

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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APRIL 30, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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:

“We, the black people assembled in Detroit, Michigan for the National Black Economic Development Conference, are fully aware that we have been forced to come together because racist white America has exploited our resources, our minds, our bodies, our labor. For centuries, we have been forced to live as colonized people inside the United States, victimized by the most vicious, racist system in the world. We have helped to build the most industrial country in the world. We are, therefore, demanding of the white Christian churches and Jewish synagogues which are part and parcel of the system of capitalism, that they begin to pay reparations to black people in this country. We are demanding \$500,000,000 from the Christian white churches and the Jewish synagogues.”

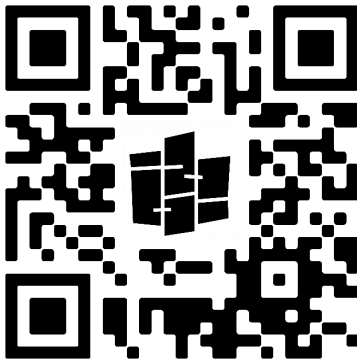
-excerpt from the Black Manifesto delivered on Sunday May 4, 1969, when black activist, James Forman, stormed the pulpit of The Riverside Church.

A question for reflection:

What is your prayer for the families whose children will be baptized today?

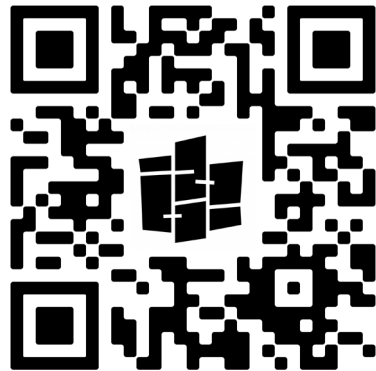
What's happening at Riverside?

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 we invite you to sit in the balcony.*



GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Praise my Soul, The King of Heaven
Christ is Alive
Baptism in Water (Bunessan)

arr. Beverly Buchanan
arr. Beverly Buchanan
arr. Milford Myhre

Charles Semowich, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Cantabile Symphonique

Camille Saint-Saëns, arr. Virgil Fox

Alan Montgomery, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come! God gathers people of all ages to worship.

All: Collect all of your wisdom to share with one another.

One: God nurtures our hearts with love to transform us beyond imaginati

All: Let the freedom of God's Spirit embrace everyone from every nation.

One: We are the people of God, our bond is one of family.

All: Let us all worship together in love.

† INVOCATION

† *All who are able, please stand*

† **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 479**
Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven

Lauda Anima

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Thorne

Athena Harnett Ayoola
Mason Atlas Rhodes SanFilippo

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Alleluia

Alleluia.

Randall Thompson

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE LESSON

Dr. Muoyo Okome

Matthew 10:40-42

(pg. 10 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

† **HYMN 407¹**

Cuando el pobre nada tiene y aun reparte

Sing verses 1 & 2 in Spanish, 1 & 2 in English

El Camino

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Audrey Cox

Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18

(pg. 131 *in the New Testament*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Vessel through which God Works

Rev. 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.

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CHORAL AMEN

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Regina Tate

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let All The World

Robert Baker

Let all the world in every corner sing, "my God and king!" The heavens are not too high, God's praise may thither fly! The earth is not too low, such praises there may grow. The church with psalms must shout; no door can keep them out! But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

Rachel Rosales, soprano

Manami Hattori, mezzo-soprano

Juan Jose Ibarra, baritone

†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. Jim Keat

Today we celebrate the ministry of the Sharing & Densford Funds, which offer grants to ministries around the world, so that all people may know safety, have access to education, clean drinking water, and live each day knowing their worth in God's beloved community.

†*All who are able, please stand*

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 108

Christ Is Alive!

Truro

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thorne

POSTLUDE

Carillon Sortie

Henri Mulet

Christopher Creaghan, organist

Special thanks to our congregational leaders Dr. Muoyo Okome, Audrey Cox, and Regina Tate.

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TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, April 30

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

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 | 12:30 PM | 318 MLK & Online

Coffee Hour | After Worship | Assembly Hall

2023 Lay Leadership Candidate Forum | 1:00 PM | South Hall & Online

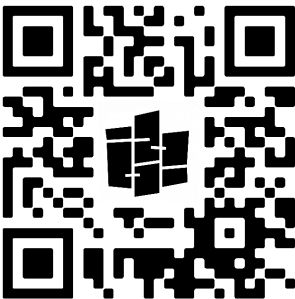
Theatre of the Oppressed | 1:00 PM | Multipurpose Room

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

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

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, May 1

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

NYS Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival | 10:00 AM | Albany, NY

Tai Chi Class | 3:00 PM | Cloister Lounge

Tuesday, May 2

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Wednesday, May 3

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, May 4

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Tower League | 2:00 PM | Online

Riverside Writing Group: Writing Spiritual Memoir and Justice | 6:30 PM | Online

Friday, May 5

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

COMING SOON

Sunday, May 7

Older Adults Sunday | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online

Sunday, May 21

Annual Meeting | After Worship | South Hall

Sunday, June 4

Queering the Bible Workshop | 1:00 PM | Assembly Hall

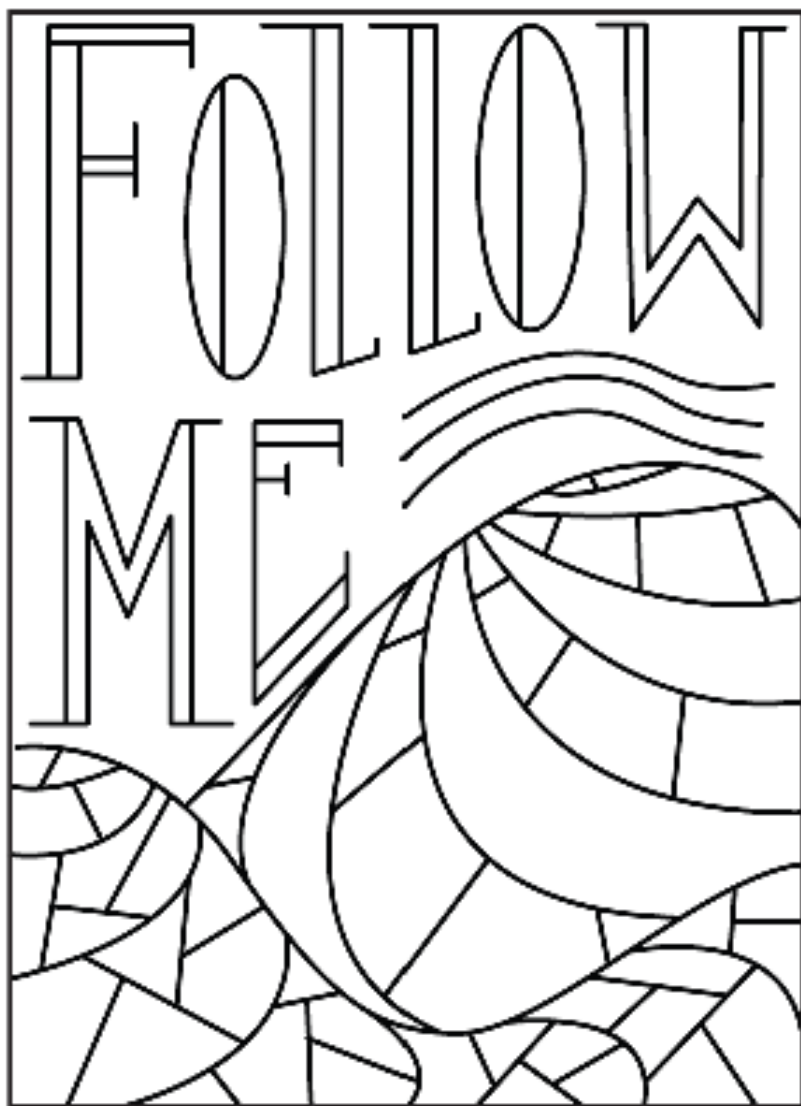
Stacey Robinson's One Man Show | 3:00 PM | Assembly Hall

Sunday, June 18

Juneteenth Lunch and Learn | 1:00 PM | Assembly Hall

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 138, John 21, Acts 9.



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

RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST

Get the latest news and events at The Riverside Church from our weekly emails. Sign up at trcnyc.org/email. If you're not receiving them, add communications@trcnyc.org to your "Safe Sender list."

MEMBERSHIP AT RIVERSIDE

Membership is about 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

These 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.

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