

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



AUGUST 20, 2023
TWELFTH 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:

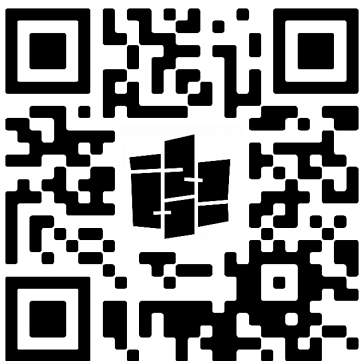
“Poisoned by the belief that good things come only through determination and tireless effort, we can never truly rest. And for want of rest, our lives are in danger. Thomas Merton a beloved Cistercian Monk writing in the late 1960s said: “There is a pervasive form of contemporary violence, and that is activism and overwork. The rush and pressure of modern life are a form, perhaps the most common form, of this innate violence. To allow oneself to be carried away by a multitude of conflicting concerns; to surrender to too many demands; to commit oneself to too many projects; to want to help everyone in everything is to succumb to violence. The frenzy of our activism neutralizes our work for peace, because it kills the inner root of inner wisdom that makes work prudent.” -Wayne Muller, *Sabbath: Restoring the Sacred Rhythm of Rest and Delight*

A question for reflection:

How do you practice sabbath?

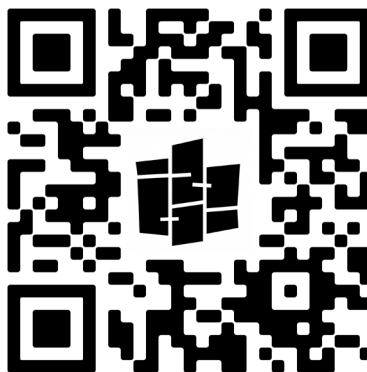
What's happening at Riverside?

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

Suite in the Old Style

Anton van Ooik

1. Prelude
2. Minuet
3. Gavotte
4. Bourrée
5. Gigue

Charles Semowich, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Suite Liturgique

Denis Bédard

1. Entrée
2. Offertoire
3. Communion

Christopher Creaghan, Organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern

✚CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Gather our hearts, O God, knitting us together across difference and division to live with your compassion. Gather our minds, O God, from distractions and distance to focus on you and your children. Gather our wills, O God, to be strong and courageous in pursuit of your justice. By the power of your holy spirit, make us one in heart, mind, and spirit as we worship you. Come, let us worship God.

✚INVOCATION

¹https://www.childrensdefense.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Sabbath-2020_Christian-Worship-Resources.pdf

✚*All who are able, please stand.*

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Kingsfold

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give light.
 3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.
 lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head u - pon my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirs - ty one; stoop down and drink and live."
 Look un - to me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."
 I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
 I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'-ling days are done.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO

My Soul is Athirst for God

Alfred R. Gaul

Erik Rasmussen, Tenor

+All who are able, please stand.

LISTENING

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

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Barbara Mellor

Deuteronomy 5:12–15

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

All: Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 306

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders' Hymn

GOSPEL READING

Rev. Jim Keat

Matt. 11:28-30

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Recreate Sabbath"

Rev. Dr. Cheryl F. Dudley

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. Charlene Wingate

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

+All who are able, please stand.

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

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Saints Bound For Heaven

Arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Our bondage it shall end by and by. From Egypt's yoke set free, hail the glorious jubilee,
and to Canaan we'll return by and by. Our Deliverer shall come by and by, and our sorrows
have an end, with our three-score years and ten, and vast glory crown the day by and by. And
when to Jordan's floods we are come, Jehovah rules the tide, and the waters will divide, and
the ransomed host shall shout, we are come. Then with all the happy throng we'll rejoice!
Shouting glory to our king, till the vaults of heaven ring, and through all eternity we'll rejoice.

✚ 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. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

Today we celebrate the work of the Freedom School, which partners with the Children's Defense Fund to provide an enriching summer experience of literacy and social justice for children from our community.

✚ *All who are able, please stand.*

✚ RECESSIONAL HYMN 399
We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek

✚ BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Cheryl F. Dudley

POSTLUDE

Suite Liturgique
4. Sortie

Denis Bédard

Christopher Creaghan, organist

✚ *All who are able, please stand.*



The Rev. Dr. Cheryl F. Dudley has served as the Regional Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York (ABCMNY) since May 1, 2015. Ordained in the American Baptist Churches USA tradition, she has served in ministry in several geographic and ministry settings. Glad to call New York City her home, she has lived in Manhattan since 2006.

Rev. Dudley has earned a BA in Sociology from Pomona College, Claremont, CA; MDiv from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, and a DMin in Executive Leadership from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL.

Through the years, Rev. Dudley has been engaged in pastoral, denominational, ecumenical, as well as philanthropic work. She has served as the Acting Director of African American Studies at Bradley University, the Executive Director of Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service, and on national and global mission agencies. Rev. Dudley is a past President of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America and InspirAction USA. She provided spiritual and religious resourcing to Project SAFE, a project that sought justice and restoration for Black women survivors of partner violence and sexual assault and the Black Women's Blueprint. Rev. Dudley is on the Board of Directors of Bricks and Mortals in NYC, and the current President of the American Baptist Regional Executive Ministers Council. Rev. Dudley serves as a member of the Board of Flemister House Development Corporation, which provides residential support to persons living with HIV or AIDS and other challenges.

The 2023 theme for ABCMNY is ReCreate; Rev. Dudley is so very glad to be able to find ways to connect this theme with her message for today's worship at the Riverside Church.

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

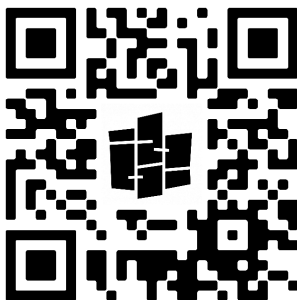
Sunday, August 20

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

Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital | 3:00 PM | *An Italian Baroque Sonata* Charles Semowich,
Carillonneur



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, August 21

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Tuesday, August 22

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Wednesday, August 23

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

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

Thursday, August 24

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Friday, August 25

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

COMING SOON

Wednesday, August 30

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

Sunday, September 17

Homecoming | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online

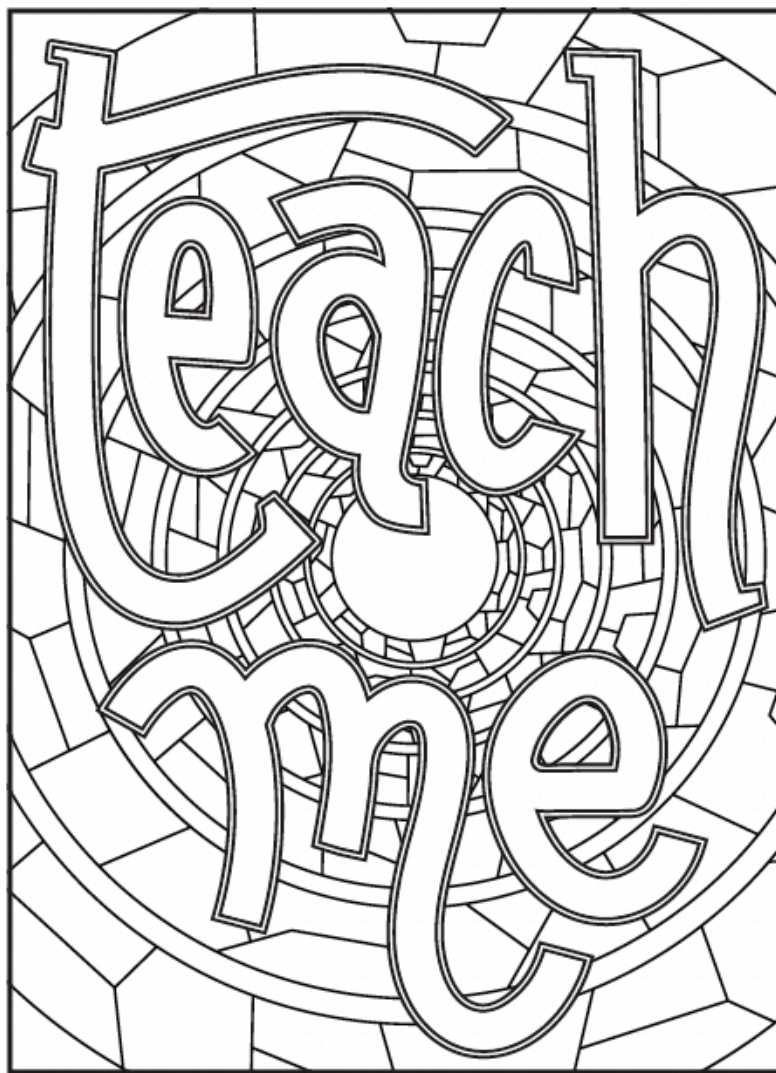
Pastoral Installation for Senior Minister Rev. Adriene Thorne | 4:00 PM | Nave & Online

Friday, September 29

Beyoncé Mass | 7:00 PM | Nave

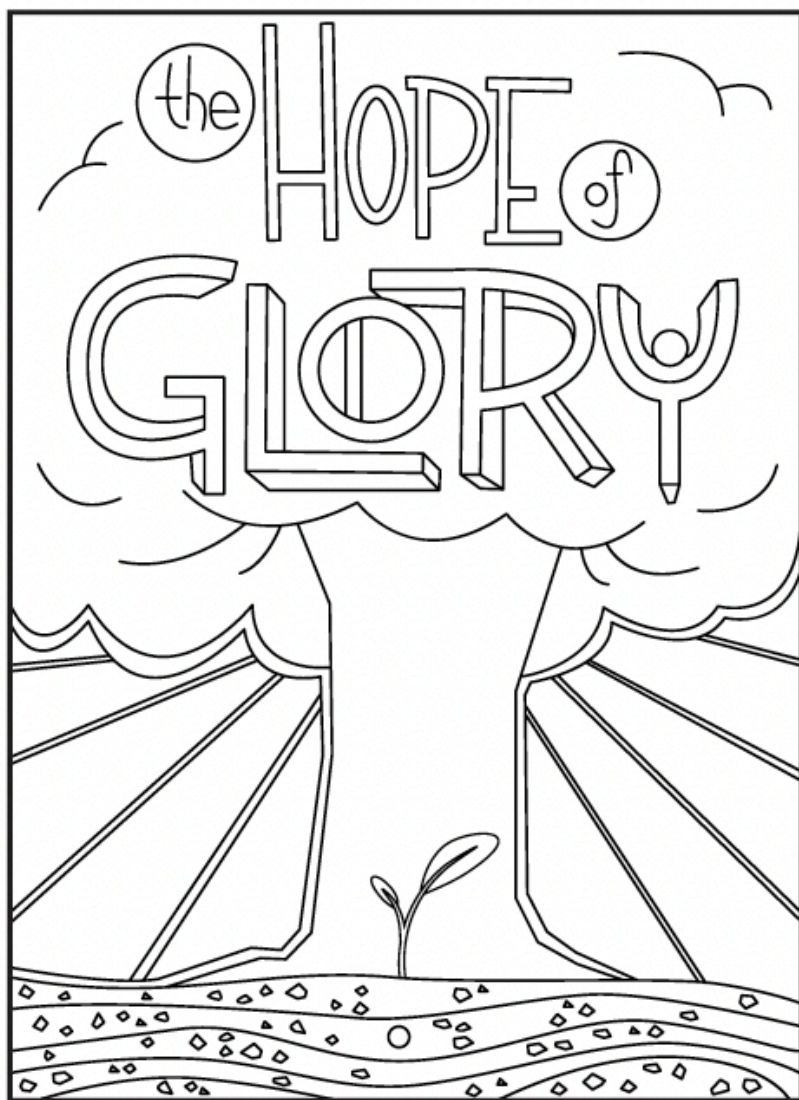
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Amos 7:7-17, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37.



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Amos 8: 1-12, Colossians 1: 15-28, Luke 10:38-42.



WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Luke 12 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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FIRE
EARTH
BAPTISM
PEACE
DIVISION
HOUSEHOLD

FATHER
SON
MOTHER
DAUGHTER
CROWD
RISING

WIND
BLOWING
INTERPRET
SKY
HEAT
JESUS

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 85, Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19), Luke 11:1-13.



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 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 bulletin and your parking ticket to the attendant to receive this discounted rate. This discounted rate applies to Sundays only.

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