

# THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

## IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 5, 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:

“Tenderness is a virtue.”  
— Oliver Goldsmith

**A question for reflection:**

What does it mean to be a person of faith in a world of many faiths?

**What’s happening at Riverside?**

You can find a printed calendar listed in  
the back of your bulletin!



**Give by your phone.**

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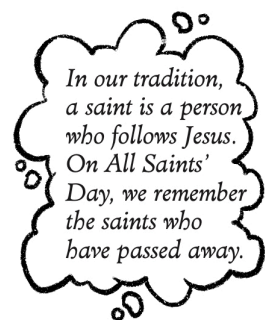
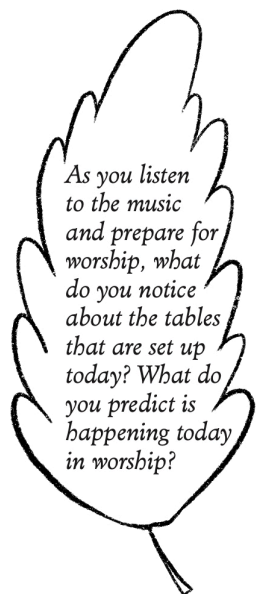
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*Inspired by 1 Kings 18:17-39 & Mark 9:2-4.*

**Annotations by Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer & Alan Montgomery.**

**Illustrations by Jamil De Honney.**

*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

Paraphrase on *Land of Rest*  
Memorial

Douglas Gefvert  
Theophil Rusterholz

Charles Semowich, *carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Cantabile Symphonique

Camille Saint-Saëns, arr. Virgil Fox

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

### CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

*One:* The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

***All:* Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.**

*One:* This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

***All:* Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.**

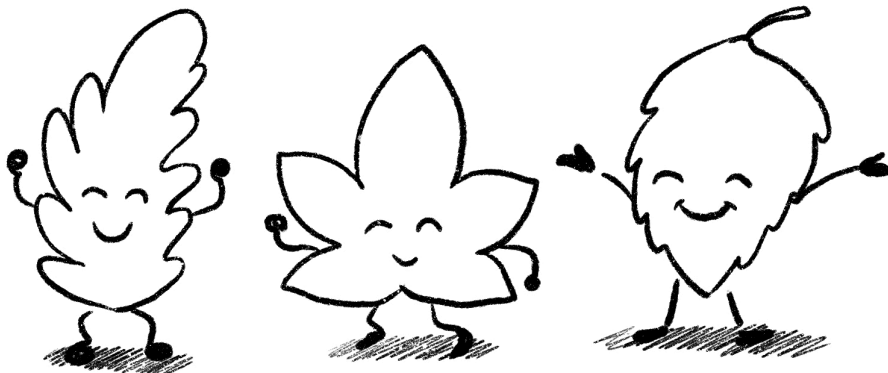
*One:* Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One? And who shall stand in this holy place?

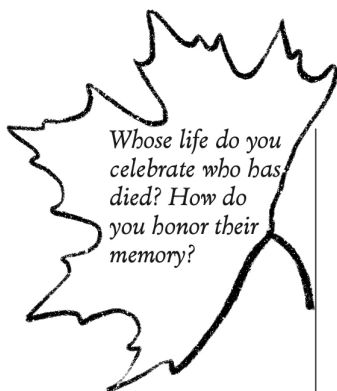
***All:* We come, seeking the face of God. Let us worship God together.**

### INVOCATION *remain standing*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 526** *remain standing, sung by all*  
For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE





## NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern  
& Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

*Arnold Burvick  
Lois Carey  
Soon Choi  
Frank Glover  
R. Kent Greenawalt  
Louis Oliver Gropp  
Joel Horton  
Olive Freeman  
Robert Locklin  
Dr. Shearwood McClelland  
Hugh O. Miller  
Frank Minaya  
Dr. Elvin Montgomery  
Amir Moore  
Andre Ricardo Powe  
Rev. Dr. Thomas Lowell Stiers  
Joshua Smith  
Patricia Snook  
Frederick Lewis Swann  
Adeline Tegnazian  
Ruth Watson  
Cheryle Wills*

*for all those we hold in our hearts  
for those whose lives were cut short due to injustice*

## PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS

**All:** Almighty God, we give You thanks for all Your servants,  
who having finished their course, now rest from their labors.  
Give us grace and strength to follow the example of their  
steadfastness and faithfulness to carry on the work they have begun,  
to Your honor and glory; through Christ our Lord. Amen.





Florence Price  
(1887-1953)

was a composer  
of classical music  
from Little Rock,  
AR. She was the  
first African-  
American woman  
to be recognized  
as a symphonic  
composer, and  
the first to have  
a composition  
played by a  
major orchestra.

Have you been  
baptized? What  
are three words  
that come to mind  
when you think  
about baptism?

What did you  
notice about the  
Gospel reading?

## ANTHEM

### Resignation

Florence Price

*My life is a pathway of sorrow; I've struggled and toiled in the sun, with hope that the dawn of tomorrow would break on a work that is done. My Master has pointed the way, he taught me in prayer to say: "Lord, give us this day and our daily bread."*

*I hunger, yet I shall be fed. My feet, they are wounded and dragging; my body is tortured with pain; my heart, it is shattered and flagging. What matter, if Heaven I gain. Of happiness once I have tasted; 'twas only an instant it paused. Tho' brief was the hour I wasted. Forever the woe that it caused. I'm tired and want to go home. My mother and sister are there; they're waiting for me to come where mansions are bright and fair.*

## MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Adriene Thorne

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Adriene Thorne

Camryn Grace Woods  
Daniel Edward Merkel

## PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

### LISTENING

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

## GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:2-4

Carol Lee and John Bredin

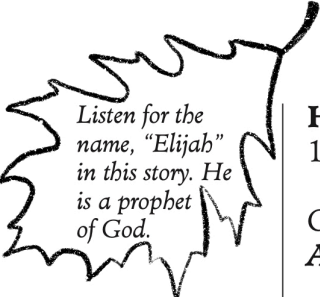
**One:** This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN 172** *standing as able, sung by all*  
**My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

RESIGNATION





Listen for the name, "Elijah" in this story. He is a prophet of God.

## HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 18:17-39

Multiple Readers<sup>1</sup>

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

*So That This People May Know*


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.*

## INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE



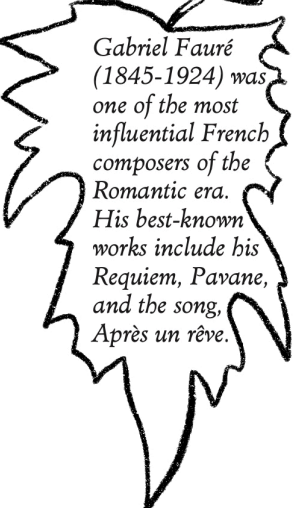
*How do you give and serve God today?*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

In Paradisum

Gabriel Fauré

*May the Angels lead you into paradise: may the martyrs receive you at your coming, and lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem. May the choir of angels receive you, and with Lazarus, who once was poor, may you have everlasting rest.*



Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) was one of the most influential French composers of the Romantic era. His best-known works include his Requiem, Pavane, and the song, *Après un rêve*.

## 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.**

<sup>1</sup>Hebrew Bible Scripture Readers: Roscoe Boyd II, Andrew Fink-Pressler, Brad Jones, Aida Montero, David Orcutt, Stacey Robinson, Ryan Swihart

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Min. Derrick Jordan

*remain standing*

*Today we celebrate the ministry of our Memorial Society which assists members and friends with end of life planning.*

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

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

**All:** And also with you.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

*Following each petition, join in the following response:*

**One:** Lord in your mercy,

**All:** Hear our prayer.

### 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 THE TABLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**One:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**One:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**One:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

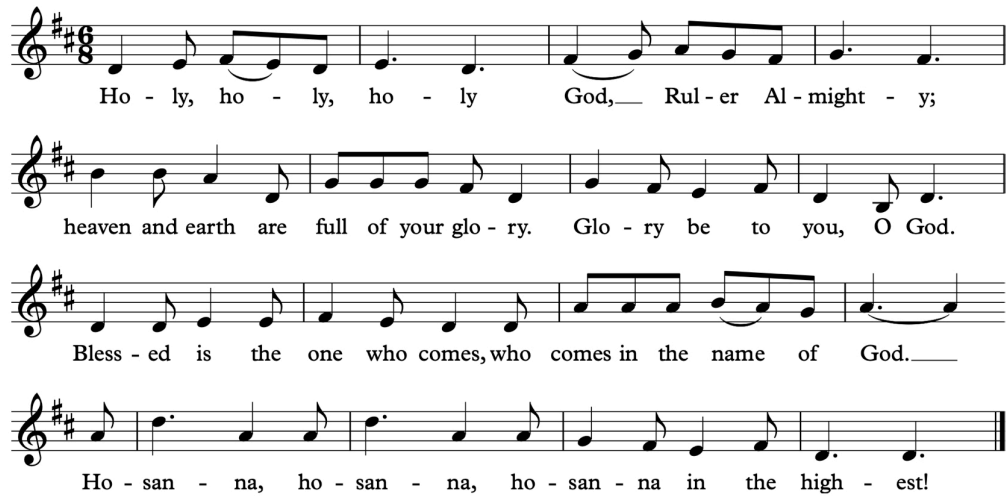
Whom did you  
greet today? Did  
you learn any  
new names?

If your mind  
wanders as we  
pray, imagine a  
shepherd, gently  
bringing you back  
into the prayer.

We eat and drink  
the bread and  
juice because that  
is one way that  
we remember and  
honor Jesus.



## SANCTUS



*The ministers perform the same actions every time we serve communion. What do they do with the bread? What do they do with the juice?*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



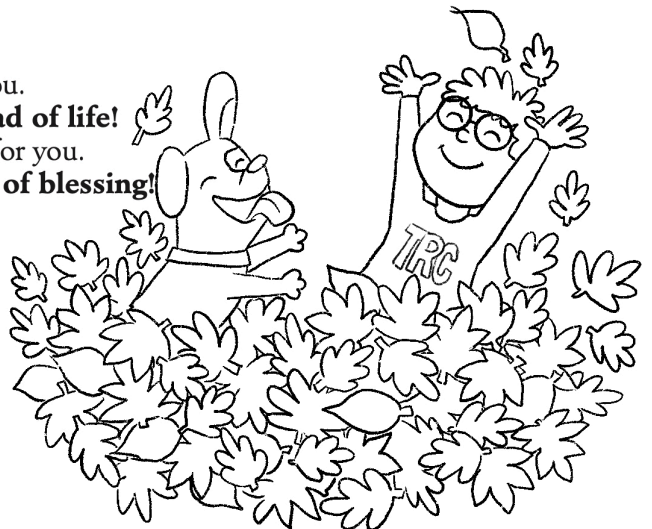
## CALL TO SUPPER

**One:** The body of Christ, broken for you.

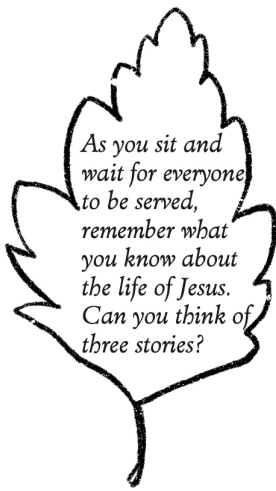
**All:** Thanks be to God for the bread of life!

**One:** The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

**All:** Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!







**ORGAN**  
Confesión

Agustín Barrios

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**

Here, O My Lord

Percy Whitlock

*Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face. Here, faith can touch and handle things unseen. Here, would I grasp with firmer hands thy grace; and all my weariness upon thee lean. Here, would I feed upon the bread of God. Here, drink with thee, the royal wine of Heaven. Here, would I lay aside each earthly load and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.*

**PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION**

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

**All:** Compassionate God, you have met us in the bread and cup at your table. As we go from this place may we receive strength to walk with all your children in peace, and witness to the truth of your reconciliation and love. Amen.

**SENDING**

*We are sent out into the world to love God and our neighbors.*

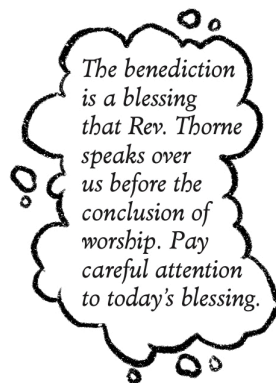
**RECESSIONAL HYMN 118** *standing, sung by all*

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

**BENEDICTION** *remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne



**POSTLUDE**

Final from Sonata No. 1

Alexandre Guilmant

Eddie Zheng, *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](http://eddiezheng.com)



2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, Mark 9:2-9 • illustratedchildrensministry.com

## TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

First Sunday Food Drive	Narthex & Security	All Day
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
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
Practicing Sabbath	South Hall	After Service
Coffee Hour	South Hall Lobby	After Service
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	12:30 PM
2023 Budget Forum	10T	1:00 PM
Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital		3:00 PM

## THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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
Space for Grace	9T & Online	7:00 PM



## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tower League Bible Study	10T	11:00 AM
Tower League Luncheon	Assembly Hall	12:00 PM

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Riverside Book Club: <i>Behind the Scenes</i>	Online	11:00 AM
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## COMING SOON

Joining Sunday	Sunday, November 12	11:00 AM
Aging Solo in the City	Sunday, November 12	1:30 PM
Thanksgiving Service & Brunch	Thursday, November 23	11:00 AM
Lunch & Learn with Rev. Mark Charles	Sunday, November 26	1:30 PM
Riverside Writing Group	Thursday, November 30	6:00 PM
Advent Fest	Sunday, December 3	After Service
Space for Grace	Wednesday, December 6	7:00 PM
Handel: Judas Maccabaeus (HWV 63)	Thursday, December 14	7:00 PM
Candlelight Carol Festival	Sunday, December 17	4:00 PM

## BUDGET FORUMS

Sunday, November 5	10T	1:00 PM
Sunday, November 12	10T	1:00 PM
Wednesday, November 15	Online	6:30 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](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.

## **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**

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### **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.

## **PRACTICING SABBATH**

On first Sundays after worship, we Practice Sabbath as a community. There will be no all-church programming on first Sundays, with the exception of the Rising Voices Concert in May. Programming before worship will continue on all Sundays unless otherwise noted. We will have lunch available for purchase in South Hall, as always.

## **BORROW BAGS**

We understand the challenge of keeping children happily occupied during service, and we have a solution right at the entrance of the nave – our Borrow Bags! These bags are designed to make the worship experience more accessible and enjoyable for both parents and kids. Inside each Borrow Bag, you'll find activities that will captivate and entertain your children while you focus on the service. Ask an usher for more information.

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