

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



**THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH**  
**IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

JULY 2, 2023  
FIFTH 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 these quotes:

“Where there is no law, but every man does what is right in his own eyes, there is the least of liberty. -*Henry M. Robert, Robert's Rules of Order: Newly Revised*

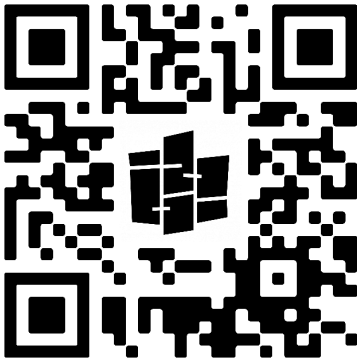
The law will never make men free; it is men who have got to make the law free.  
-*Henry David Thoreau, Civil Disobedience and Other Essays*

## **A question for reflection:**

How does a community of Christ-followers behave?

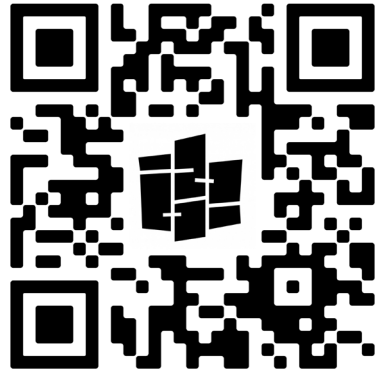
### **What's happening at Riverside?**

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

Bread of Angels  
Carillon Impromptu on St. Anne

*César Franck, arr. Leen 't Hart  
Gordon Slater*

*Charles Semowich, carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Pavane  
Adagio  
Melody in Mauve

*Robert Elmore  
Daniel Ficarri  
Richard Purvis*

*Alan Montgomery, organist*

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

### ✚CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

One: O sing to God a song of joy,

**All: For we have been greeted by our God.**

One: O dance for God a waltz of welcome,

**All: For we have been embraced by our God.**

One: O create for God a portrait of hope,

**All: For we have been inspired by our God. Come let us worship!**

### ✚INVOCATION

<sup>1</sup><https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-5a-july-2-and-general-synod-worship-home/>

✚*All who are able, please stand*

**✚ OPENING HYMN 262**

**God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand**

*National Hymn*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SOLO**

**The Gospel Train**

*Hall Johnson*

*Russell Saint John, baritone*

**LISTENING**

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

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**Matthew 13:44-46**

Rev. Dr. Colleen Birchett

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**✚ HYMN 383**

**My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

*Olivet*

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

**2 Peter 1:1-11**

Susan Walcott

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Robert's Rules and Righteousness*

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

**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.*

## INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Jim Keat

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### Morning Trumpet

*arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw*

O, when shall I see Jesus, and reign with him above, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. And from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. Shout O glory, for I shall mount above the skies, when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning. When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. And with my blessed Jesus drink endless pleasures in, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. Shout O glory, for I shall mount above the skies when I hear that trumpet sound in the morning. Through grace I am determined to conquer though I die, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. And then away to Jesus on wings of love I'll fly, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. Shout O glory, for I shall mount above the skies. When I hear the trumpet sound in that morning!

## †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

*Today, we celebrate the work of Lift Every Voice and Vote, which educates our Congregation and the Community about the importance of the Census and the vote, and advocates for those who are underrepresented and underserved.*

## †PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

†*All who are able, please stand*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

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

One: God of love,

**All: hear our prayer.**

## 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

Riverside Pastoral Staff

## 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.**

† *All who are able, please stand*

## 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!

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

## **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!**

*For everyone worshiping online, visit [trcnyc.org/communion](http://trcnyc.org/communion) to take communion together on Zoom.*

## *SENDING*

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

## **MUSIC AT COMMUNION**

### **ORGAN**

Meditation

*Louis Vierne*

### **†HYMN 508**

**For the Bread Which You Have Broken**

*Kingdom*

### **PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION**

Rev. Charlene Wingate

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.

**†***All who are able, please stand*



## ✚CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service<sup>2</sup>

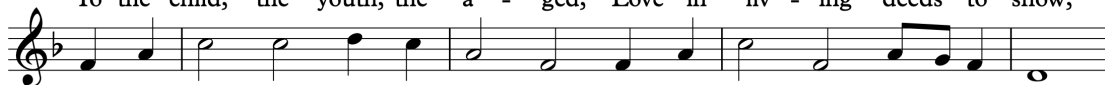
*Beach Spring*



1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser - vice Bore the weight of hu-man need,
2. Still Your chil - dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your love's re - veal-ling light,
4. Called from wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear name we go,



Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed,  
Still the cap - tives long for free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great - ness, Dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,  
To the child, the youth, the a - ged, Love in liv - ing deeds to show;



We, Your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart,  
As, O Lord, Your deep com - pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
Ma - king known the needs and bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
Hope and health, good will and com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



Con - se - crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - ery gift that You im - part.  
Use the love Your Spi - rit kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.  
Stir - ring us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.  
That your ser - vants, Lord in free - dom May your mer - cy know and live.

## ✚BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D

*David Johnson*

*Alan Montgomery, organist*

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*Special thanks to our congregational leader Susan Walcott.*

*Special thanks to our communion stewards Michael Barnes, David King, and Alexa Donaphin.*

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# TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

## Sunday, July 2

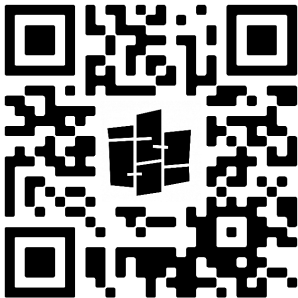
**Open Bible Study** | 9:30 AM | 330 MLK

**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

**Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital** | 3:00 PM



Visit [trcnyc.org/LOC](https://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, July 3

**Church Closed**

**Morning Prayer** | 8:00 AM | Online

### Tuesday, July 4

**Church Closed**

**Morning Prayer** | 8:00 AM | Online

### Wednesday, July 5

**Morning Prayer** | 8:00 AM | Online

### Thursday, July 6

**Morning Prayer** | 8:00 AM | Online

### Friday, July 7

**Morning Prayer** | 8:00 AM | Online

## COMING SOON

### Tuesday, July 11

**Summer Organ Series: Brett Valliant-Movie Night** | 7:00 PM | Nave

### Tuesday, July 18

**Summer Organ Series: Clara Gerdes** | 7:00 PM | Nave

### Tuesday, July 25

**Summer Organ Series: Nathaniel Gumbs** | 7:00 PM | Nave

### Wednesday, July 26

**Congregational Meeting** | 6:30 - 8:00 PM | In Person & Online

### Tuesday, August 1

**Summer Organ Series: Alan Montgomery** | 7:00 PM | Nave

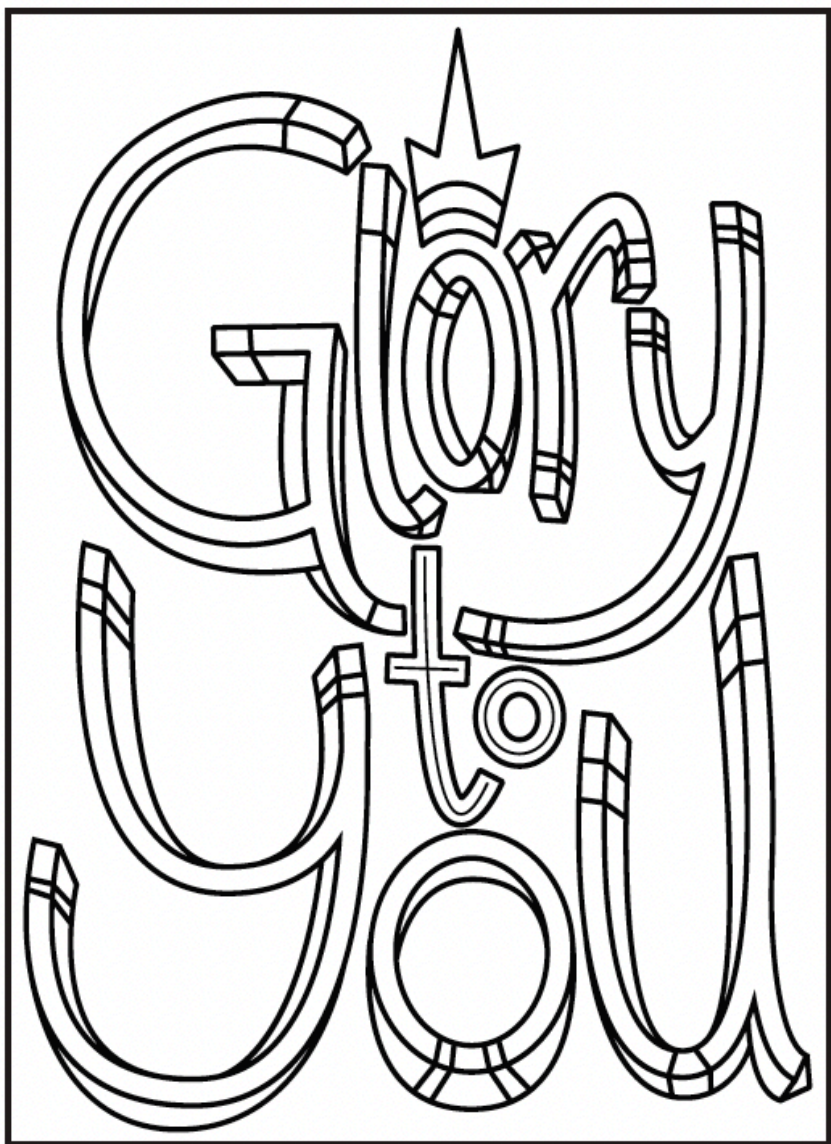
### Sunday, September 17

**Homecoming** | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online

**Pastoral Installation for Senior Minister Rev. Adriene Thorne** | 4:00 PM | Nave

# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, and John 16:12-15.



# WORDSEARCH

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

A	G	N	W	O	R	K	B	E	N	M	T	T	D	T
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WISDOM  
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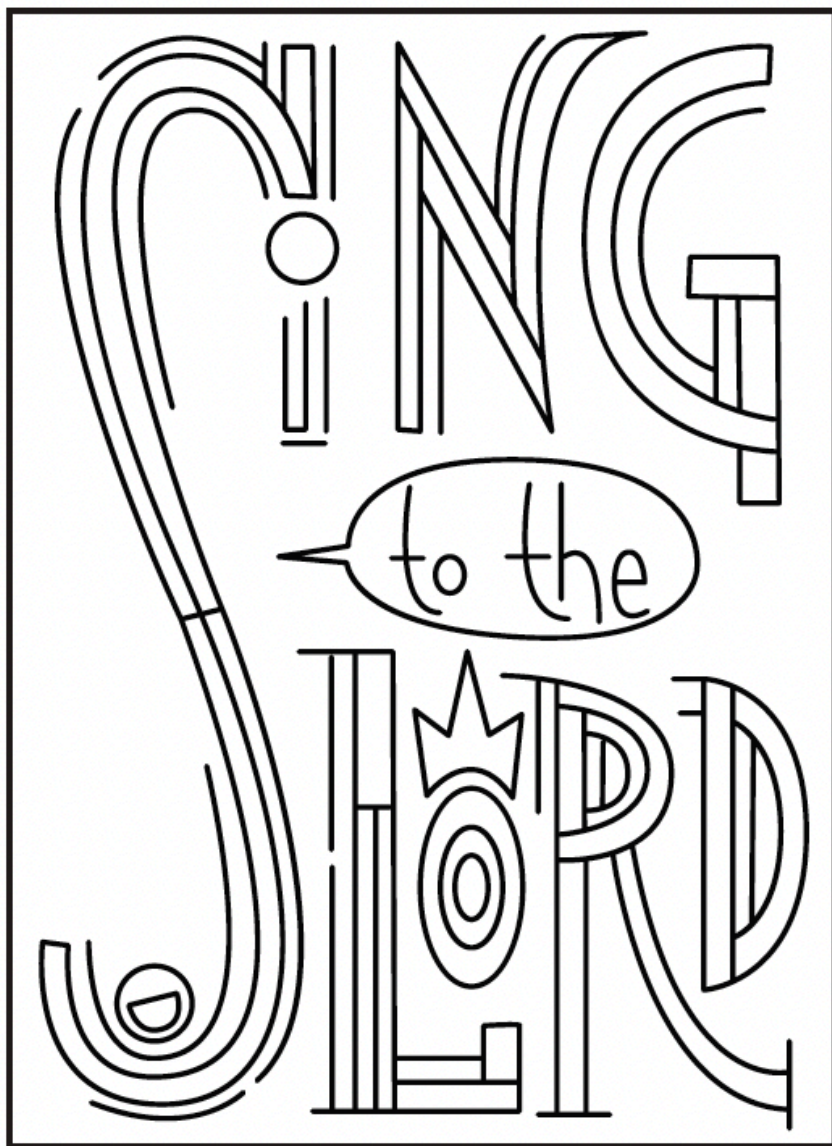
LIVE  
LORD  
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BEGINNING  
EARTH  
SOIL

HEAVEN  
WATER  
MASTER  
DELIGHT  
REJOICE  
FOUNDATION



# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on 2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalm 30, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.



## **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](http://trcnyc.org/email). If you're not receiving them, add [communications@trcnyc.org](mailto: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](http://trcnyc.org/membership) to find out more.

## **DOWNLOAD THE RIVERSIDE APP**

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## **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](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 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!

## **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.

## **A SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTION**

Pope Francis recently led an international prayer service for peace in Ukraine and other regions experiencing war. We join with Christians around the world in praying for God's peace and God's shalom (total wholeness and wellbeing) everywhere and for all people. The Fellowship of Reconciliation recently wrote, in part, "We understand how difficult the Pope's peace mission is, but as members of a diverse group of faith communities, we are well-versed in the language of miracles. Whether it is Moses parting the Red Sea, Jesus feeding the multitudes, prophet Muhammad (PBOH) sharing the revelations of the Quran or Buddha performing the Miracle at Shravasti, ancient faith traditions draw on works of wonder. The supernatural phenomena in ancient texts inspires us to embrace our convictions that radical devotion to human life can bring miracles, even in the most challenging situations." We pray in faith believing that peace is possible. Let us pray for an end to war around the world and for God's shalom to be realized.

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Senior Minister

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