

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 12, 2023 | 11:00 AM

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Welcoming · Affirming

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 use up everything you’ve got trying to give everybody what they want.”
— Nina Simone

A question for reflection:

What does it mean, to you, for God to be 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



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Inspired by Hosea 11:1-9.

*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

Songs My Mother Taught Me
Variations on As the Deer

Antonín Dvořák, arr. Wendell Westcott
Martin Nystruum, arr. Zoe Lei

Lynnli Wang, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Melody in Mauve
Wondrous Love
Pavane

Richard Purvis
Dale Wood
Robert Elmore

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: Creator God, we gather together as Your beloved children.

***All:* From many places and communities we unite to worship our God.**

One: We welcome the warmth of being in beloved community.

***All:* Let us celebrate the joy of our union in God's love!**

One: God's eternal faithfulness is worthy of our trust.

***All:* With joyful and open hearts, let us worship God.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263 *remain standing as able, sung by all*
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister Derrick Jordan

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

I Hear a Voice a-Prayin'

Houston Bright

*I hear a voice a-prayin', Lord, Hallelujah! O Lord, save my soul, Hallelujah! Every time
I hear a sinner pray, I wonder if I'm ready for the judgment day, Lord. Every time I hear
a sinner cry, I wonder where I'm going when I come to die. Every time I hear the parson
preach, I wonder if salvation is in my reach. Every time I hear a sinner pray, I wonder if I'm
ready for the judgment day.*

The Inspirational Choir
Nedra Olds Neal, *director*

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Lavenia Jamison

Mark 10:13-14¹

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

HYMN 398 *standing as able, sung by all*
There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET SWEET SPIRIT

HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

Henry Williams

Hosea 11:1-9

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

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

SERMON

What it Means to be God

Rev. Adriene Thorne

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

¹Today's Gospel reading is from the First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper & Pat Pell

All: We welcome you with joy and friendship into the common life of
The Riverside Church. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to
grow together in God's love and grace and be witnesses of our risen Savior.



RESPONDING

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE *standing as able*

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

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

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Nathan Carter

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou forever will be. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest; sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Linda Childs, alto

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.

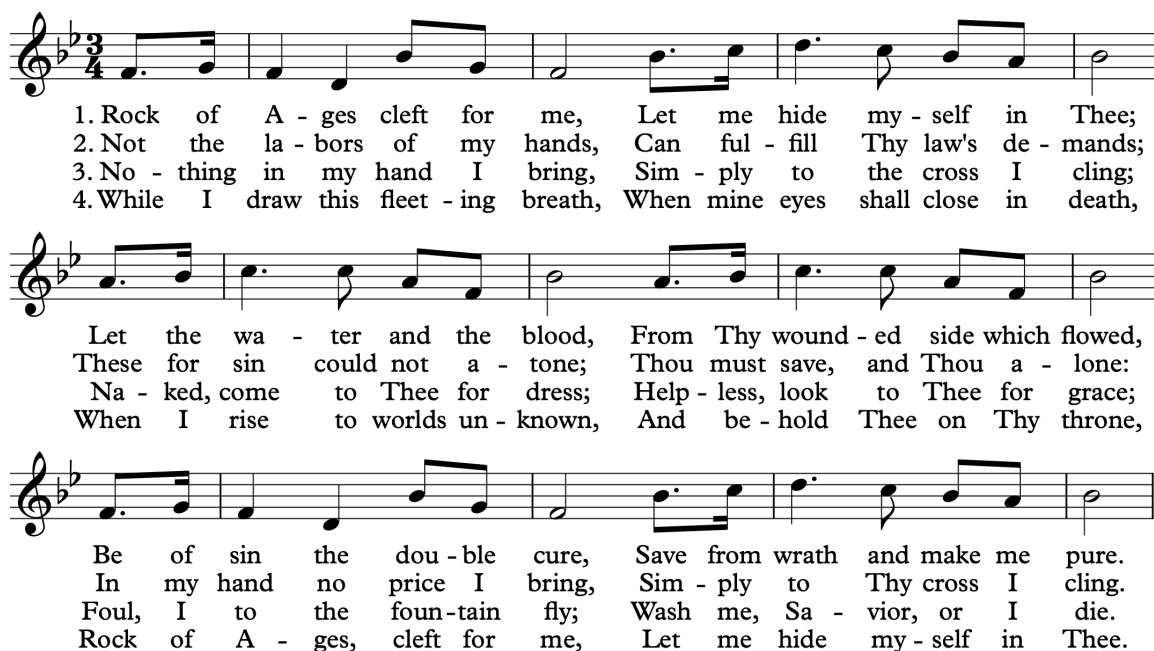
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION *remain standing* Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

Today we celebrate the ministry of the Riverside's Book Club, for its monthly forum whereby key progressive publications are discussed for their relevance in implementing various ministries of our church.

RECESSIONAL HYMN *remain standing, sung by all*

Rock of Ages

TOPLADY



1. Rock of A - ges cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2. Not the la - bors of my hands, Can ful - fill Thy law's de - mands;
3. No - thing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to the cross I cling;
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eyes shall close in death,
Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy wound - ed side which flowed,
These for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone:
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I rise to worlds un - known, And be - hold Thee on Thy throne,
Be of sin the dou - ble cure, Save from wrath and make me pure.
In my hand no price I bring, Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sa - vior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE

Fanfare & Chorale

Calvin Fuller

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Fresh Start	Online	8:30 AM
The Seekers Book Study	323 MLK & Online	9:00 AM
Open Bible Study	330 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Absolute Beginners Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Rising Voices Rehearsal	Chapel of the Cross	9:30 AM
Cherub Choir Rehearsal	717 MLK	9:30 AM
Courageous Conversations	South Hall	9:45 AM
Youth Choir Rehearsal	Chapel of the Cross	10:15 AM
Church Nursery Open	See Usher or Security for Location	10:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	Nave & Online	11:00 AM
Coffee Hour	South Hall	After Service
Courageous Conversations	South Hall	After Service
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	12:30 PM
Budget Forum	10T	1:00 PM
Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
Business & Professional Women's Group	321 MLK	1:30 PM
Maranatha Meeting	MPR	1:30 PM
Aging Solo in the City	9T	1:30 PM
African Fellowship: Liberia Spotlight	MLK 311 & Online	3:00 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital		3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tai Chi	Cloister Lounge (Child Care Room)	3:00 PM
MSJ Commission Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
MCPL Commission Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
Worship Commission Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
Education Commission Meeting	Online	7:00 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Nominating Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Older Adults French Group	321 MLK	10:30 AM
Advanced Beginners Biblical Hebrew II	Online	5:00 PM
Young Adult Bible Study	313 MLK & Online	6:30 PM
Budget Forum	Online	6:30 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tower League: Hot Cider & Holiday Cardmaking	9T	1:30 PM
Stewardship Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
Budget & Planning Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Knitters & Crocheters	7C	10:00 AM
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COMING SOON

Thanksgiving Service & Brunch	Thursday, November 23	11:00 AM
Lunch & Learn with Rev. Mark Charles	Sunday, November 26	1:30 PM
Advent Fest	Sunday, December 3	After Service
Handel: Judas Maccabaeus (HWV 63)	Thursday, December 14	7:00 PM
Candlelight Carol Festival	Sunday, December 17	4:00 PM

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, November 19	South Hall & Online	1:00 PM
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You must be present in-person to vote on the budget at the Adjourned Annual Meeting.



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 on the upper level to receive this discounted rate, pay, and pick up your car. 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.



Mark 10:13-16 • illustratedchildrensministry.com

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