

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

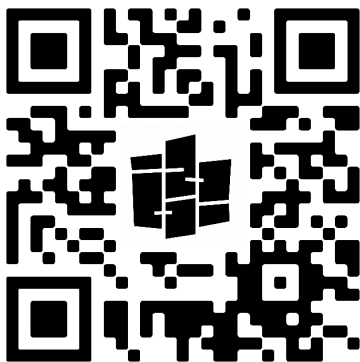
WORSHIP is at the center of the life of The Riverside Church.
As you prepare your heart and mind for worship, consider this quote:

“Of all the paths you take in life, make sure some of them are dirt.” -John Muir

A question for reflection:
What can you learn about God from dirt?

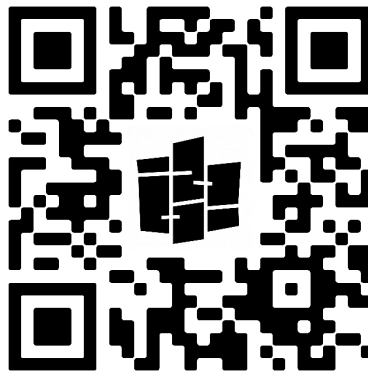
What's happening at Riverside?

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

Kyrie
Memorial

*Alice Gomez
Theophil Rusterholz*

Lynnli Wang, Assistant Carillonneur

ORGAN

Elegy
Prelude on Brother James' Air
Elegiac Prelude on Jerusalem

*George Thalben-Ball
Searle Wright
Charles Callahan*

Christopher Creaghan, Organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Loving God, it is You who promised to be with us always.

All: Be with us today as we embark on new beginnings.

One: Prepare our hearts for a new season of listening, learning, and living.

All: Grant us the wisdom to discern Your will at every turn on the way.

One: In the safety of Your protection, equip our minds, bodies, and souls.

**All: With the power of Your strength, may we love one another
with compassion and joy. Let us worship!**

+ INVOCATION


+ *All who are able, please stand.*

✚ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**
Creating God, Your Fingers Trace


Deus Tuorum Militum



1. Cre - at - ing God, your fing - ers trace the bold de -
2. Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
3. Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
4. In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing
with a bil - lion names; let ev - ery life be



stars and light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
blend with air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
like a dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
touched by grace un - til we praise you face to face.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO

If I Can Help

A. Bazel Androzzo

Irwin Reese, Tenor

✚ *All who are able, please stand.*

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL READING

Laura Miraz

Mark 1:16-20

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

+ HYMN 316

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

Trentham

HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

Stacey Robinson

Genesis 2:4b-25

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dirty Spirituality: Where It All Begins

Rev. Jim Keat

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. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

We have heard the word of God read and proclaimed. Now let us pray together.

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. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee

June Nixon

Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills the breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than Jesus' name, the savior of us all. O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, to those who ask how kind thou art, how good to those who seek. But what to those who find? Ah! This nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is, none but his loved ones know. Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be; in thee be all our glory now, and through eternity.

+ 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.

+ *All who are able, please stand.*

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Rev. Charlene Wingate

Today we celebrate the work of our Education Commission who oversees the development and implementation of the comprehensive Christian Education Ministry of the Church.

+ RECESSIONAL HYMN 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

+ BENEDICTION

Rev. Jim Keat

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur

Théodore Salomé

Christopher Creaghan, Organist

+ All who are able, please stand.

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, September 10

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

Coffee Hour | After Worship | South Hall Lobby

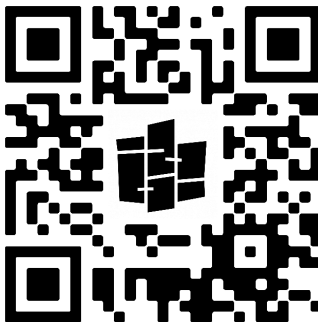
Virtual Coffee Hour | 12:00 PM | 318 MLK & Online

Maranatha Meeting | 1:00 PM | MPR

African Fellowship Meeting | 1:00 PM | MLK 311

Business & Professional Women's Group Meeting | 1:30 PM | MLK 323

Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: 9/11 Memorial Concert | 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, September 11

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Membership & Parish Life Commission Meeting | 6:30 PM | Online

Mission & Social Justice Commission Meeting | 6:30 PM | Online

Worship Commission Meeting | 6:30 PM | Online

Education Commission Meeting | 7:00 PM | Online

Tuesday, September 12

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Nominating Committee Meeting | 6:30 PM | Online

Wednesday, September 13

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Thursday, September 14

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Friday, September 15

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

COMING SOON

Sunday, September 17

Homecoming | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online

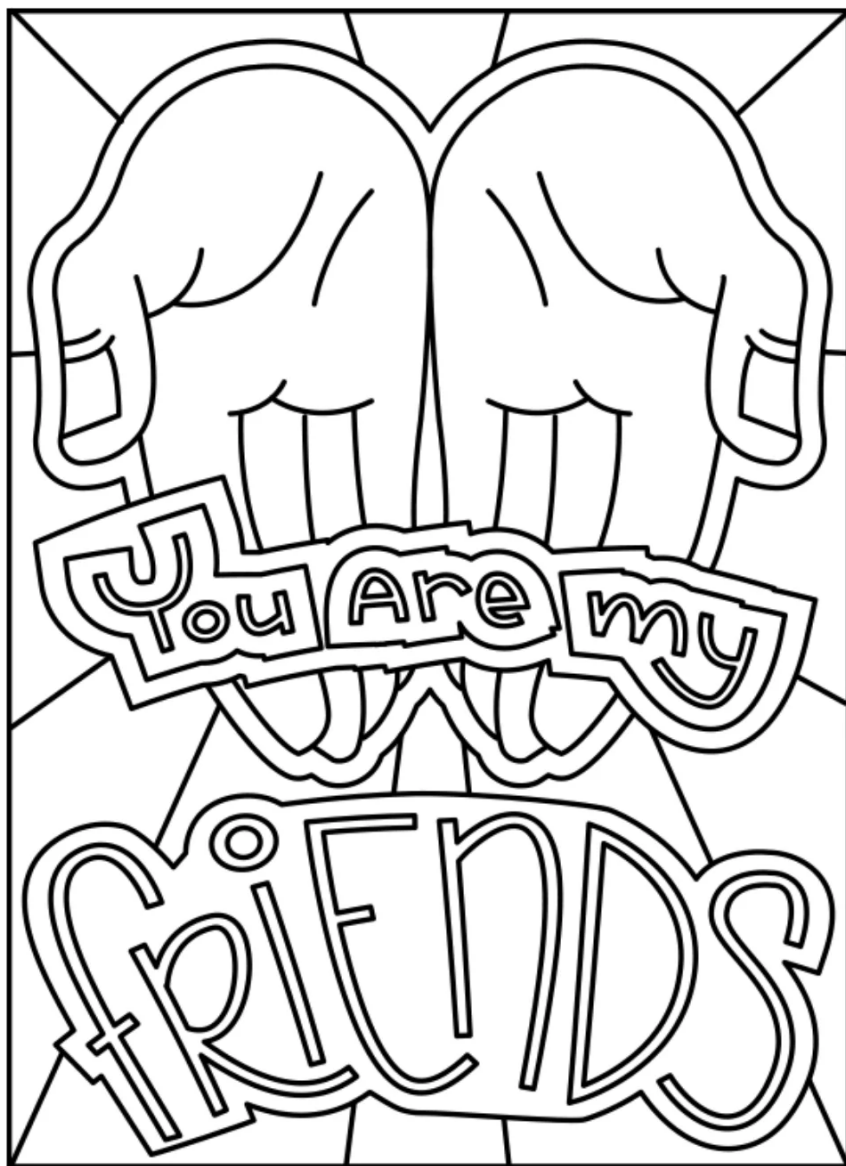
Pastoral Installation for Rev. Adriene Thorne | 4:00 PM | Nave & Online

Friday, September 29

Beyoncé Mass | 7:00 PM | Nave

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, John 15:9-17



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.

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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