

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



Follow the Leader

 Lent 2023

MARCH 19, 2023
FOURTH 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 and question:

“When we were children, we used to think that when we were grown-up we would no longer be vulnerable. But to grow up is to accept vulnerability... To be alive is to be vulnerable.”

-Madeleine L'Engle

A question for reflection:

What does it mean to show Jesus to the world with your life?

FOLLOW THE LEADER

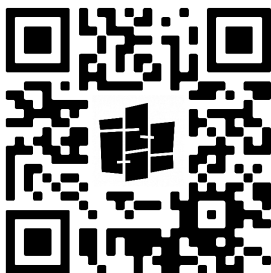
The childhood game of “Follow the Leader” invites players to mimic the actions of a designated leader, to watch closely and do what they do in order to win. As disciples of Christ, we, too, are invited to Follow the Leader—to watch and mirror the spiritual practices and commitments of Jesus. While this 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.

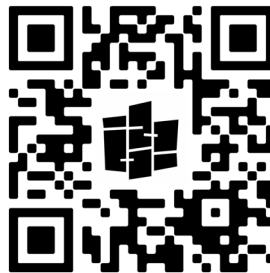
Whats happening at Riverside?

You can find a printed calendar listed in the back of your bulletin!



Give by your phone

Text TRCNycGIVE to 833.833.4035.



*Riverside worship services are filmed, recorded, and broadcast online.
If you do not want to appear in any videos or photos please we invite you to sit in the balcony.*



GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Lament and Alleluia
Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child
Henlein

*Alice Gomez
arr. Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra
Roy Hamlin Johnson*

Lynnli Wang, Assistant Carillonneur

ORGAN

Adagio in G minor

Tomaso Albinoni

Christopher Creaghan, organist

STRINGS

Theme from Symphony No. 1, Andante
Allegro

*Ludwig van Beethoven
George Frederick Handel*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

† *All who are able, please stand*

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 15
Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Llangloffan

† CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Kei Okada

One: Come, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens,

All: In God's house, you will find rest.

One: Take the yoke of Christ upon you, and learn from him;

All: For Christ is gentle and humble in heart. We will find rest for our souls.

One: For his yoke is easy, and his burden is light.

All: In Christ there is rest for the weary and sleep for the exhausted.

One: Find warmth and care under the wide wings of our Mother God.

All: We are a people in need of a soft place to land.

One: Come and worship. Be filled and restored by the healing breath of God's Spirit.

All: Amen. Let us worship together!

† INVOCATION

ANTHEM

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Thomas Tallis, arr. D. Busarow

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus and I was so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your days be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk 'til traveling days are done.

Kristina Giles, violin

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MOMENT FOR LENT

Zachary Newton

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM 27²

Michel Guimont



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

Jessica Marsten, cantor

LISTENING

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Okada

Amos 5:18-24

(pg. 853 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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†HYMN 510

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Quebec

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

(pg. 28 in the New Testament)

Rev. Jim Keat

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

On the Other Side of the Door

Rev. Adriene Thorne

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Minister Derrick Jordan

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

†*All who are able, please stand*

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Marilyn Mitchell

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

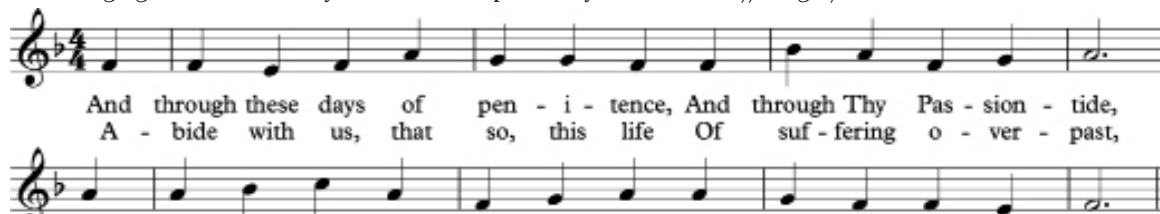
Blessed Are They

Charles Villiers Stanford

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

†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 our Church School teachers, who provide our children with wisdom and inspiration for their faith journeys, and demonstrate to all of us how to serve our youngest siblings in Christ.

†All who are able, please stand

SENDING

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

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Thorne

POSTLUDE

Fugue in A minor, BWV 543

Johann Sebastian Bach

Alan Montgomery, organist

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders Zachary Newton, Rev. Kei Okada,
Marilyn Mitchell*

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TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, March 19

Fresh Start | 8:30 AM | Online

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

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

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

Parent Check-in Breakfast | 9:30 AM | 318 MLK

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

Latino Ministry | 1:00 PM | Online

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

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

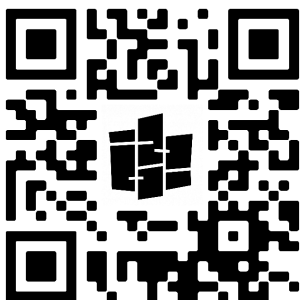
Intermediate Biblical Hebrew | 1:00 PM | 314 MLK & Online

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

Thunderbird American Indian Dancers | 1:00 PM | South Hall

Holy Land Trip Prep Class | 1:00 PM | 411 MLK

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, March 20

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Tai Chi Class | 3:00 PM | Cloister Lounge

Tuesday, March 21

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Bach Birthday Bash | 7:00 PM | Nave

Wednesday, March 22

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 23

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM | Online

Tower League | 2:00 PM | Assembly Hall

Riverside Writing Group: Writing Spiritual Memoir and Justice | 6:00 PM | Online

Friday, March 24

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Word at Night | 7:00 PM | 9T

COMING SOON

Friday, March 31

Family Night Out: Poetry | 6:00 PM | 10T

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online

Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday | 7:30 PM | Nave & Online

Friday, April 7

Good Friday | 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Nave & Online

Saturday, April 8

Labyrinth | 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Assembly Hall

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday | 11:00 AM | Nave and Online

Easter Egg Hunt | 12:45 PM | outdoor garth

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15.



WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Mark 1 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

I U P D L O L I A X H V W Y K
H M P V G D R I B E Q Y A E I
K S L G O D Y U A P I R T G N
D P B V J R P V L A Y R E U G
A I E O O H E K C N R N R A D
W R I L R N E P A P J H G I O
Z I B B D A Y Z E N A O J I M
I T L E A G A F I N G J C I P
E N O D N R F E B T T E I V I
T V V B E L O V E D P S L L E
S F E T S R I E N L Q A M R J
J V H I K G N U X W I A B S O
I G Q U L M R E R N N L I Z P
D G U A J E S U S Q Z H A T L
L C X U E Z B F M S O N R G N

JESUS	JORDAN	BELOVED
GOD	WATER	WILDERNESS
NAZARETH	HEAVEN	ANGEL
GALILEE	SPIRIT	KINGDOM
BAPTIZE	DOVE	REPENT
JOHN	SON	BELIEVE



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 quatrefoils 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 quatrefoil); 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 quatrefoil); 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 quatrefoil); 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 people seeking healing and liberation from poverty.

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!

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

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 318 MLK to join us in person.

MEMBERSHIP AT RIVERSIDE

Membership is about you responding to God's call on your life to step up and belong to this community as you pursue the passion God has set in your heart. By joining The Riverside Church you are taking the next step to partner with us as we seek to cultivate a community of justice, peace, and love that transforms the world. Visit trcnyc.org/membership to find out more.

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.

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