

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 28, 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:

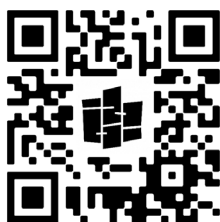
“All human nature vigorously resists grace
because grace changes us and the change is painful.”
— The Habit of Being: Letters of Flannery O'Connor

A question for reflection:

How has Jesus changed you?

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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Inspired by Mark 5:1-15.

*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

O Waly Waly

Be Thou My Vision

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

English Melody
arr. Alice Gomez
Irish Melody
arr. Wendell Wescott
Robert Schumann
arr. Richard Giszczak

Carla Staffaroni, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Clair de Lune

Symphonie No. 3

iv. Adagio

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Louis Vierne

Stephen Tharp, *guest organist*

MUSIC MINISTRY

We Shall Overcome

The Cherub Choir
Sharon Pritchard, *director*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: Jesus said: Ask, and it will be given; seek and you will find;
knock and it will be opened to you.

***All:* For everyone who asks receives, and those who seek shall find, and
to each one who knocks, it will be opened.**

One: We gather today standing in need of healing.

***All:* Let us open our lives to God's healing presence among us.
Let us worship and make the choice to be made whole.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 487 *remain standing, sung by all*
When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Jim Keat

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEMS

Somebody's Knockin'

arr. Ken Berg

Somebody's knockin' at your door. Oh, sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door. Somebody's prayin' for your soul. Oh, sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's prayin' for your soul. Somebody's singin' Hallelu. Oh, sinner, why don't you listen? Somebody's singin' Hallelu. Somebody's knockin' at your door. Oh, sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door!

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

Set Down Servant

arr. Roger Emerson

Set down servant, I can't set down. My soul's so happy that I can't set down. My Lord, you know you promised me a long white robe and a pair of shoes. Go yonder angel, fetch me some shoes, and place them on my servant's feet. Now servant, please set down! Set down servant, I can't set down. My soul's so happy that I can't set down. My Lord, you know you promised me, a long white robe and a starry crown. Go yonder angel, fetch me a crown and place it on-a my servant's head. Now servant, please set down! Set down servant, I can't set down. My soul's so happy that I can't set down. My Lord, you've been so good to me. My soul has been set free! Set down servant, I can't set down. My soul's so happy that I can't set, not yet, won't set down. I can't set down!

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

LISTENING

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

PSALTER SCRIPTURE READING

Craig Lemley

Psalm 89:1-4

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 483 *standing as able, sung by all*

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

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GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Zachary Newton, David Orcutt, Ryan Swihart

Mark 5:1-20

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

In Spite of Us

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. 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.

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

I Was Glad

David Hurd

I was glad when they said to me, "let us go to the house of the Lord." Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself; to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord. For there are thrones of judgment, the thrones of the House of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers. For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity. Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.

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. Charlene Wingate

Today we celebrate the work of our Stewardship Committee, which informs and inspires our practice of Christian stewardship through giving, serving, education, and fellowship.

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

Praeludium in E Minor

Nicolaus Bruhns

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

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Stephen Tharp (guest organist) is a Grammy-nominated concert organist and recording artist based in New York City. His more than 60 world tours earned him the 2011 International Performer of the Year Award from the American Guild of Organists, considered the highest honor given to organists by a professional American musicians' guild.

Noteworthy performances include The Royal Albert Hall, London; Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris; the Elbphilharmonie, Hamburg; Dvorak Hall, Prague; the Duomo, Milan; The Hong Kong Cultural Centre; The Opera House, Sydney; Symphony Center, Chicago; Walt Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles; The Meyerson Symphony Center, Dallas; and Alice Tully Hall, New York City.

Stephen Tharp is known for commissioning new music for the organ, with works dedicated to him by Samuel Adler, George Baker, Thierry Escaich, Jean Guillou, Anthony Newman and others. He is himself a composer, with commissions from Cologne Cathedral and Walt Disney Concert Hall. His choral music has been sung by ensembles in the U.S. and Europe, including the St. Thomas Choir of Men and Boys (NYC).

Tharp has taught at Yale University; the Eastman School of Music; Rice University, Houston; Westminster Choir College; and the Cleveland Institute of Music. He has also adjudicated for competitions at the Juilliard School and Northwestern University and served as a member of the jury for the 2018 Chartres International Organ Competition.

For more information see www.stephentharp.com.

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

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
Ecclesia Ministry	Assembly Hall Kitchen	10:00 AM
Youth Choir Rehearsal	Chapel of the Cross	10:15 AM
Church Nursery Open	See Usher or Security for Location	10:30 AM
Limitless Kids Worship & Youth Group	Chapel of the Cross	11:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	Nave & Online	11:00 AM
Coffee Hour	South Hall Lobby	After Service
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	12:30 PM
Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
Prison Ministry	323 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
The Riverside Choir Benefit Cabaret: What the World Needs Now is Love	Assembly Hall & Online	1:30 PM
Carillon Recital: Folk Songs		3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tai Chi	13T	3:00 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

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
Beyoncé and the Hebrew Bible (Class #2)	Online	6:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tower League Chair Exercise	Online	1:30 PM
Tower League Program	Online	2:00 PM
Personnel & Salary Committee Meeting	Online	6:00 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Knitters and Crocheters	7C	10:00 AM
Beloved Earth Community	Online	1:00 PM

COMING SOON

First Sunday Food Collection	Sunday, February 4	All Day
Practicing Sabbath	Sunday, February 4	After Service
Space for Grace	Wednesday, February 7	7:00 PM
Riverside Book Club	Saturday, February 10	11:00 AM
Thunderbird American Indian Dance Workshop	Sunday, February 11	1:30 PM
Concert: "Thank You, Paul Robeson"	Sunday, February 11	2:00 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.

THE RIVERSIDE FOOD PANTRY

The Riverside Food Pantry has been providing meals and groceries for 40 years to members of the West Harlem and Morningside Heights communities. The pandemic and inflation have made the last several years particularly challenging, and the food pantry has experienced a four-fold increase in the number of clients seeking food supplies for their household.

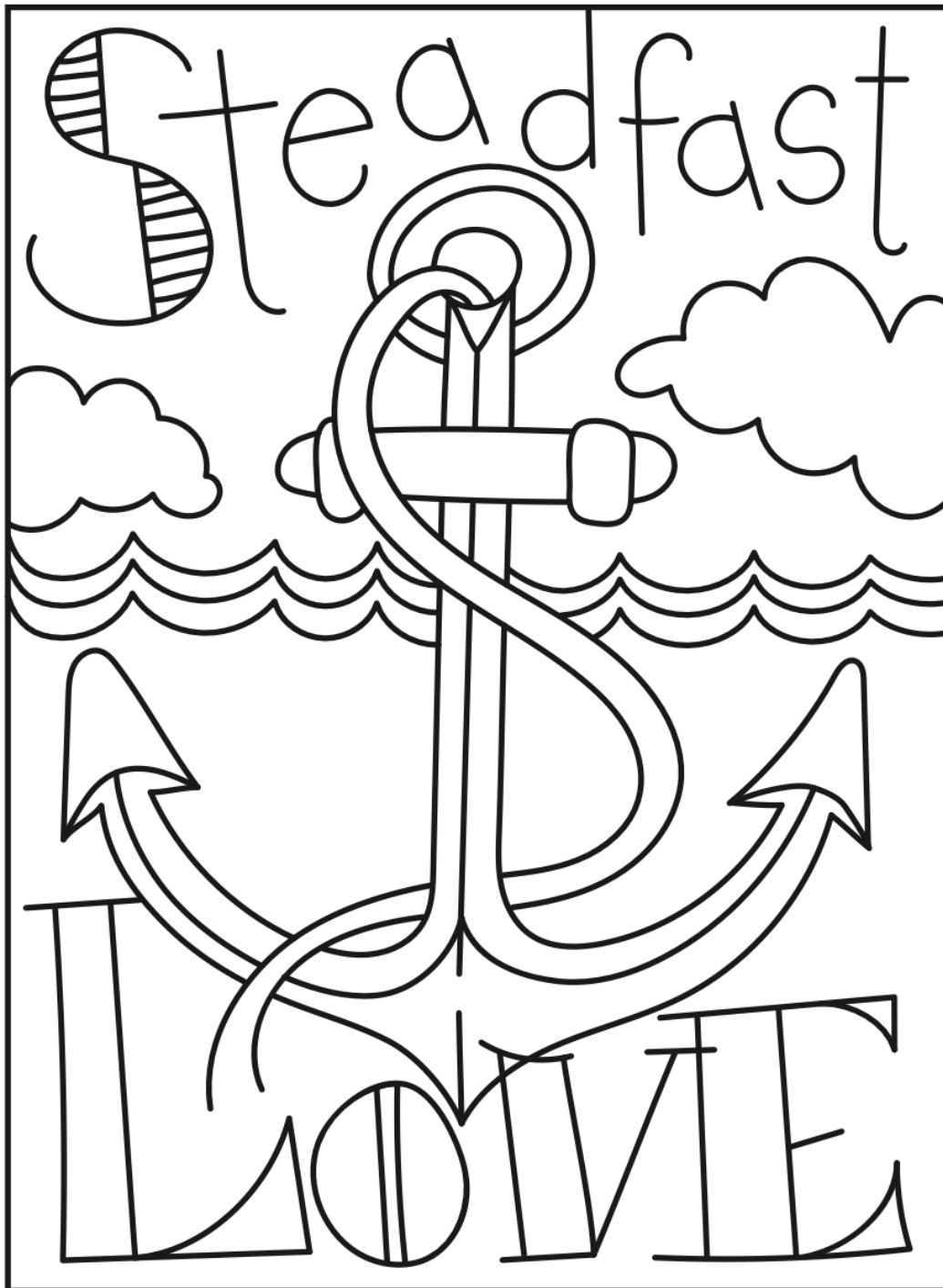
FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

On first Sundays, if you have a little more to share, consider bringing a few canned goods with you to support the Riverside Food Pantry. There will be a table placed just below the pulpit for your donations. There will also be shopping carts in the narthex (lobby to the nave) as well as a cart near the security desk. You are making it possible for someone to bring home the staples of a meal. Below are some of the items needed:

- Tuna
- Rice
- Canned Ravioli/Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Dry Pasta
- Spaghetti/Tomato Sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Dry Beans (Pinto, Black, White or Kidney)
- Canned Beans (Pinto, Black, White or Kidney)
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Individual Sized Apple Sauce/Fruit Cups
- Hot and/or Cold Cereals (oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, Cheerios, Raisin Bran, Corn Flakes)
- Peanut Butter
- Juices (apple, orange, grape or pineapple)
- Baby Foods (assorted)
- Pampers for various ages (newborn – toddlers)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on 2 Samuel 7:1-14, Psalm 89:20-37, Ephesians 2:11-22,
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.



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