

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 19, 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:

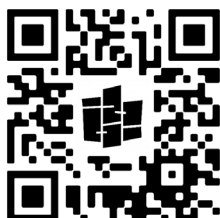
“We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope.”
— Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., “Shattered Dreams”

A question for reflection:

How do you make amends to someone you love after you have disappointed them?

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 Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5.

*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

Give Thanks, O Christian People
Harvest Call
Variations on Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Beverly Buchanan
arr. Richard Giszczak
Anton Van Ooik

Charles Semowich, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Pastorale
Second Movement
Cortège et Litanie

Johann Sebastian Bach

Marcel Dupré

Eddie Zheng, *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Charlene Wingate

ANTHEM

Thank You God

Cherub Choir
Sharon Pritchard, *director*

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: God of restoration, we greet You once again in our community of faith.

***All:* Remind us of Your loving care.**

One: We are like the vine You planted, nurtured, and protected.

***All:* Our hearts long for Your presence in our lives.**

One: Bring us Your spirit of wisdom and understanding.

***All:* May the hearing of Your Word reveal Your desires for us. Let us worship.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 552 *remain standing, sung by all*

Give Thanks, O Christian People

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Jim Keat

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEMS

We Thank You, Lord

Ruth Elaine Schram

Thank you, Lord, for the blessings of friends and family, life and love. Autumn leaves of red and gold; for them all, we thank you, Lord. We thank you, Lord. Our blessings great and small; we thank you for them all. Thank you, Lord, for the harvest grain, after summer's gentle rain. Autumn breezes blowing cold; for them all, we thank you, Lord. We thank you, Lord. Our blessings great and small; we thank you for them all.

The Riverside Rising Voices Choir
Matthew Hommez, *director*
Yuliya Basis, *accompanist*

An African Worship Song

Ghanaian Folk Song
arr. Joseph Martin & John Paradowski

Nanuma wye. We come to worship now, nanuma. We praise the Lord most high, give thanks and glorify. We come to worship now, nanuma. We sing a song of praise, nanuma. With heart and soul and voice, creation now rejoice. We sing a song of praise, nanuma. We pray with humble hearts nanuma. Lord, give us strength today and help us know your way. We pray with humble hearts, nanuma. Sing all creation! Sing jubilation! Amen! We go to share God's love, nanuma. Let peace be multiplied, may joy be magnified. We go to share God's love, nanuma.

The Riverside Youth Choir
Matthew Hommez, *director*
Yuliya Basis, *accompanist*

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Irene King

Mark 12:1-3

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

HYMN 559 *standing as able, sung by all*
We Gather Together

KREMSER

HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING
Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5

Michael Chase

One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

When A Loving God Is Disappointed

Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

MUSICAL SELECTION

Thank You for Hearing Our Prayer

Stephen F. Key

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

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

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

All Good Gifts (from Godspell)

Stephen Schwartz, arr. Ken Dake

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand. He sends us snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain; the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain. All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above. So thank the Lord for all his love. We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good; the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health our food. No gifts have we to offer, for all thy love imparts. But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts! All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above. So thank the Lord for all his love.

Hsuan-Fong Chen, oboe

Audrey Flores, horn

Minyoung Kwon, harp

John Romeri, flute

Eddie Zheng, organ

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. Dr. Colleen Birchett

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 555 *remain standing, sung by all*

Now Thank We All Our God

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BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

POSTLUDE
Thanksgiving

Richard Purvis

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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
Adjourned Annual Meeting	South Hall	1:00 PM
Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
Thunderbird Annual Auction	Assembly Hall	2:30 PM
VISIONS Contemporary Ballet	The Riverside Theater	3:00 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital		3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tai Chi	Cloister Lounge (Child Care Room)	3:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	Online	5:30 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Building Committee Meeting	20T & Online	6:00 PM
Ordination Committee Meeting	Online	6:45 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Thanksgiving Service	Nave	11:00 AM
Thanksgiving Brunch	South Hall	After Service

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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COMING SOON

Lunch & Learn with Rev. Mark Charles	Sunday, November 26	1:30 PM
Riverside Writing Group	Thursday, November 30	6:00 PM
Space for Grace	Wednesday, December 6	7:00 PM
AdventFest	Sunday, December 3	After Service
Christmas Pageant	Sunday, December 10	During 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

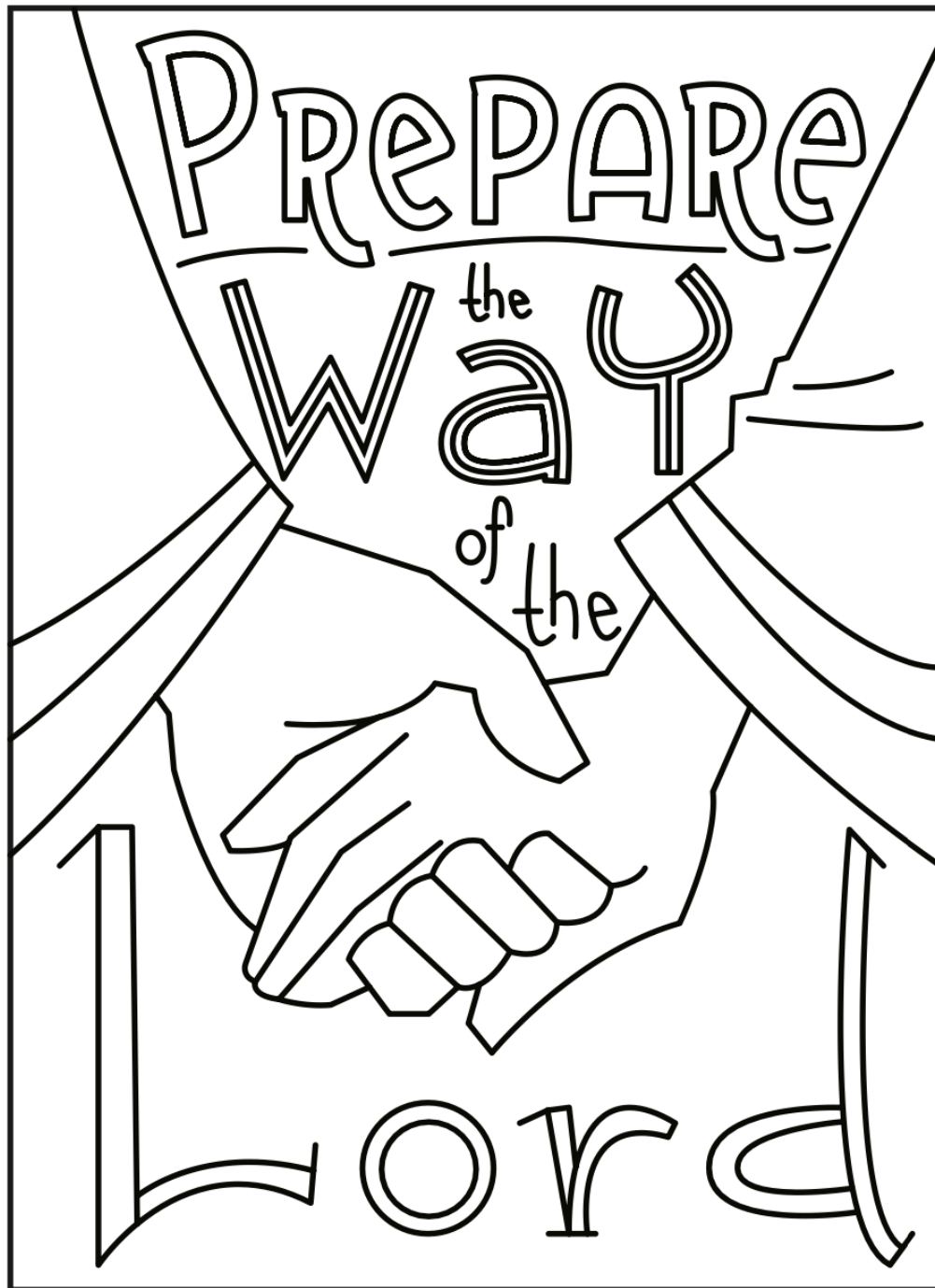
Babies and toddlers are not too young to start learning about God's love for them. The nursery is open every Sunday from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM and is staffed by trained nursery workers. For location, please see an usher or security guard.

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.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12.



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