

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SUNDAY
JANUARY 14, 2024 | 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:

“Though we do not wholly believe it yet, the interior life is a real life, and the intangible dreams of people have a tangible effect on the world.”

— James Baldwin

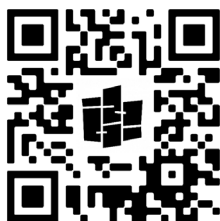
Nobody Knows My Name

A question for reflection:

What are your dreams and hopes?

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 Mark 2:1-12.

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

MLK's Dream
I'll Overcome Someday
Lift Every Voice and Sing
Precious Lord

Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra
arr. Milford Myhre
arr. Joey Brink
arr. John Courter

Charles Semowich, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
The Journey to the Great City
Melody

arr. Dale Wood
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ *standing as able*

One: God created all the races and nations of the world and willed that we live together in peace and harmony.

***All:* We were made to be family.**

One: There is strife in the human family; injustice abounds as racism, classism, sexism, cultural imperialism and other isms. We are a divided people.

***All:* We have been called to let justice roll down like waters.**

One: We must work passionately to bridge the gulf between us, overcome the injustices that oppress us, and restore community among us.

***All:* We must be determined enough to change what we can. We must have the courage to accept what we cannot change. Above all, we must be wise enough to know the difference.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

¹ Martin Luther King Jr. Day Worship resources from www.pcusa.org/peacemaking <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/mlk-resources.pdf>

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 440 *remain standing, sung by all*
In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Something Inside So Strong

Labi Siffre
arr. Shelton Becton

The higher you build your barriers, the taller I become. The further you take my rights away—the faster I will run. You can deny me, you can decide to turn your face away. No matter, 'cause there's something inside so strong. I know that I can make it, though you're doin' me wrong, so wrong. You thought that my pride was gone, oh no. There's something inside so strong. The more you refuse to hear my voice, the louder I will sing. You hide behind walls of Jericho. Your lies will come tumbling. Deny my place in time. You squander wealth that's mine. My light will shine so brightly it will blind you. Because there's something inside so strong. I know that I can make it, though you're doing me wrong, so wrong. You thought that my pride was gone, oh no. Something's inside so strong. Brothers and sisters when they insist we're just not good enough. Well, you know better, just look them in the eye and say we're gonna do it anyway. 'Cause there's something inside so strong.

The Inspirational Choir
Nedra Olds Neal, *director*
Jeanne Golan, *pianist*

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Adriene Thorne

Miriam Vail Fink-Presler
Rafael Anders Fink-Presler

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer
& Rev. Adriene Thorne

- One:** We are united by a common faith in Jesus Christ. The power at work in this community does not come from our own strength but from God's Spirit working in us. Claiming God's promises, we remember again God's gracious love for us and recommit ourselves to joyful life together in Christ.
- One:** Mighty God, stir up in Your people the gift of Your Holy Spirit. Give them a witness to Jesus as Savior and Lord. Help them to love and serve those with whom they live, work, and go to school. Help them to bear God's creative and redeeming love and justice to all the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen. Remember your baptism, church. In you, God is well pleased.
- All:** **We remember our baptism in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. One God, Mother of us all.**

ANTHEM

Down to the River

arr. Robert Lee

As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way, and who shall wear the starry robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way! O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray. O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

LISTENING

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

PSALTER SCRIPTURE READING

Mara Landers

Psalms 103:6-14

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 563 *standing as able, sung by all*

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Multiple Readers²

Mark 2:1-22

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

² Gospel Scripture Readers: Eva Cordero, Mark Yim, David King, Alexandra Pascarelli, Paul St. Clair, David Vaughn

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. Charlene Wingate

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.

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

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. William L. Dawson

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. Jordan river is chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul; there ain't but one train upon this track, it runs to heaven and right back.

Russell Saint John, *baritone*

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. Lisa M. Weaver

Today we celebrate the work of our Membership Ministry, which is dedicated to accompanying our church members and prospective members on their spiritual journeys.

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 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. Karlos Nichols

POSTLUDE

Toccata on We Shall Overcome

Carl W. Haywood

Alan Montgomery, *organist*



Rev. Karlos Nichols, M.Ed., M.A. (he/him/his) is an ordained minister, educator, and community organizer from Memphis, TN, who works with organizations to create spaces for reimagination that lead to the flourishing of all persons. Karlos's research interrogates the interdependence of religion, education, and policy in the lives of Black children. His philosophy is "education and religious influence serve as an inescapable grounding for all policies that impact the lives of Black children." He is an advocate for children's autonomy and pedagogical liberation for Black students. Karlos believes that the liberation of children from oppressive systems and structures should be paramount to the communal understanding of justice and equity. Karlos is an ordained minister and has served in multiple capacities such as Associate Pastor, Minister of Worship and Arts, Children, Student, and Youth Pastor.

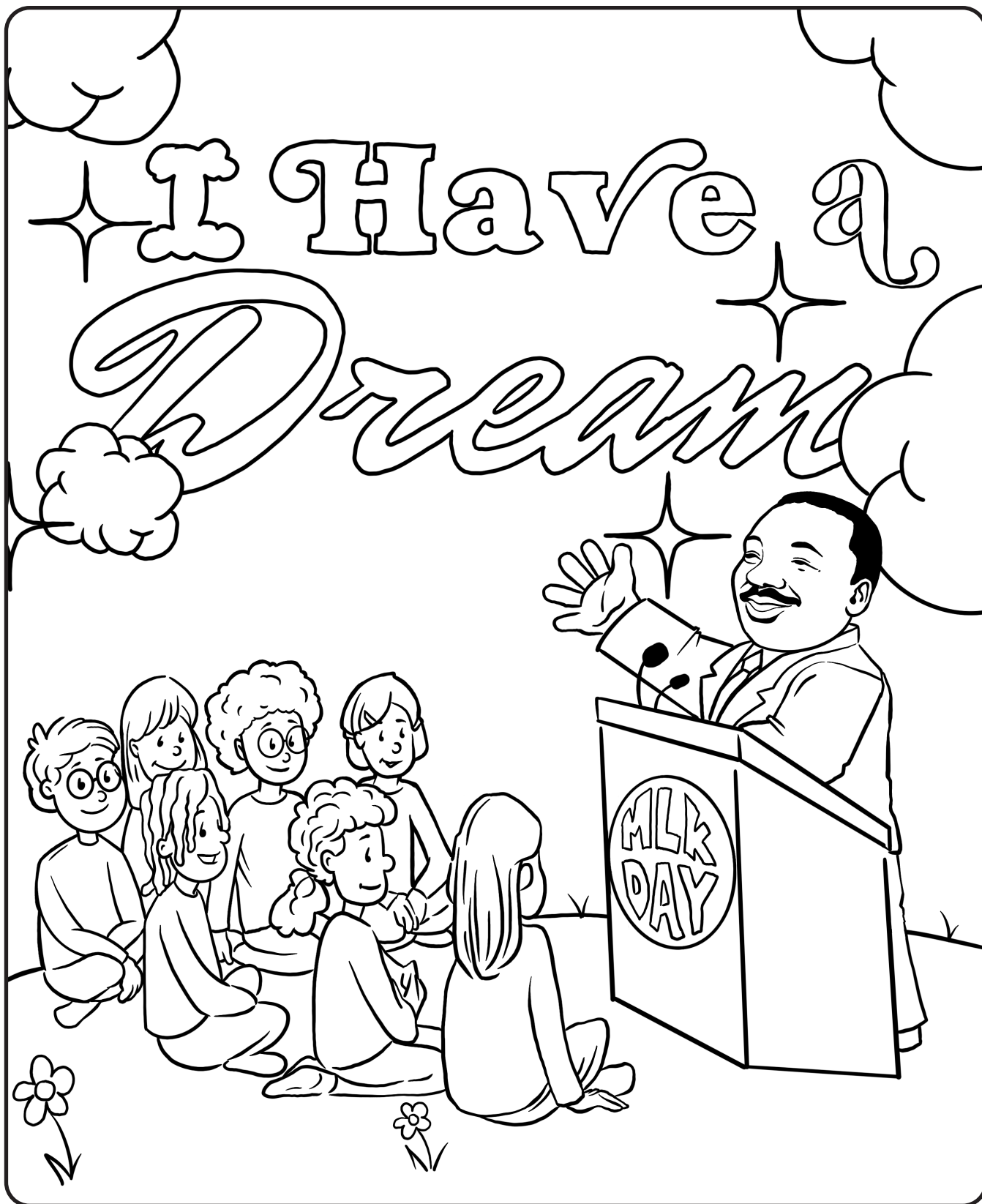
Karlos holds a Bachelor's Degree in Musical Theatre and Urban Studies from The New School University, a Master's in Education from Walden University, a Master's Degree in Homiletics and Worship from Union Theological Seminary at Columbia University in the City of New York, and is a Doctoral Candidate in K-12 Leadership at Delaware State University. He is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. serving as the Recording Secretary for District IV.

Karlos has experience as an educator, administrator, and fundraiser for multiple organizations over his 20-year career in non-profit administration. In 2015, Karlos launched Memphis, TN's largest public elementary school dance and theatre program which continues serves over 600 students weekly. He continues to consult K-12 schools and universities on curriculum design and program implementation for inclusive pedagogical practices. Some of his consultations have included Duke University, Shelby County Schools, and the Young Actors Guild.

Karlos is the Director for the iROCK Young Adult Collective of The National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. where he engages with the over 3 million members of the organization in an effort to reimagine and develop programming that centers the lived experiences of 18-40 year olds. Karlos is the inaugural Rook Chapel Gospel Fellow at Bucknell University. He recently served as the Youth Leadership and Advocacy Associate at The Children's Defense Fund-New York.

Karlos is a two-time Billboard Top 40 Gospel Debut charting artist. His first project "Live in Memphis: Hope" remained on the airplay charts for more than two years. In 2019, in partnership with IndieBlu music (part of Entertainment One), Karlos released his second project "Be Alright" on all digital media outlets, which debuted in the top 20 iTunes sales and received over 30,000 streams within the first three months. Karlos's latest EP- "Something Within" was released in December 2023 under his independent label The Kane Group.

Karlos is a son of the Christ Missionary Baptist Church in Memphis, TN under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Gina M. Stewart in Memphis. He currently holds dual membership at both Shiloh Baptist Church- Plainfield, NJ under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Danielle L. Brown in Plainfield, NJ and Metropolitan Baptist Church- DMV in Largo, MD under the leadership of Rev. Dr. George L. Parks.



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“If you can't fly, then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.”

– Martin Luther King Jr.



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TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Fresh Start	Online	8:30 AM
The Seekers Book Study	323 MLK & Online	9:00 AM
Open Bible Study	316 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
Coffee Hour	South Hall Lobby	After Service
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	12:30 PM
Soul Food Brunch <i>(available for purchase)</i>	South Hall	12:30 PM
African Fellowship	311 MLK	1:30 PM
Business & Professional Women's Group	316 MLK	1:30 PM
Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
Social Services Committee Meeting	Online	1:30 PM
Sermon Talk Back with Rev. Karlos Nichols	South Hall & Online	1:30 PM
Carillon Recital: African American Spirituals		3:00 PM
Family Friendly Movie Screening: <i>Our Friend, Martin</i>	South Hall	3:15 PM
Joy Regardless Concert	Nave & Online	5:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Executive Committee Meeting	Online	5:30 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Carla DeSola Body Prayer	Dance Studio (13th Floor)	6:00 PM
Ordination Committee Meeting	Online	6:45 PM
Building Committee Meeting	Online	7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

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	6:30 PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	330 MLK	10:00 AM
Tower League Chair Exercise	Online	1:30 PM
Tower League Program	Online	2:00 PM
Stewardship Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
Budget & Planning Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Knitters & Crocheters	7C	10:00 AM
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COMING SOON

B's & P's 94th Anniversary Celebration	Sunday, January 21	After Worship
Worship & Music Town Hall	Sunday, January 21	1:30 PM
The Riverside Choir Benefit Cabaret	Sunday, January 28	1:30 PM
Beyoncé and the Hebrew Bible (Class #2)	Wednesday, January 31	6:30 PM



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.

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