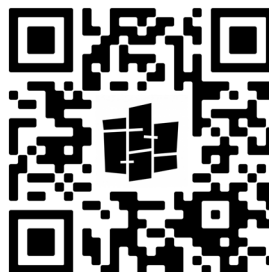
Learn about the events and activities of the Life of Our Community by opening your camera and scanning the code below. You can find a printed calendar listed in the back of your bulletin!



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

Choral Prelude: Jesus Upon the Night

Ludo Geleon

Final Chorus of the St. Matthew Passion

Johann Sebastian Bach arr. John Courter

Three Verses on Out of the Depths

Ennis Fruhauf

Charles Semowich, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Variations on "Vater unser im Himmelreich", from Sonata N. 6

Felix Mendelssohn

Alan Montgomery, organist

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

Cherub Choir

Sharon Pritchard, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 87

The Glory of These Forty Days

Erhalt Uns, Herr

†*All who are able, please stand*

† CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern

One: Let all who are faithful offer prayer to God.

All: We will lift up our voices to our Lord.

One: God says, "I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go."

All: With attentive ears we will listen to learn.

One: No torment shall hinder the steadfast love from our Lord.

All: Let us be glad and rejoice in worship!

† INVOCATION

ANTHEMS

Somebody's Knockin'

African American Spiritual, arr. Ken Berg

Somebody's knockin' at your door. Oh, sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door. Somebody's prayin' for your soul. Oh, sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's prayin' for your soul. Somebody's singin' Hallelu. Oh, sinner, why don't you listen? Somebody's singin' Hallelu. Somebody's knockin' at your door. Oh, sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door!

The Rising Voices Choir

Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho

African American Spiritual, arr. Craig Curry

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, and the walls came a tumblin' down. You may talk about the men of Gideon, you may talk about the men of Saul. There's none like good old Joshua at the battle of Jericho. Now right up to the walls of Jericho, he marched with spear in hand. "Go blow those ram horns," Joshua cried, "for the battle is in God's hands!" Joshua fought the battle of Jericho and the walls came a tumblin' down. Then the horns began to bellow, and the trumpets began to sound, and Joshua commanded the children to shout, "Come on down!" And the walls came a tumblin' down. Joshua fought the battle of Jericho and the walls came a tumblin' down!

*The Riverside Youth Choir
Matthew Hommez, director
Yuliya Basis, accompanist*

¹Based on Psalm 32

† *All who are able, please stand*

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Jim Keat

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Dr. Northern & Pat Pell

We welcome you with joy and friendship into the common life of The Riverside Church. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's love and grace and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love:
 The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
 All: **And also with you.**

MOMENT FOR LENT

David King, Rueben Martinez

During this liturgical season, lay leaders of Riverside will offer prayers of lament. Today's lament is offered by the Church Council.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 43²

Robert LeBlanc

I turn to you, O Lord, in time of trou-ble, and you fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

Jessica Marsten, cantor

²Music: Refrain, Robert LeBlanc, © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc. Text: Refrain, © 1969, 1981, ICEL. Verses © 1963, 1993, The Grail, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. Reprinted and podcast under OneLicense.net #A-717132

†All who are able, please stand

LISTENING

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Minister Derrick Jordan

Genesis 50:15-21

(pg. 48 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 347

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

Detroit

GOSPEL LESSON

Laura Miraz

Matthew 18:15-35

(pg. 20 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Fractured Community? Matthew has a Plan for That

Rev. Thorne

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

†*All who are able, please stand*

RESPONDING

We respond to the hearing of God's word through prayer, passing the peace, offering and monthly communion.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

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.

CHORAL AMEN

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Vernay Mitchell McKnight

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Grieve Not the Holy Spirit of God

T. Tertius Noble

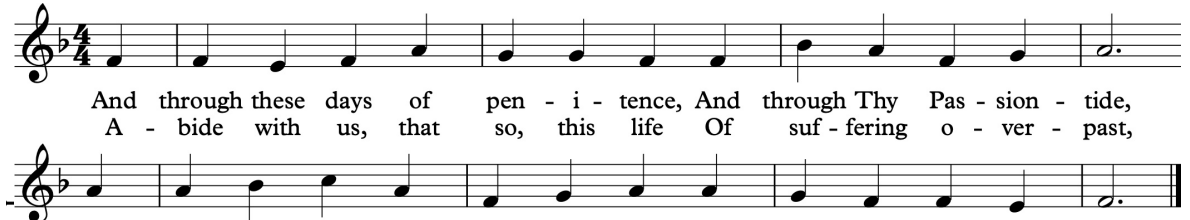
Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed, unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you.

Matthew Krenz, tenor

†*All who are able, please stand*

† AT THE PRESENTATION: Through These Days of Penitence

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



And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Thy Pas - sion - tide,
A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suf - fering o - ver - past,
Yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Minister Jordan

Today we celebrate the ministry of the Riverside Inspirational Choir, whose music has lifted our spirits and inspired a sustaining faith since 1981.

SENDING

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

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

† BENECTION

Rev. Thorne, Rev. Keat

POSTLUDE

Toccata in B minor

Eugène Gigout

Christopher Creaghan, organist

Special thanks to our congregational leaders Laura Miraz, David King, Rueben Martinez

† *All who are able, please stand*

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, February 26

Fresh Start | 8:30 AM | Online

Seekers Book Study Small Group | 9:00 AM | 323 MLK & Online

Open Bible Study | 9:30 AM | 330 MLK & Online

Beginner Biblical Hebrew I | 9:30 AM | 314 MLK & Online

Church Nursery Open | 10:30 AM

Limitless - Children & Youth Service | 10:30 AM | 9T

Sunday Morning Worship | 11:00 AM Prelude begins at 10:30 AM | Nave & Online

Virtual Coffee Hour | After Worship | 318 MLK & Online

Coffee Hour | After Worship | South Hall Lobby

Theatre of the Oppressed | 1:00 PM | Multipurpose Room

Riverside Riverside Poetry Group | 1:00 PM | 323 MLK

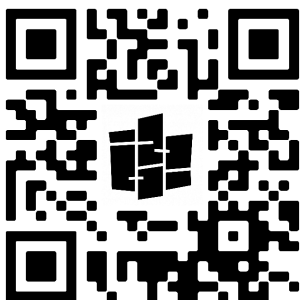
Intermediate Biblical Hebrew | 1:00 PM | 314 MLK & Online

Faith in Full Color: Faith Passage Confirmation | 1:00 PM | Youth Room

Young Adults Monthly Fellowship Brunch | 1:00 PM | 311 MLK

Inspirational Choir: Our God Is An Awesome God | 3:00 PM | Nave & Online

Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital | 3:00 PM



Visit trcnyc.org/LOC or scan the QR code to find out more about all the programs and events happening in the life of our community.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

Monday, February 27

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Tuesday, February 28

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Maestro Hector Olivera at the Organ | 7:00 PM | Nave

Wednesday, March 1

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Beginner Biblical Hebrew II | 5:00 PM | Online

Young Adult Bible Study | 6:30 PM | 313 MLK & Online

Grace Notes | 7:00 PM | Online

Thursday, March 2

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM | Online

Tower League | 2:00 PM | Online

Friday, March 3

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

COMING SOON

Saturday, March 11

Riverside Book Club | 11:00 AM | Online

Tuesday, March 21

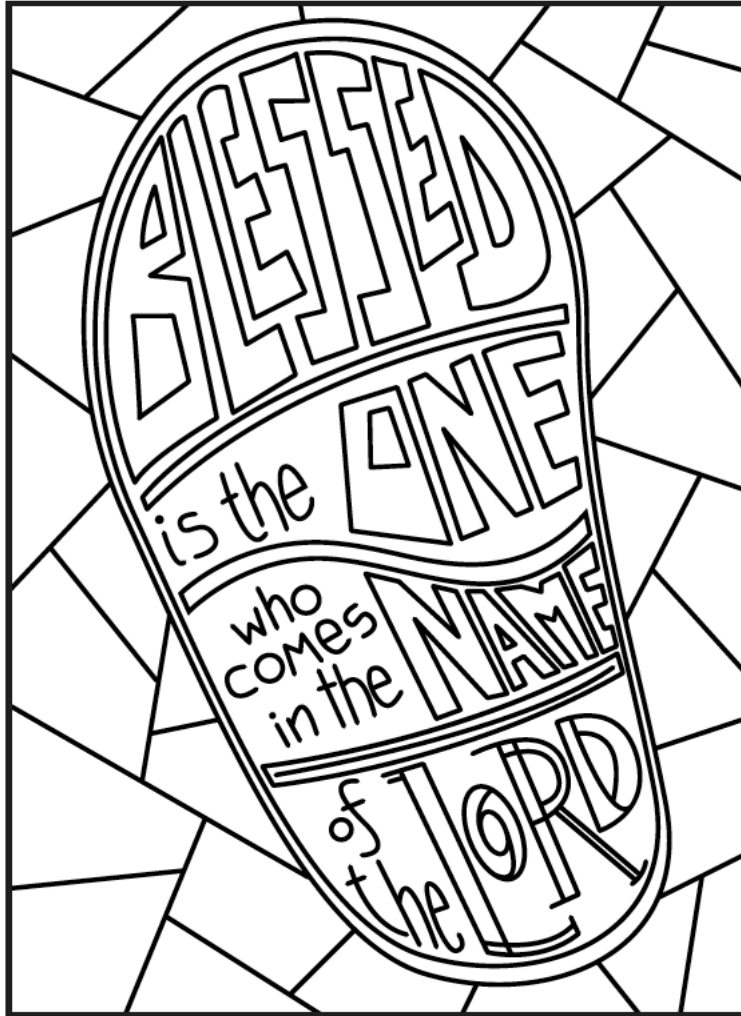
Bach Birthday Bash | 7:00 pm | Nave

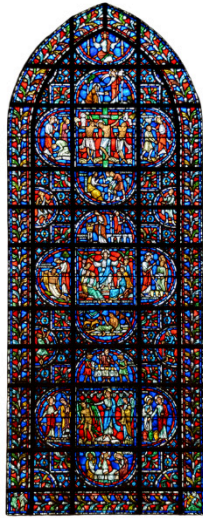


illustratedchildrensministry.com

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Genesis 15, Psalm 27, Luke 13.





One of ten aisle stained glass windows, the Christ and Humanity Window is the second from the back of the nave, in Bay 9 on the east side. Each aisle window is a story that depicts a particular theme. This one, in the Gothic Arch form, tells its story through figures and scenes in three quatrifoils vertically down the center and five semi-circle medallions, with one at the top and two on either side.

The Christ and Humanity Window portrays fifteen scenes in which Christ's attitudes toward three types of human need or experience are suggested. Five of these scenes concern his attitude toward the rich, five reflect on his contacts with the poor, and five deal with his disposition to alleviate suffering or forgive sin. The scenes are as follows: Supper at Emmaus; Rich Young Ruler; Wedding in Cana - First Miracle; Parable of the Rich Fool; Temptations of Christ (center quatrifoil); Lazarus at the Rich Man's Door; Parable of the Good Samaritan; Miracle of Loaves and Fishes; Parable of Widow's Mite; The Sermon on the Mount (center quatrifoil); Parable of Laborers in Vineyard; Ten Lepers Healed - Gratitude of One Healing the Blind Man; "Noli me tangere;" Christ Forgives the Thief on the Cross (center quatrifoil); and Christ Blessing.

In the corners of the border are the temptations of a woman and St. Michael slaying the dragon. In the four small semi-circles are figures of beggars and cripples.

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. Adriene Thorne, 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/loc for more information.

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 PM 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.

CHURCH NURSERY

Babies and toddlers are not too young to start learning about God's love for them. The nursery is open every Sunday from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM during worship staffed by trained nursery workers. For location please see an usher or security guard.

SUNDAY MORNING PARKING

Visit the Security Desk on the Claremont Level to pick up a \$5 parking coupon. Bring this coupon and your parking ticket to the attendant to receive this discounted rate.

CONNECT WITH US.

Rev. Adriene Thorne
Senior Minister
athorne@trcnyc.org

Pastoral and Program Staff

Minister Nordia Bennett
Interim Director of Children, Youth and
Family Ministry
nbennett@trcnyc.org

Meighan Corbett
Director of Stewardship & Development
mcorbett@trcnyc.org

Christopher Creaghan
Director of Music & Organist
ccreaghan@trcnyc.org

Natalie Fein
Chief Operating Officer
nfein@trcnyc.org

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper
Minister of Older Adults
lharper@trcnyc.org

Rich Glassey
Director of Operations
rglassey@trcnyc.org

Rev. Jim Keat
Digital Minister
Interim Director of Communications
jkeat@trcnyc.org

Rev. Bruce Lamb
Minister of Faith Formation
blamb@trcnyc.org

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer
Interim Minister of Worship and the Arts
ameisenheimer@trcnyc.org

Alan Montgomery
Associate Organist
amontgomery@trcnyc.org

Shannel Morrison
Property Manager
smorrison@trcnyc.org

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern
Minister of Parish Care
dnorthern@trcnyc.org

CONTACT US:

To contact the church with general
questions, call 212-870-6700 or email
communications@trcnyc.org.

For full staff directory visit trcnyc.org/directory



trcnyc.org



THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK