

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JUNE 11, 2023
SECOND 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 this quote:

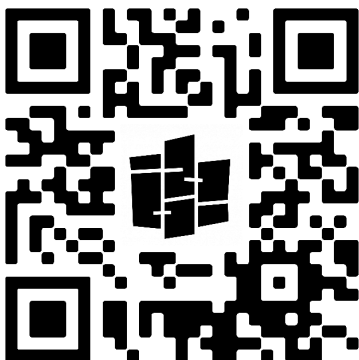
“I think a lot of what love is, is just telling the truth.” -*trans, non-binary author Akwaeke Emezi*

A question for reflection:

What is your hope for these children as they grow in life and faith?

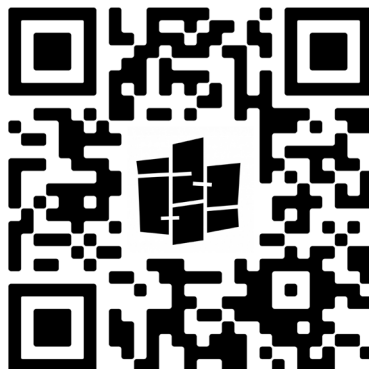
What's happening at Riverside?

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



Give by your phone

Text TRCNYCGIVE to 833.833.4035.



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*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

O Word of God Incarnate (Munich)
This Little Light of Mine
Fantasy on Sunday School Hymns

arr. Richard Giszczak
arr. Charles Semowich
John Gouwens

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

This Little Light of Mine
Be Thou My Vision

arr. Calvin Taylor
arr. Richard Elliot

Christopher Creaghan, organist

STRINGS

Jerusalem
Allegro, from Symphony no. 2¹

C. Hubert H. Parry
Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges

Riverside Community String Ensemble
Kristina Giles, director

ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me

Cherub Choir
Sharon Pritchard, director

¹Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint Georges was a gifted musician who captivated audiences with his exceptional talent. Born in Guadeloupe in 1745, he was the son of an enslaved woman and plantation owner. Not only was he a violin virtuoso and conductor, but a professional fencer. Bolongé's nickname "Black Mozart" serves as a tribute to his exceptional musical abilities and creativity. He wrote operas, symphonies, sonatas, and string quartets. In 1773, he became the conductor of an orchestra in Paris called *Les Concerts des Amateurs*, which was named one of the most outstanding orchestras in Europe. Although Bologne died in 1799, his music continues to resonate with audiences worldwide, transporting listeners to a realm of beauty and introspection.

—Mara Lander, String Ensemble Member

†All who are able, please stand

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

✚CALL TO WORSHIP

Cuba McLean, India McLean

One: Today, we celebrate the many ways our Bible teaches us that God is able.

All: Let the Word of Christ live richly in you.

One: God's able to build you up, establish you, and make you stand!

All: Let the Word of Christ live richly in you!

One: God's able to do exceedingly abundantly more than we could ever imagine.

All: The Word of Christ is alive and active in us... Let us worship.

✚INVOCATION

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM Rhondda

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Thorne

Isla Mary Thusi
Ezra Osahon Thusi

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister Derrick Jordan

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEMS

A Peaceful Alleluia

Jean Anne Shafferman

Alleluia, sing alleluia, sing, O sing alleluia. Peace, peace, O sing of peace. Alleluia.

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Michael O'Shields

I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from mine enemies. The Lord liveth and blessed be the rock and may the God of all creation be exalted.

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

✚*All who are able, please stand*

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Thorne

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES CELEBRATION

Dr. Emily Anderson

Recipients

Mara Landers
Jabari St. Louis
Vanessa Quetia Jean-Jacque Murphy
Stephen Pierre-Paul

Janessa Delahoz - Hawks
Devon Morgan - Hawks
Brandon McCreesh- Hawks
Rebecca Osei-Owusu - Hawks
Gabrielle Wilson- Hawks

SONG

Jesus in Me

Anonymous

Cliff Smith, CYF Worship Music Director

LISTENING

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 9:1-7

(pg. 639 in the Old Testament)

Jerry Hairston

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

All: Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 411

Arise, Your Light is Come!²

Festal Song

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+*All who are able, please stand*

GOSPEL LESSON

Linda Cole

John 8:12

(pg. 101 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Who's Coming to the Cookout?

Minister Nordia Bennett

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

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.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

†*All who are able, please stand*

BIBLE PRESENTATION

Rev. Thorne, Alexa Donaphin, Pat Ali, Chiara Fuller

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your Church School classes and in our worship. May we learn and grow together in our faith as we read God's Word. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Bible Recipients and their Teachers

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered God's people, Alleluia! O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of God's name, make God's praise to be glorious. With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

✦ 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. Meisenheimer

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Scholarship Committee, which offers scholarships to accredited colleges, universities and vocational programs for youth involved in the ministry programs of the church. Every year The Millennial Scholarship Program awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to youth involved in our ministry programs.

✦ *All who are able, please stand*

✚ RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,...

3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,...

✚ BENEDICTION

Rev. Thorne and Minister Bennett

POSTLUDE

War March of the Priests

Felix Mendelssohn

Christopher Creaghan, organist

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders Linda Cole, Cuba McLean, India McLean,
Jerry Hairston, and Cliff Smith.*

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, June 11

Fresh Start | 8:30 AM | Online

Youth Scholarship Breakfast | 9:00 AM | 311 MLK

Open Bible Study | 9:30 AM | 330 MLK

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

Church Nursery Open | 10:30 AM

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 | South Hall

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

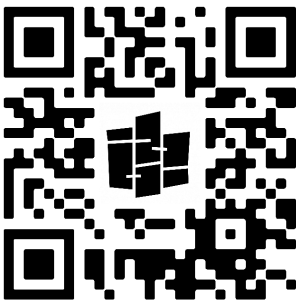
Intermediate Biblical Hebrew | 1:00 PM | 314 MLK & Online

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

Maranatha Meeting | 1:00 PM | 20T

Children, Youth and Families Picnic | 1:00 PM | MLK 8th Floor Rooftop Terrace

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, June 12

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Tai Chi Class | 3:00 PM | Cloister Lounge

Tuesday, June 13

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Wednesday, June 14

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Beginner Biblical Hebrew II | 5:00 PM | Online

Grace Notes | 7:00 PM | Online

Thursday, June 15

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Friday, June 16

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

COMING SOON

Sunday, June 18

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

Sunday, June 25

Pride Breakfast | 8:00 AM | 9T

Pride Sunday Worship | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online | Rev. Karmen Michael Smith Preaching

Pride Parade

Tuesday, June 27

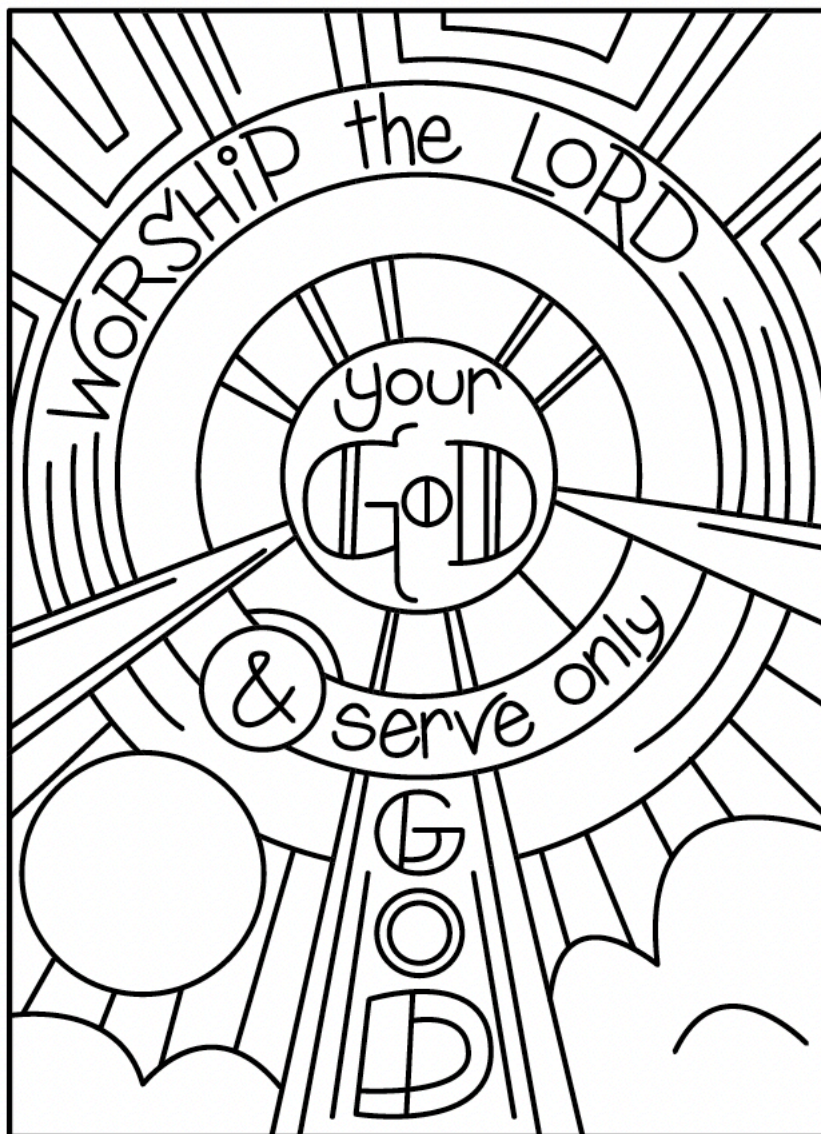
Summer Organ Series: Christopher Creaghan | 7:00 PM | Nave

Tuesday, July 11

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

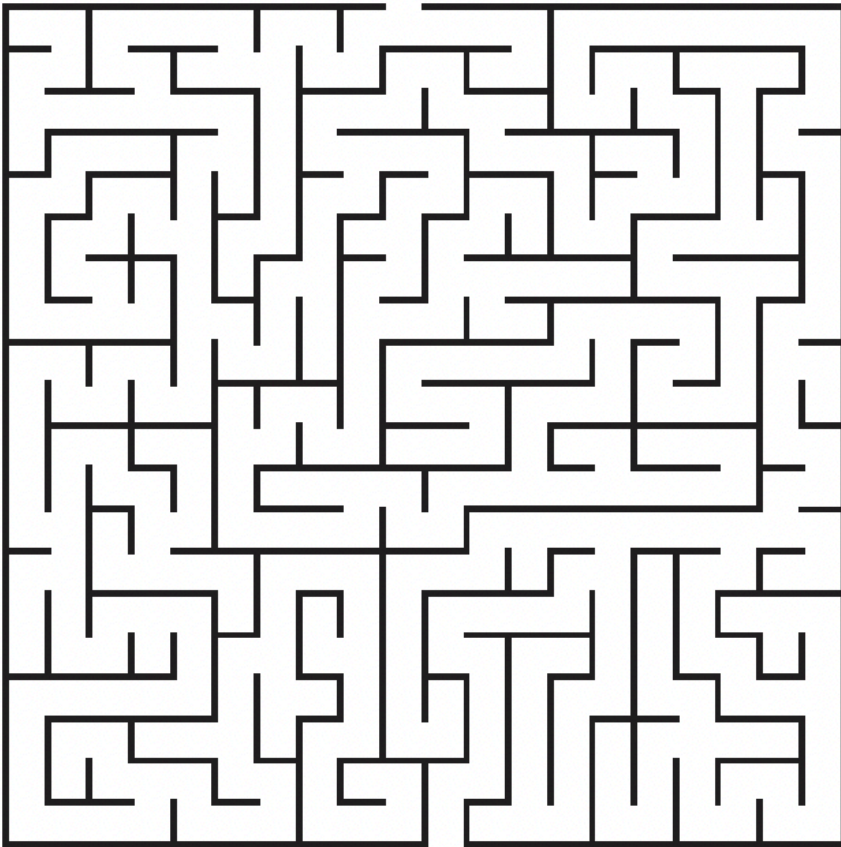
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Deuteronomy 26, Psalm 91, Luke 4.



SOLVE (the) MAZE

In Philippians 3, Paul compares faith to running a race. Help Paul run the course and reach his "heavenly prize."



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5, Luke 15.



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.

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.

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