

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



AUGUST 27, 2023  
THIRTEENTH 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:

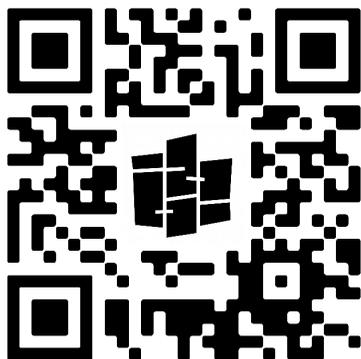
“You were not just born to center your entire existence on work and labor. You were born to heal, to grow, to be of service to yourself and community, to practice, to experiment, to create, to have space, to dream, and to connect.” -Tricia Hersey, *Rest Is Resistance: A Manifesto*

## **A question for reflection:**

What hinders your ability to rest?

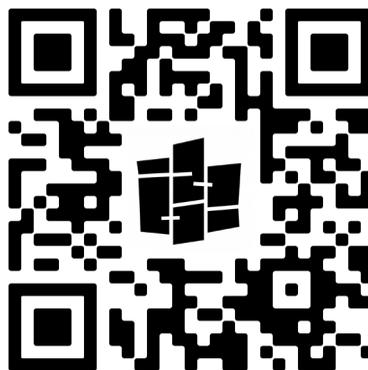
## **What's happening at Riverside?**

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

Concerto, Op. 3, No. 3

*Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Joannes de Gruyters*

*Charles Semowich, Carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Salut d'Amour  
Praeludium in E minor

*Edward Elgar  
Nicolaus Bruhns*

*Alan Montgomery, Organist*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of Love, fill us with Your presence.

**All: Our time is in Your gracious hands.**

One: Bring forth Your wisdom through each word on this day.

**All: We await Your guidance through Your healing ways.**

One: Make us new as we embrace the gift of sabbath rest.

**All: Let Your Holy Spirit fall fresh upon us as we gather in Your name.  
Let us worship.**

### †INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 422**  
**God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

*Beach Spring*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Dr. Colleen Birchett

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

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SOLO**

Twenty-Third Psalm - An Interpretation

*Frances Waterman*

*David Orcutt, Baritone*

**LISTENING**

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

**HEBREW BIBLE READING**

David Orcutt

**Psalm 29:1-11**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**† HYMN 384**

**O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go**

*St. Margaret*

**GOSPEL READING**

Eva Cordero

**Mark 4:35-41**

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*"The Evil Behind the Curtain"*

Rev. Dr. Timothy Adkins-Jones

**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. Thorne

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

Rev. Jim Keat

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name**

*arr. Brazeal W. Dennard*

Hush, Hush, somebody's callin' my name. Oh, my Lord, oh, my Lord, what shall I do? I'm so glad that trouble don't last always. I'm so glad I got my religion in time. Soon one mornin' death come creepin' in my room.

*Rachel Rosales, Soprano*

†*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. Charlene Wingate

*Today we celebrate the work of our Finance Committee, which reviews, advises and monitors our budgetary activities to support our financial health.*

## † RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Help Us Accept Each Other**

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*



1. Help us ac - cept each o - ther As Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life  
3. Let your ac - cept - ance change us, So that we may be moved  
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,  
Teach us as sis - ter, bro - ther, Each per - son to em - brace.  
We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith  
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;  
Who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, For right - eous - ness and bread,  
Be pre - sent, Lord, a - mong us And bring us to be - lieve  
Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some,  
To prac - tice Your ac - cep - tance Un - til we know by heart  
We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:  
We are our - selves ac - cept - ed And meant to love and live.  
To love them as we find them Or as they may be - come.  
The ta - ble of for - give - ness And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
Re - new us with Your Spi - rit; Lord, free us, make us one!

## † BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Timothy Adkins-Jones

## POSTLUDE

Grand Choer in B-flat

*Théodore Dubois*

*Alan Montgomery, Organist*

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders David Orcutt and Eva Cordero.*

† *All who are able, please stand.*



**Rev. Dr. Timothy Levi Adkins-Jones** is the Pastor of the historic Bethany Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. A son of the church, Rev. Adkins-Jones was led to faith in Christ at the early by his grandfather the Rev. Leroy Jones at Pilgrim Journey Baptist Church in his hometown of Richmond, Virginia. Before being called to Bethany, Rev. Adkins-Jones faithfully led congregations in Massachusetts and Connecticut, building a young legacy of community activism and Christian service. He gladly serves as part of the leadership team for the New Jersey Together and as a trustee for both the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice and Salvation and Social Justice.

Embodying the best of the Black preacher-scholar tradition, Rev. Adkins-Jones has a PhD in Practical Theology with a Homiletics concentration from Boston University. He also holds a BA in Psychology from Amherst College, and an MDiv from the Boston University School of Theology. A sought-out lecturer and speaker across the nation, Rev. Dr. Adkins-Jones is an Assistant Professor of Homiletics at Union Theological Seminary after previously teaching courses in homiletics and polity at Yale Divinity School.

Rev. Dr. Adkins-Jones is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He is also the proud husband of Dr. Amey Victoria Adkins-Jones and the father of four loving and amusing souls, Sofia, Ezekiel, Isabella, and Judah Nwà who keep him young and busy.

## TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

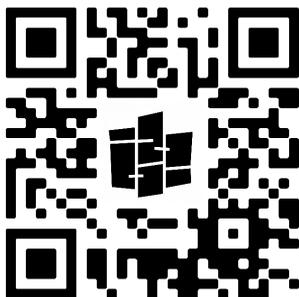
**Sunday, August 27**

**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 | *Summer Music* Charles Semowich, Carillonneur



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, August 28**

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

### **Tuesday, August 29**

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

### **Wednesday, August 30**

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

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

### **Thursday, August 31**

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

### **Friday, September 1**

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

## **COMING SOON**

### **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 Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56.



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

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## CONNECT WITH US.

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Senior Minister

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