

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



AUGUST 13, 2023  
ELEVENTH 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:

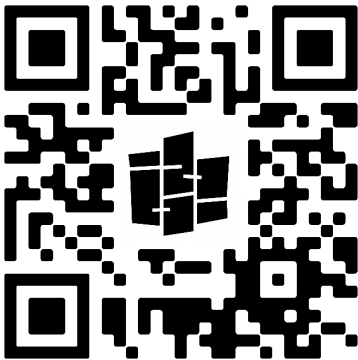
“The cross is laid on every Christian. The first Christ-suffering which every [person] must experience is the call to abandon the attachments of this world. It is that dying of the old man which is the result of [their] encounter with Christ. As we embark upon discipleship we surrender ourselves to Christ in union with His death—we give over our lives to death. Thus it begins; the cross is not the terrible end to an otherwise god-fearing and happy life, but it meets us at the beginning of our communion with Christ. When Christ calls a [person], He bids [them] come and die.” -*Dietrich Boeffler*

## **A question for reflection:**

What kinds of death lead to life?

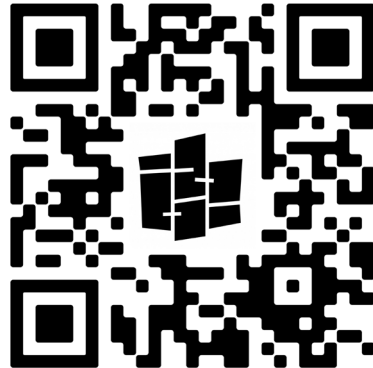
## **What's happening at Riverside?**

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

Eternal Father, Strong to Save  
Sicilienne  
Precious Lord

*John B. Dykes, arr. Tiffany Ng  
Ronald Barnes  
John Courter*

*Lynnli Wang, Assistant Carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Holy Spirit, Light Divine  
Adagietto  
Sarabande

*Healey Willan  
Léon Boëllmann  
Seth Bingham*

*Christopher Creaghan, Organist*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

### ✦CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord of Life, come to us in all our places!

**All: Fill us with Your Holy presence.**

One: We rejoice in Your love as we praise Your name.

**All: We stand in awe of all that You are.**

One: With humble hearts we bring our needs and concerns.

**All: Come to us, Lord, with your breath of new life. Let us worship.**

### ✦INVOCATION

✦*All who are able, please stand.*

**†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 489**  
**Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

*Unser Herrscher*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Charlene Wingate

*In a moment of silence, offer your own prayers of confession.*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SOLO**

Rise Up, My Love

*Nancy Wertsch*

*Liz Lang, Soprano*

**LISTENING**

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

**HEBREW BIBLE READING**

Min. Derrick Jordan

**Song of Songs 2:10-13, 8:6-7**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**†HYMN 531**

**Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels**

*Bridegroom*

**GOSPEL READING**

Mara Landers

**Mark 8:35-37**

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*"What is This Death?"*

Min. Conor Foley

**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. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

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.**

### INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Min. Nordia Bennett

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

#### Arise My Soul Arise

*Dale Wood*

Arise my soul, arise! Stretch forth to things eternal, and haste thee to the feet of thy Redeemer God. Though hid from mortal eyes, God dwells in light supernal, yet worship in spirit and in truth. God's banquet of love awaits thee above; Behold the marriage festal of the Lamb is come! Rejoice, my soul, rejoice, to heav'n lift up thy voice. Alleluia alleluia! List to the harps of heav'n! Hark to the song victorious, the never-ending anthem sounding through the sky. To mortals is not given, to chant its strains all glorious; yet sing my soul and praise the One who reigns on high. Who bought with his blood the ransomed of God; to him be everlasting pow'r and victory. And let the great Amen resound through heav'n again. Alleluia, alleluia.

†*All who are able, please stand.*

**†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. Lynn Casteel Harper

*Today we celebrate the ministry of the Ordination Committee which prayerfully nurtures God's call to ordained ministry within those who are in their care.*

**†RECESSIONAL HYMN 361**

**How Firm a Foundation**

*Foundation*

**†BENEDICTION**

Min. Conor Foley

**POSTLUDE**

Tuba Tune

*Craig Sellar Lang*

*Christopher Creaghan, organist*

**†***All who are able, please stand.*



**Minister Conor Foley (they/them)** majored in Biblical Studies at George Fox University in Newberg, OR, graduating in 2017. After earning their Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2020, they pastored UCC church in Woodbridge, NJ before joining the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn as their Outreach Minister early in 2023. Minister Foley's present roles include leading worship, preaching, coordinating the pastoral care team, organizing our homeless ministry, and facilitating adult education programming. All of their work is meant to be an expression of their gratitude for the resurrecting grace of God, and is guided by the conviction that the Gospel means the spiritual and material liberation of the world.

Minister Foley has published and presented numerous projects in the field of biblical studies through publications such as the *Journal of Religion and Violence* and *The Journal of Women and Criminal Justice*, and at professional academic conferences like the Society for Biblical Literature and the American Academy of Religion. They have taught many adult education classes on topics ranging from police and prison abolition, to the question of theodicy, and the biblical reading practices of Nicaraguan socialist revolutionaries. They are currently working on a book project that explores the use of the Bible in U.S. policing culture.

# TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

## Sunday, August 13

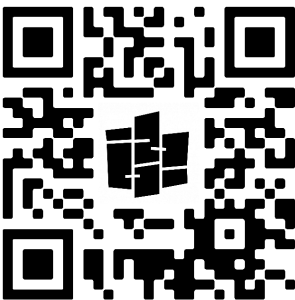
**Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00 AM Prelude begins at 10:30 AM | Nave & Online

**Coffee Hour** | After Worship | South Hall Lobby

**Virtual Coffee Hour** | 12:30 PM | 318 MLK & Online

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

**Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital** | 3:00 PM | *Stop and Smell the Summer Roses* Lynnli Wang,  
Assistant Carillonneur



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## **THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE**

### **Monday, August 14**

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

**Freedom School Continues** | 8:30 AM

### **Tuesday, August 15**

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

### **Wednesday, August 16**

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

**Sip & Serve – Prep and Serve Communion** | 7:00 PM | 9T

### **Thursday, August 17**

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

### **Friday, August 18**

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

## **COMING SOON**

### **Wednesday, August 23**

**Sip & Serve: Usher Training** | 7:00 PM | 9T

### **Wednesday, August 30**

**Sip & Serve – Leading in Worship** | 7:00 PM | 9T

### **Sunday, September 17**

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

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

### **Friday, September 29**

**Beyoncé Mass** | 7:00 PM | Nave

# COLOR IN THE WORDS



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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## **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**

Take Riverside with you, wherever you go. Text TRCNyc to 833.833.4035 or visit [trcnyc.org/app](http://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](http://trcnyc.org/CarillonRecitals) for the complete schedule and programs.

## **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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## CONNECT WITH US.

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