

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 8, 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:

“Discipline is freedom.”

— Venus Williams

A question for reflection:

How has discipline set you free?

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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Inspired by Deuteronomy 5:1-21, 6:4-9

*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

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Irish Air from *A Swinging Suite*
Da Pacem Domine from *A Sacred Suite*

Anthony J. Showalter, arr. Richard Giszczak
Geert D'hollander
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Lynnli Wang, *assistant carillonneur*

ORGAN

Allegro Maestoso from *Sonata No. 1*

Edward Elgar

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Charlene Wingate

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ *standing as able, said by all*

One: O Great Spirit, whose breath gives life to the world and whose voice is heard in the soft breeze:
we need Your strength and wisdom.

***All:* Cause us to walk in beauty. Give us eyes ever to behold the red and purple sunset.**

One: Make us wise so that we may understand what You have taught us.

***All:* Help us learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.**

One: Make us always ready to come to You with clean hands and steady eyes, so when life fades like
the fading sunset, our hearts come to You without shame

***All:* We stand before you, Creator of the Universe. Let us worship.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 461 *remain standing, sung by all*

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

¹Elder Carla Alexander, Brook Presbyterian Church, "PC(USA) chapel service focuses on Wednesday's observance of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples," Accessed October 3, 2023. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pcusa-chapel-service-focuses-on-wednesdays-observance-of-the-international-day-of-the-worlds-indigenous-peoples/#:~:text=Wednesday%20is%20the%20International%20Day,us%20to%20walk%20in%20beauty.>

ANTHEM

Jesus Is a Rock

Traditional
arr. Dionne McClain-Feeney

The Inspirational Choir
Nedra Olds Neal, *director*
Erika Johnson, *soprano*
Matt King, *piano*

Jesus is a rock. Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm. Jesus, walk with me, be my rock through the storm. Jesus, walk with me, you're my rock. Lord, you are my rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm. You are a shelter in a time of storm.

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Morocco McLean

Mark 12:28-31

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN *standing as able, sung by all*

God's Law is Perfect and Gives Life

KINGSFOLD

1. God's law is per - fect and gives life, Re - vives the wear - y soul;
2. The fear of God is al - ways clean, En - dur - ing as the sun;
3. Your ser - vant finds en - light - en - ment By means of them, O Lord;
4. Lord, keep me from pre - sump - tuous sins; Let them not rule my soul;

God's tes - ti - mo - nies all are sure, Wis - dom for all to hold.
The judge - ments of the Lord are true And right - eous, e - very one.
And in the keep - ing of Your law, There is a great re - ward.
Then I shall not com - mit great wrongs, I shall be sound and whole.

The sta - tutes of the Lord are just And give the heart de - light;
And e - ven more to be de - sired Than gold, the fin - est gold,
But who can tell how of - ten they Of - fend un - know - ing - ly?
Let all my words and all my thoughts, My Lord, Re - deem - er, Might,

God's pre - cepts are di - rect and pure And give the eyes clear sight.
And sweet - er than the hon - ey - comb, The words God spoke of old.
From all my se - cret faults, O Lord, I ask You to cleanse me.
Find fa - vor now, and al - ways win Ac - cept - ance in Your sight.

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HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 5:1-21, 6:4-9

Carol White

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Generation Free

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. Mira Sawlani-Joyner, Eugene Melino

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: Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy
el pan de este día
y perdona nuestras
deudas como nosotros perdonamos
nuestros deudores.
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentación sino
que líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder
y la gloria por siempre.
Amén.

*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

Thanks Be To God from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

Thanks be to God, who laveth the thirsty land! The waters gather, they rush along; they are lifting their voices! The stormy billows are high; their fury is mighty. But the Lord is above them, and almighty!

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

Today we celebrate the work of our Latinx Ministry, which brings political, cultural and spiritual issues of our Latinx members and neighbors before our Riverside congregation.

RECESSIONAL HYMN *remain standing, sung by all*

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER



What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-
last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms; I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,
Refrain
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, lean-ing, safe and se-cure from
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
all a-larms, Lean-ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE

Fantasy from *Suite No. 1*

Florence Price

Eddie Zheng, *guest organist*



Driven by a passion to bring the beauty and grandeur of organ music to wider audiences, **Eddie Zheng** is a rising concert organist who is currently pursuing an Artist Diploma at The Juilliard School, under the guidance of Paul Jacobs. Eddie's performances have been "rapturously received" by diverse audiences around cities across the United States, Canada, France, and China. He has won several prominent competitions, including first place awards at the 2018 Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition and the 2019 AGO Quimby Northeast Regional Competition.

In addition to concertizing, Eddie is dedicated to broadening the appreciation of organ music and engaging with audiences of all ages through service playing and teaching. He currently serves as Assistant Organist at Saint Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church in New York, where he maintains a thriving teaching studio with organ students of all ages.

Eddie's journey with the organ began at the Juilliard Pre-College division, where he studied with Matthew Lewis before earning his combined BM/MM degree from Juilliard with Paul Jacobs.

Highlights from 2023 include performances at the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, South Carolina, and at the Geneva Presbyterian Church Organ Festival in Laguna Woods, California. In July, Eddie traveled to Beijing for a solo recital and a masterclass with China Conservatory of Music organ students, before attending a masterclass with Johann Vexo on the Cavaille-Coll organs of Oloron-Sainte-Marie, France.

In his free time, Eddie indulges his passions for fixing motorcycles, collecting books, and brewing espresso. For more information, please visit eddiezheng.com

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, October 8

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

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

Business & Professional Women's Group | 1:00 PM | 321 MLK

Thunderbird American Indian Dance Workshop | 1:30 PM | 9T

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

Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital | 3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

Monday, October 9

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Art of Movement | 10:00 AM | 411 MLK

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

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, October 10

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Nominating Committee Meeting | 6:30 PM | Online

Wednesday, October 11

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

Thursday, October 12

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Art of Movement | 10:00 AM | 411 MLK

Tower League

Bible Study | 11:00 AM | 10T

Luncheon | 12:00 PM | Assembly Hall

Friday, October 13

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Saturday, October 14

Riverside Book Club: *My Grandmother's Hands* | 11:00 AM | Online

COMING SOON

Sunday, October 15

Children's Sabbath | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online

Benefit Concert for Ukraine: Maxim Anikuskin, *piano* | 2:00 PM | Christ Chapel

Saturday, October 28 through Wednesday, November 1

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

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Brunch | 12:00 PM | South Hall | *Tickets will go on sale on October 15th*



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.

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.

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.

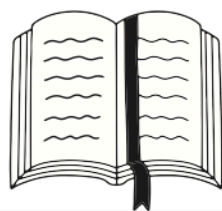
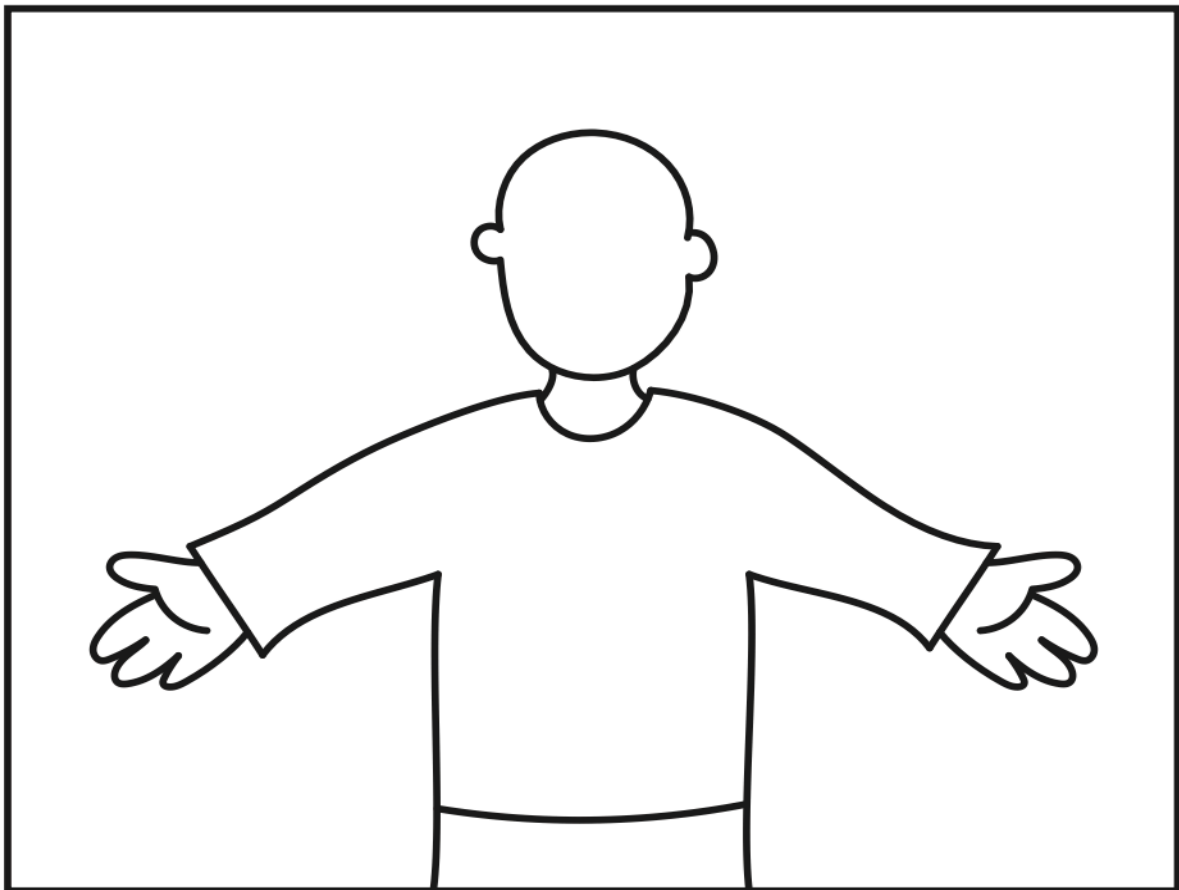
VOLUNTEER AT RIVERSIDE

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 for more information.

FINISH the DRAWING

Mark 12 says that the most important commandments are to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Finish the drawing to make a picture of you, and then draw or write ways you can love God with each part of you. For example, by your head, you can draw or write ways to love God with you mind, by your arms you can write ways to love God with your strength, etc.



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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