

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 17, 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:

“In three words I can sum up everything I’ve learned about life: *it goes on.*”
— Robert Frost

A question for reflection:

How is God near to you?

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 our Lenten theme “True Religion: Love Poured Out” and Philippians 2:5-8.

*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

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross
Estoy Pensando en Dios
Wondrous Love
Praise to the Living God

arr. Beverly Buchanan
Padre Zezinho, arr. Carol Anne Taylor
arr. Milford Myhre
arr. Beverly Buchanan

Charles Semowich, *carillonneur*

HANDBELLS

Heaven's Rest
Festive Toccata on Old Hundredth

Susan T. Nelson
arr. Cathy Moglebust

The Riverside Ringers
Daniel Potter, *director*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

INTROIT

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee

Jean Berger

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ *standing as able*

One: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great.

***All:* God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.**

One: Let us worship God today, for God is good.

***All:* God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.**

One: Let us worship God today because we are God's people.

***All:* Let us worship God.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 379 *remain standing, sung by all*

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

¹ Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Jim Keat

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Grieve Not the Holy Spirit of God

T. Tertius Noble

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed, unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Matthew Krenz, *tenor*

LISTENING

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

PSALTER SCRIPTURE READING

Glenessa Gordon

Psalms 102:12-17

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

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

HYMN 467 *standing as able, sung by all*

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Karissa Garner, David Vaughn,
Gray Winslow, Rose Winslow

Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

SERMON

God's Final Word is Always Life

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. 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.

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

Blessed Be the God and Father

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

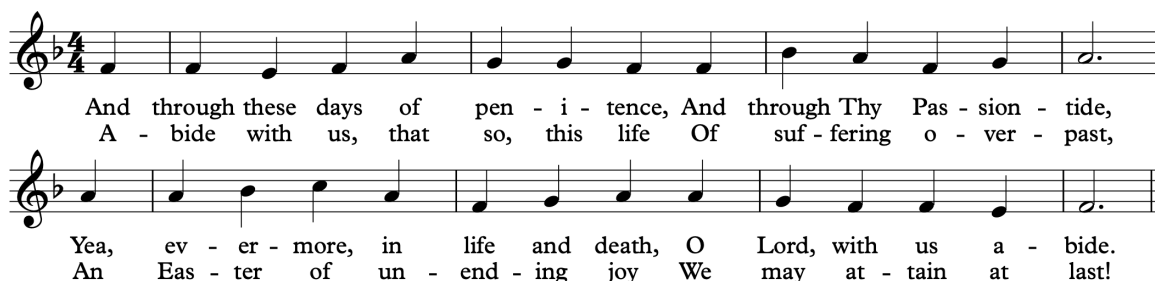
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed at the last time. But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. Love one another with a pure heart fervently. See that ye love one another. Love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away. But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

Kendra Petuch, soprano

AT THE PRESENTATION:

THROUGH THESE DAYS OF PENITENCE *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.



And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Thy Pas - sion - tide,
A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suf - fering o - ver - past,
Yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

remain standing Min. Derrick T. Jordan

Today we celebrate the ministry of the Riverside Inspirational Choir, whose music has lifted our spirits and inspired a sustaining faith since 1981.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 356

remain standing, sung by all

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

BENEDICTION

remain standing

Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE

Carillon, Op. 27, No. 4

Marcel Dupré

Stephen Tharp, guest organist



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, MARCH 17

Fresh Start	Online	8:30 AM
Breakfast (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	8:30 AM
The Seekers Book Study	323 MLK & Online	9:00 AM
Absolute Beginners Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Onsite Open Bible Study	316 MLK	9:30 AM
Virtual Open Bible Study	Online	9:30 AM
Cherub Choir Rehearsal	717 MLK	9:30 AM
Rising Voices Rehearsal	Chapel of the Cross	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
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
Lunch (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	After Service
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	12:30 PM
Business & Professional Women's Group	9T Library	1:30 PM
Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
Men's Class Meeting	311 MLK	1:30 PM
Thunderbird American Indian Dancers: Welcome to Spring Pow Wow	South Hall	1:30 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: Irish Music for St. Patrick's Day		3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tai Chi	13T	3:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	Online	5:30 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

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, MARCH 20

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Older Adults French Group	321 MLK	10:30 AM
Noon Lenten Prayer Service	Nave & Online	12:00 PM
Advanced Beginners Biblical Hebrew II	Online	5:00 PM
Evening Lenten Prayer Service	Online	6:00 PM
Young Adult Bible Study	313 MLK	6:30 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

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
Budget & Planning Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Theatre of the Oppressed: Somatic Abolitionism Training	MPR	1:30 PM
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HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT RIVERSIDE

Palm Sunday | March 24, 2024

Sunday Morning Worship | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online

Maundy Thursday | March 28, 2024

Tenebrae Worship Service | 7:00 PM | Nave & Online

Good Friday | March 29, 2024

Seven Last Words Worship Service | 12:00 PM | Nave & Online

Holy Saturday | March 30, 2024

Labyrinth Walk | 12:00 PM | Assembly Hall

Easter Sunday | March 31, 2024

Sunday Morning Worship | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online



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 A. Forbes, Jr., 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

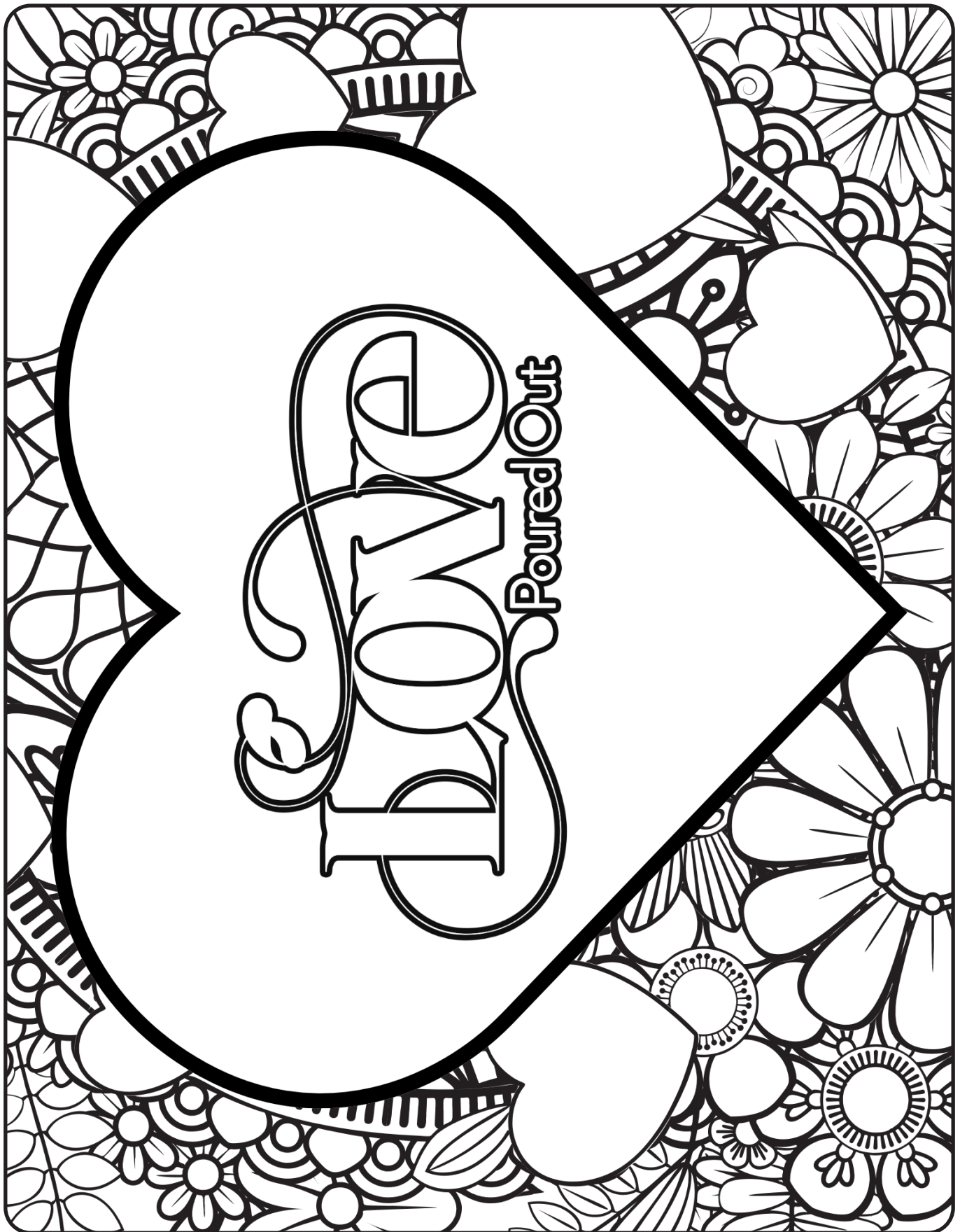
Visit the Security Desk on the Claremont Level to pick up a \$5 parking coupon. Bring this bulletin and your parking ticket to the attendant on the upper level to receive this discounted rate, pay, and pick up your car. This discounted rate applies to Sundays only.

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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