

# THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

## IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 15, 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:

“I think prayer is Jesus saying, ‘Do you want to come out and play?’”  
— Grace, age 4

## **A question for reflection:**

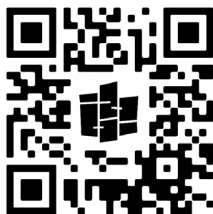
How will you commit to supporting children and youth leadership at this or any other church?

## **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



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*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

A Child's Hymn Suite  
All Things Bright and Beautiful  
I Love to Tell the Story  
This Little Light of Mine

Phillis Webb  
arr. Beverly Buchanan  
arr. Lee Cobb  
arr. Charles Semowich

Charles Semowich, *carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Excerpts from *Album for the Young*  
Arioso from *Cantata 156*

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky  
Johann Sebastian Bach

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

### ANTHEM

We Are the Church

Traditional

Cherub Choir  
Sharon Pritchard, *director*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

### CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able, said by all*

Alexandra and Sara Pascarelli

*One:* God shows us how to love in this world.

**All: God is so good!**

*One:* God shows us how to be kind in this world.

**All: God is so good!**

*One:* Let us be the church of God's love and justice.

**All: God is so good! Let us worship.**


### INVOCATION *remain standing*

Abraham Huang

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 379 *remain standing, sung by all*

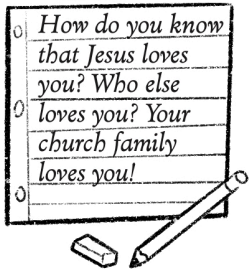
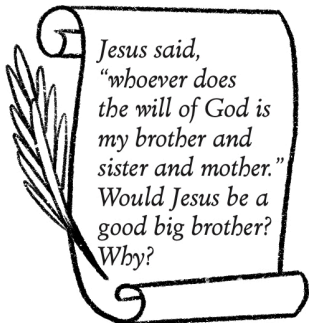
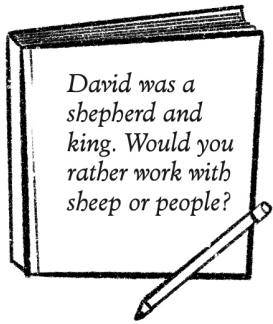
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK



Circle your  
favorite words  
in this Call to  
Worship.





## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Rev. Charlene Wingate

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### ANTHEM

Little David, Sing Hallelu!

Trad. Spiritual  
arr. Mary Donnelly & George Strid

*Little David, play on your harp, hallelu! Now David was a shepherd boy, he played his harp and sang out with joy. He grew into a mighty king, and when he played, the people would sing. Little David, play on your harp, hallelu! Make your music, little shepherd boy. Now, play on your harp, and sing out with joy, and we will sing along with you. Now, everyone, sing hallelu!*

Riverside Youth Choir & Rising Voices Choir  
Matthew Homez, *director*  
Yuliya Basis, *pianist*

## LISTENING

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

### GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 3:33-35

Jerry Hairston

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

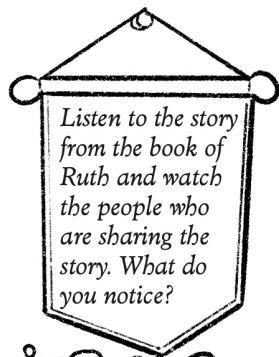
**All:** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN 304** *standing as able, sung by all*  
Jesus Loves Me

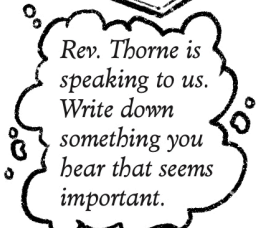
JESUS LOVES ME



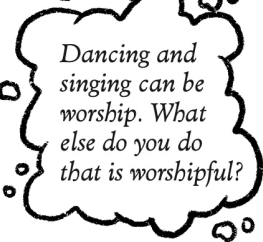




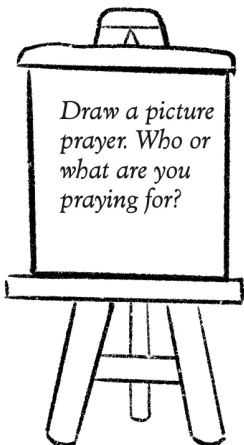
Listen to the story from the book of Ruth and watch the people who are sharing the story. What do you notice?



Rev. Thorne is speaking to us. Write down something you hear that seems important.



Dancing and singing can be worship. What else do you do that is worshipful?



Draw a picture prayer. Who or what are you praying for?

## HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:1-17, 4:13-17

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

Mariel Crawford, Jacqueline Gregg,  
Kathy Lin, Ros Pereira

## SERMON

*Let Them Lead the Way*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

## EMBODIED SERMONIC REFLECTION

*The Greatest*

Dance Theatre of Harlem  
Ingrid Silva, Christopher Charles McDaniel

## RESPONDING

*We respond to the hearing of God's word through prayer, passing the peace, offering, and monthly communion.*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

*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.

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

## 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.

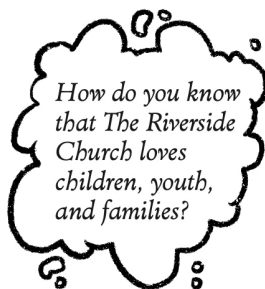
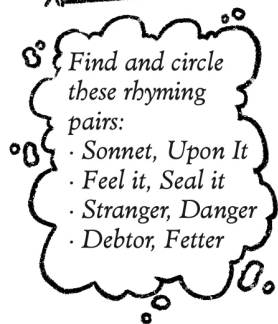
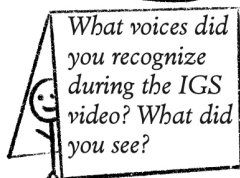
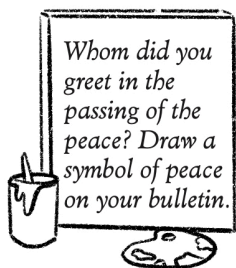
Give us this day our daily bread.

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.

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

## INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Mack Wilberg

*Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy throne I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.*

**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**  
*remain standing*

Nadia King

*Today we celebrate the work of our Children and Families Ministries, which provide a worshipful space for children and families to engage the stories of our faith through the lens of love and justice.*



**RECESSIONAL HYMN 485** *remain standing, sung by all*  
To God Be the Glory

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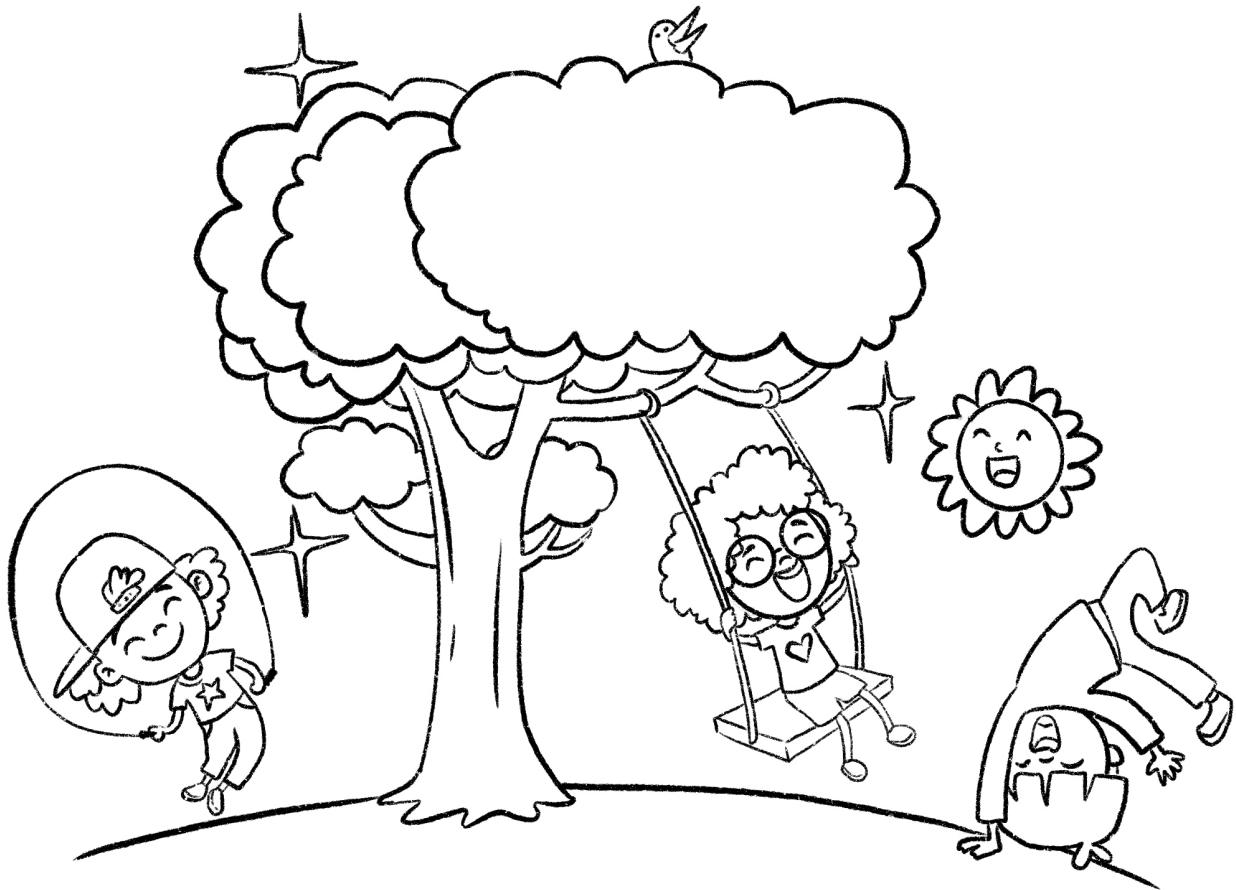
**BENEDICTION & SENDING** *remain standing* Rev. Adriene Thorne, Sonaya Toran

**POSTLUDE**  
What a Friend We Have In Jesus

Carson Cooman

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

When did you feel  
most connected to  
God this morning?  
When did you feel  
most connected to  
your church?





## TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

### Sunday, October 15

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

**The Seekers Book Study** | 9:00 AM | 323 MLK & Online

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

**Absolute Beginners Biblical Hebrew** | 9:30 AM | 314 MLK & Online

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

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

**Courageous Conversations Over Breakfast** | 9:45 AM | South Hall

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

**Church Nursery Open** | 10:30 AM | See Usher or Security for Location

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

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

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

**Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew** | 1:30 PM | 314 MLK & Online

**Maranatha Meeting** | 1:30 PM | MPR

**Benefit Concert for Ukraine: Maxim Anikuskin, *piano*** | 2:00 PM | 9T

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

## THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

### Monday, October 16

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

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

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

**Executive Committee Meeting** | 5:30 PM | Online

### Tuesday, October 17

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

**Ordination Committee Meeting** | 6:45 PM | Online

**Building Committee Meeting** | 7:00 PM | Online

### Wednesday, October 18

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

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

**Advanced Beginners Biblical Hebrew II** | 5:00 PM | Online

**Young Adult Bible Study** | 6:30 PM | 313 MLK & Online

**Lavish Love: A Bible and Poetry Study** | 7:00 PM | Online

### **Thursday, October 19**

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

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

**NTVM Empowerment Service & Faith Summit** | 10:00 AM | Nave & Online

**Tower League**

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

**Program** | 2:00 PM | Online

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

**Budget & Planning Committee Meeting** | 6:30 PM | Online

**Stewardship Committee Meeting** | 6:30 PM | Online

### **Friday, October 20**

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

### **Saturday, October 21**

**Knitters & Crocheters** | 10:00 AM | 7C

**Jaja's African Hair Braiding on Broadway** | 2:00 PM | Samuel J. Friedman Theatre

*\*A limited number of tickets are available for \$49 at the Riverside Gift Shop*

## **COMING SOON**

### **Sunday, October 22**

**Beyoncé and the Hebrew Bible Class #1** | 1:30 PM | South Hall & Online

### **Saturday, October 28 through Thursday, November 2**

**Clothing Sale** | *Times vary by day. Please pick up a flyer, next to the security desk, for more information.*

### **Sunday, October 29**

**Festival of Lay Ministries** | 1:30 PM | Assembly Hall

### **Tuesday, October 31**

**Harvest Fest** | 4:00 PM

## **BUDGET FORUMS**

**Sunday, November 5** | 1:00 PM | South Hall

**Sunday, November 12** | 1:00 PM | South Hall

**Wednesday, November 15** | 6:30 PM | Online



Visit [trcnyc.org/LOC](http://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.

## **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/](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.

### **CHURCH NURSERY**

Babies and toddlers are not too young to start learning about God's love for them. The nursery is open every Sunday from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM and is staffed by trained nursery workers. For location, please see an usher or security guard.

### **VOLUNTEER AT RIVERSIDE**

Riverside offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, from ushering to serving in our Communion and Greeters ministries, providing support in our Food Pantry and Clothing Distribution programs, to making a digital impact through our Digital Ministry, and so much more! Discover the joy of giving back, establish connections with those who share your passion and purpose, and make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. Join Riverside's volunteer family and let your light shine in all the ways that matter. Visit [trcnyc.org/volunteer](http://trcnyc.org/volunteer) for more information.





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