

# THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

## IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 | 11:00 AM

# 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:

“When you look at the dark side, careful you must be. For the dark side looks back.”

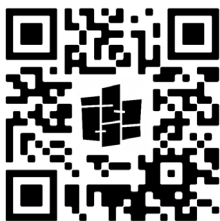
— Yoda

## **A question for reflection:**

When have you experienced your closest encounter with God?

## **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



## **Cover Art by Jamil De Honney**

*Inspired by Genesis 32:9-13, 22-30*

*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

Onward, Christian Soldiers  
All Creatures of Our God and King

Arthur Sullivan, arr. Theophil Rusterholz  
Cologne Gesangbuch  
arr. Beverly Buchanan  
Geert D'hollander

Pentatonic Pastoral

Carla Staffaroni, *carillonneur*

### ORGAN

My Lord, What a Morning  
Three Liturgical Pieces  
The Lord of All  
Pastorale  
Praise to the Living God

Robert Lau  
Isadore Freed

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

### CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

*One:* Eagerly we await God's answers to all questions.

***All:* We gather with the hope of hearing from God.**

*One:* No one knows the exact time to expect our God.

***All:* With bated breath, we anticipate the good that will come.**

*One:* Let us continue to wrestle with our questions and doubts.

***All:* God will bless us and call us each by our name.**

**Let us worship together.**

### INVOCATION *remain standing*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 488**    *standing as able, sung by all*  
The God of Abraham Praise

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern

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

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**ANTHEM**

Take My Life, That I May Be

Scott Perkins

*Take my life that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.  
Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee. Amen.*

**LISTENING**

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

**GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING**

Geoff Martin

Mark 14:32-36

**One:**    This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All:**    **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** *standing as able, sung by all*  
Blessed Be the God of Israel

FOREST GREEN



1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el, who comes to set us free  
2. With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
3. My child, as proph-et of the Lord, you will pre - pare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.  
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all,  
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph-ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm  
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
in ho - li - ness and right - eous-ness to serve God all our days.  
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

**HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING**

Brad Jones

Genesis 32:9-13, 22-30

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

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*God's Shadow and Shade*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

**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.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Pray in the language or version of your heart.*

***All:* 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.**

### CHORAL AMEN

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** *standing as able*

*One:* The peace of the Lord be with you.

***All:* And also with you.**

### INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion

Malcom Boyle

*Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Thou that hearest the prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Blessed is the one whom Thou choosest and receivest unto Thee. They shall dwell in Thy courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of Thy house, e'en of Thy holy temple. Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on Thee. Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace because they trust in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Let the people praise Thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth bring forth its increase: and God shall give us great blessing.*

**AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY**     *standing as able, sung by all*  
*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

*remain standing*

*Today we celebrate the work of Riverside's Ushers, who have for more than 90 years provided hospitality to all who enter The Riverside Church.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** *remain standing, sung by all*

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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1. Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap -  
2. The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom  
3. The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf-f'rings  
4. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap -

pear; the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and  
near; go forth, as he ap - proach - es, with  
bore, shall live and reign for - ev - er when  
pear; a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er

dark - er night is near. The bride - groom is a -  
al - le - lu - ias clear. The mar - riage feast is  
sor - row is no more. A - round the throne of  
this be - night - ed sphere. With hearts and hands up -

ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh. Up,  
wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand. A -  
glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold, in  
lift - ed we plead, O Lord, to see the

pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.  
tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

**BENEDICTION**    *remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

**POSTLUDE**  
March in D Major

Alexandre Guilmant

Christopher Creaghan, *organist*

## TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

### Sunday, September 24

**Fresh Start** | 8:30 AM | Online

**Open Bible Study** | 9:30 AM | 330 MLK & Online

**Rising Voices Rehearsal** | 9:30 AM | Chapel of the Cross

**Cherub Choir Rehearsal** | 9:30 AM | 717 MLK

**Youth Choir Rehearsal** | 10:15 AM | Chapel of the Cross

**Limitless Kids Worship and Youth Group** | 11:00 AM | 313 MLK

**Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online

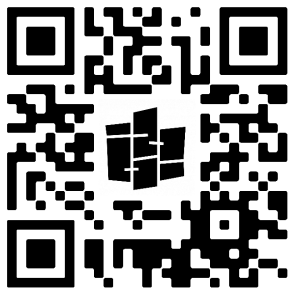
**Coffee Hour** | After Service | South Hall Lobby

**Virtual Coffee Hour** | 12:30 PM | Online

**Prison Ministry** | 1:30 PM | 323 MLK

**Protecting and Expanding Democracy in New York** | 1:30 PM | South Hall

**Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital** | 3:00 PM



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, September 25**

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

**Art of Movement** | 10:00 AM | 411 MLK

**Tai Chi** | 3:00 PM | Cloister Lounge (Child Care Room)

**Church Council Meeting** | 6:45 PM | Online

### **Tuesday, September 26**

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

### **Wednesday, September 27**

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

**Older Adults French Group** | 10:30 AM | MLK 321

**Young Adult Pizza & Visioning** | 6:30 PM | 313 MLK (Youth Room)

### **Thursday, September 28**

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

**Art of Movement** | 10:00 AM | 411 MLK

**Tower League**

**Chair Exercise** | 1:30 PM | Zoom

**Program** | 2:00 PM | Zoom

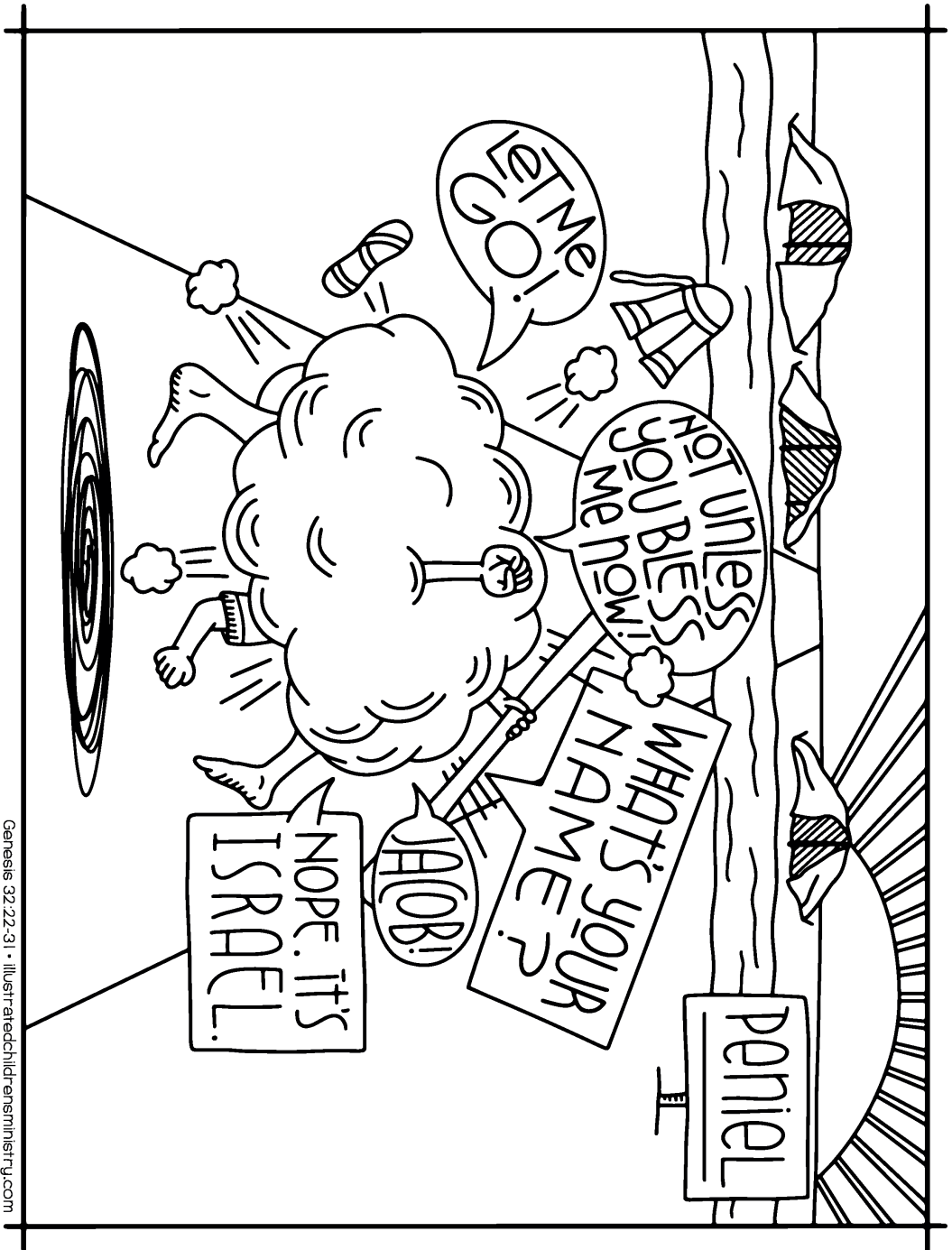
**Riverside Writing Group** | 6:00 PM | Zoom

*"How-To See, Map, Write Health/Poverty/Gender Disparities in Your Own Community:  
Justice Tales from an Anthropologist"*

### **Friday, September 29**

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

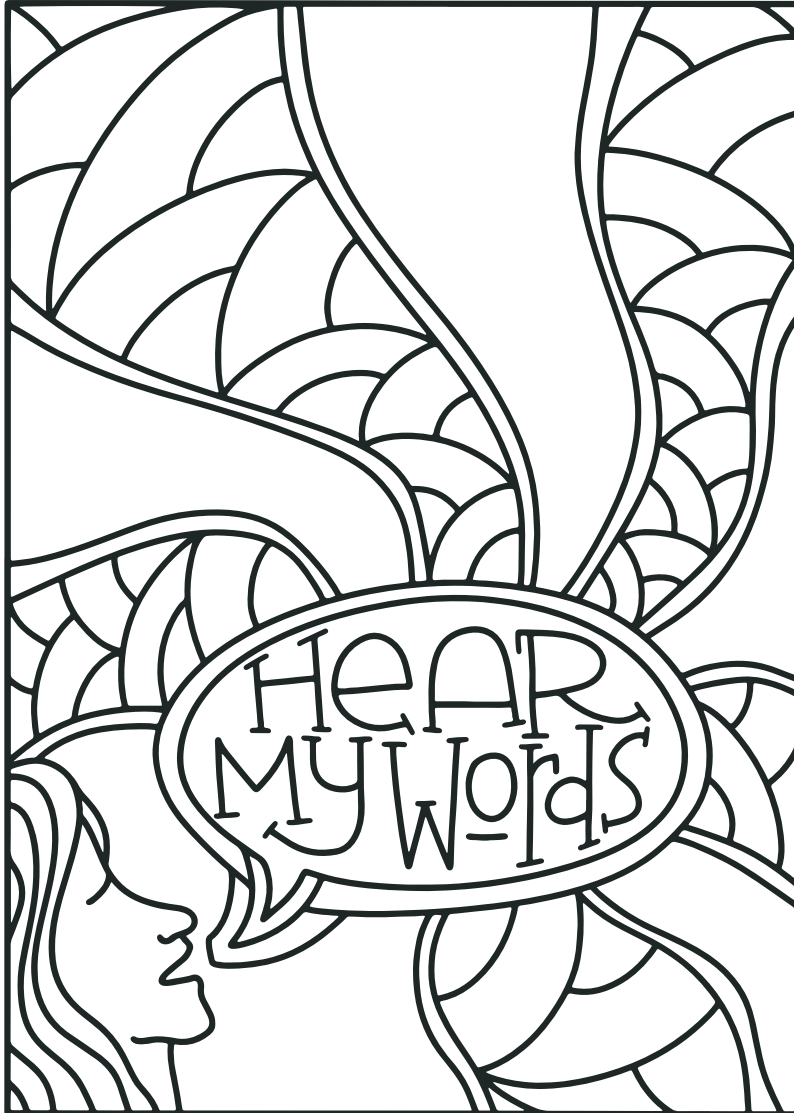
**Beyoncé Mass** | 7:00 PM | Nave



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# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 17:1-7, 15, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21.



## **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.

### **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.

## **THE RIVERSIDE FOOD PANTRY**

The Riverside Food Pantry has been providing meals and groceries for 40 years to members of the West Harlem and Morningside Heights communities. The pandemic and inflation have made the last several years particularly challenging, and the food pantry has experienced a four-fold increase in the number of clients seeking food supplies for their household.

## **FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION**

On first Sundays, if you have a little more to share, consider bringing a few canned goods with you to support the Riverside Food Pantry. There will be a table placed just below the pulpit for your donations. There will also be shopping carts in the narthex (lobby to the nave) as well as a cart near the security desk. You are making it possible for someone to bring home the staples of a meal. Below are some of the items needed:

- Tuna
- Rice
- Canned Ravioli/Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Dry Pasta
- Spaghetti/Tomato Sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Dry Beans (Pinto, Black, White or Kidney)
- Canned Beans (Pinto, Black, White or Kidney)
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Individual Sized Apple Sauce/Fruit Cups
- Hot and/or Cold Cereals (oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, Cheerios, Raisin Bran, Corn Flakes)
- Peanut Butter
- Juices (apple, orange, grape or pineapple)
- Baby Foods (assorted)
- Pampers for various ages (newborn – toddlers)

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Senior Minister

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