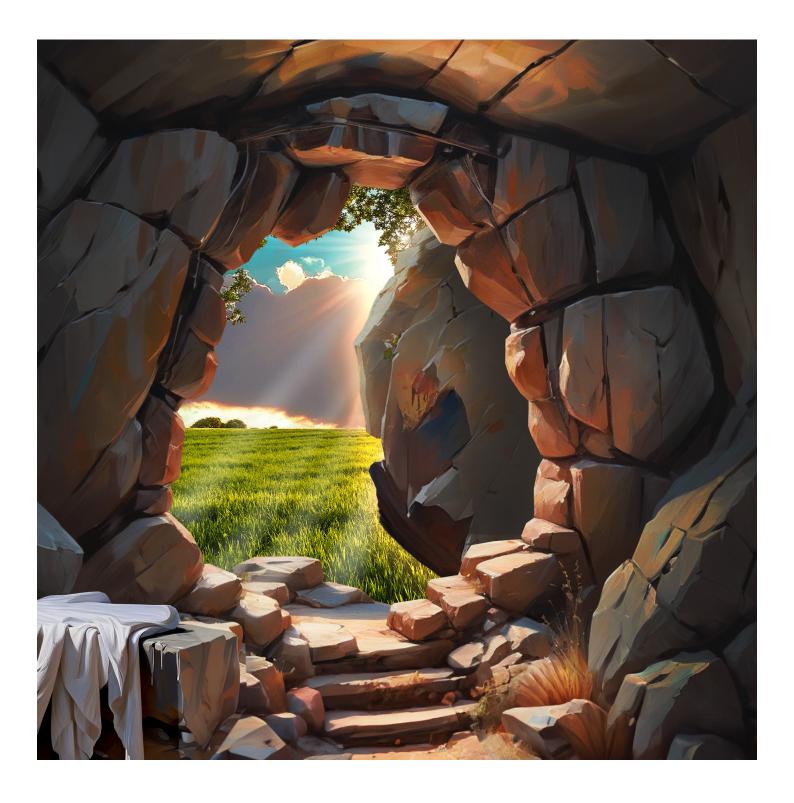
THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



RESURRECTION SUNDAY MARCH 31, 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:

"Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."

— Carl Bard

A question for reflection:

What is your great joy this Resurrection Sunday morning?

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Inspired by our Lenten theme "True Religion: Love Poured Out," Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12, and John 20, 1-18.

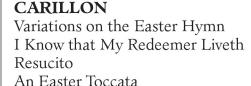
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GATHERING

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God.

Easter Sunday is a big Sunday in the church, and we have special music today. How many new instruments do you see? Where are they?



Charles Semowich George Frederick Handel, arr. Leen 't Hart Francisco Aguello, arr. Carol Ann Taylor Robert Jordahl

Charles Semowich, carillonneur



EASTER BRASS PRELUDE

Pavan Fancy à 6 Fancy à 6 Al Folgorante Sguardo

Anthony Bassano Giovanni Coperario John Ward Giovanni Coperario

David Puchkoff, C.J. Camerieri, Diogo Feldman, trumpets Mike Lormand, Thomas Hutchinson, Nicholas Schwartz, trombones Samantha Lake, tuba Anthony Korf, timpani

SWINGING OF THE GREAT TOWER BELLS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

standing as able, sung by all

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

"Alleluia" means "praise God" or "God be praised." Count the number of "Alleluias" in this hymn. How many times does the hymn writer praise God?



All: Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

> Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia! Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted head, Alleluia! Made like Christ, who bids us rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia! praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! praise the Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

WELCOME remain standing

Rev. Adriene Thorne

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP remain standing

One: We gather to see the new life that teems all around us,

All: To give thanks for the gift we have received;

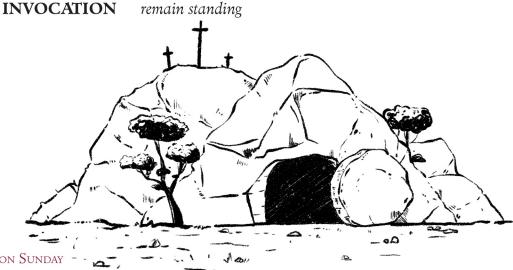
One: To notice the beauty and promise of spring,

All: To breathe deeply of the season we are in;

One: To accept the gift of love poured out, and to pour out love in return:

All: This is to worship God.
One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen indeed!

The word "invoke" means "to call upon earnestly." During the invocation, we call upon God and ask for His help to worship.



"Introit" comes from the Latin word "introitus," which means "entrance." It is part of the opening of our worship service.



Easter is a special day, and baptism is a special event. Why do you think we are celebrating both on the same day?



INTROIT please be seated The Day of Resurrection

Thomas Matthews

The Day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over with bymns of victory. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain. Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end. Alleluia.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Adriene Thorne

Cataleya Awilda Soman

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATE

LISTENING

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

PSALTER SCRIPTURE READING

David Orcutt

Psalm 118:21-27

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Finale from Symphony No. 2 "The Resurrection"

Gustav Mahler

O pain, all-pervading, from you have I been wrested! O death, all-conquering, now are you conquered! With wings of love to thee I'm soaring. Through death, there is life!

> Liz Lang, soprano Sishel Claverie, mezzo-soprano

What do you think the word "Gospel" mean? How many books in the Bible have "Gospel" in the title?

Here is the word "Alleluia" again.
Do you remember what it means?



GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN standing as able, sung by all The Strife is O'er

VICTORY

Jacqueline Gregg, Irene King,

Ruthie Riddles, Stacey Robinson

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done, The victory of life is won; The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions hath dispersed; Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped. Christ rises glorious from the dead: All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Lord, by Your wounds on Calvary From death's dread sting Your servants free, That we may live eternally. Alleluia!

What is one thing Rev. Adriene said today that you think is important to remember?



SERMON

Write Your Own Ending

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.

Who is on your PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper and Mary Mathai¹

We have heard the word of God read and proclaimed. Now let us pray together.

The Lord be with you. One: And with your spirit. All: One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

prayer list? Pray for them during this time



Malayalam is a language spoken in India. If you had to learn another language, what would it be?



Pass the peace

to someone in

your row

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.

SWARGASTHANAAYA NIANGALUDE PITHAAVE²

Swargasthanaya njangalude pithave, ninte thirunamam parisudhamaakappedename. Ninte raagyam varename.

Ninte thiruvishttam swargathileppole

bhoomivilum aakename.

Njangalkkavashyamulla aharam innu

njagalkku tharename.

Njangalude kadakkarrodu njangal shamichathupole njangalude

kadangalum paapangalum njangalodu

shamikkename.

Parishayilekku njangale

pravesippikaruthe. Pinneyo dhusthanil ninnu njangale

rekshichu kollename.

Enthukondennal raajyavum

shakthivum mahathwavum ennekum

ninakullathakunnu.

CHORAL AMEN

standing as able PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.



¹ Mary Mathai is an active person in our Riverside community. She enjoys participating in the ministries of Riverside's book club, Open Bible Study, Writing Group, and Theatre of the Oppressed.

² Malayalam is a language spoken in southern India.

Easter Sunday is also known as Resurrection Sunday. What do you think resurrection means?

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

Each week, we are invited to give and serve. Name one way you can serve God this week.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Dr. Laura Miraz



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Easter Hymn from Cavalleria Rusticana

Pietro Mascagni

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia! Because the son you were chosen to bear has risen, as he said. Alleluia! We rejoice that our savior lives! He, all-glorious, arose from the dead. The Lord gives to us the joys of heaven, and all the sorrows of darkness are fled!

Kendra Petuch, soprano

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

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

remain standing

Today we celebrate the work of our Food Pantry Ministry, which opens our doors to the community Tuesday through Friday to provide food for our neighbors needing assistance.



"Hallelujah" is another way to say "Alleluia." Do you remember what "Alleluia" means? Write it down.

THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS

George Frederick Handel

The congregation stands and sings with the choir. Music can be found on page 9.



SENDING

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN *standing as able, sung by all* Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

LLANFAIR

All: Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia! Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia! Jesus died, our souls to save; Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia! Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

BENEDICTION remain standing

Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

Stephen Tharp, guest organist

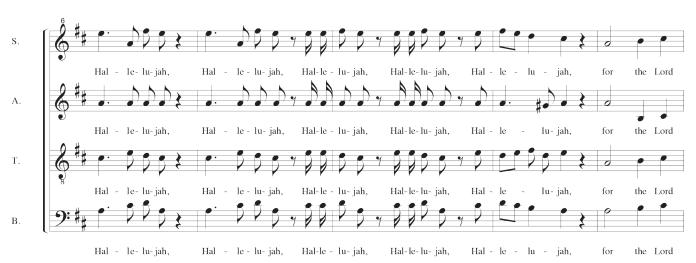


Hallelujah

From Messiah

Revelation 11:15, 19:6, 16 George Frideric Handel 1685-1759 Allegro







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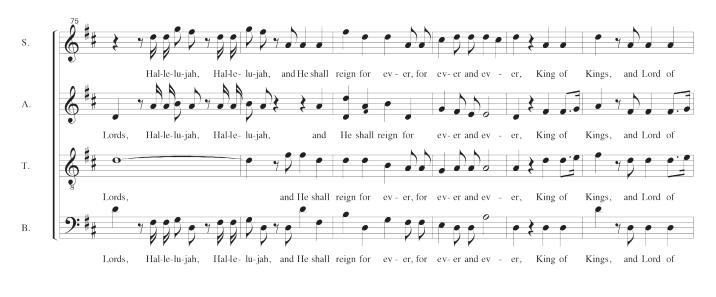
Christ, and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ev- er and ev - er,

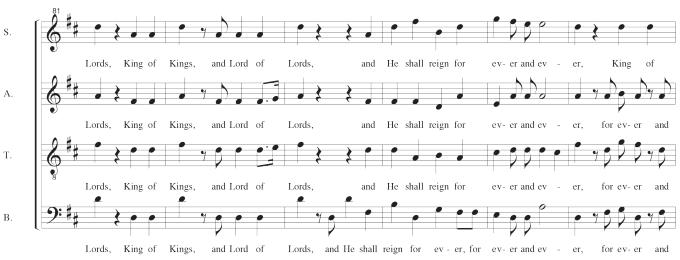


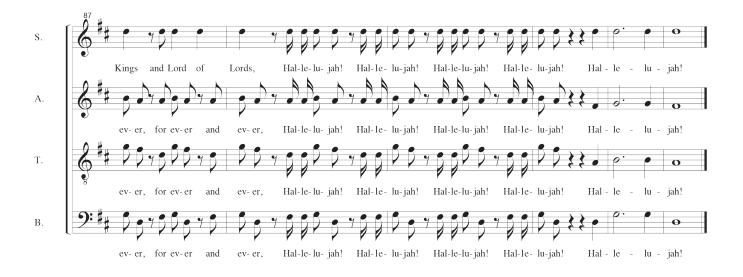
Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le - lu-jah,



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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.

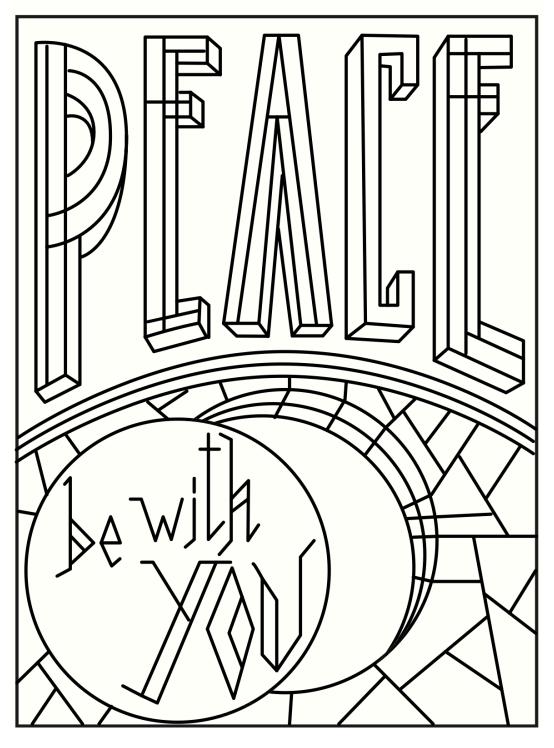
Noteworthy performances include The Royal Albert Hall, London; Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris; the Elbphilharmonie, Hamburg; Dvorak Hall, Prague; the Duomo, Milan; The Hong Kong Cultural Centre; The Opera House, Sydney; Symphony Center, Chicago; Walt Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles; The Meyerson Symphony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

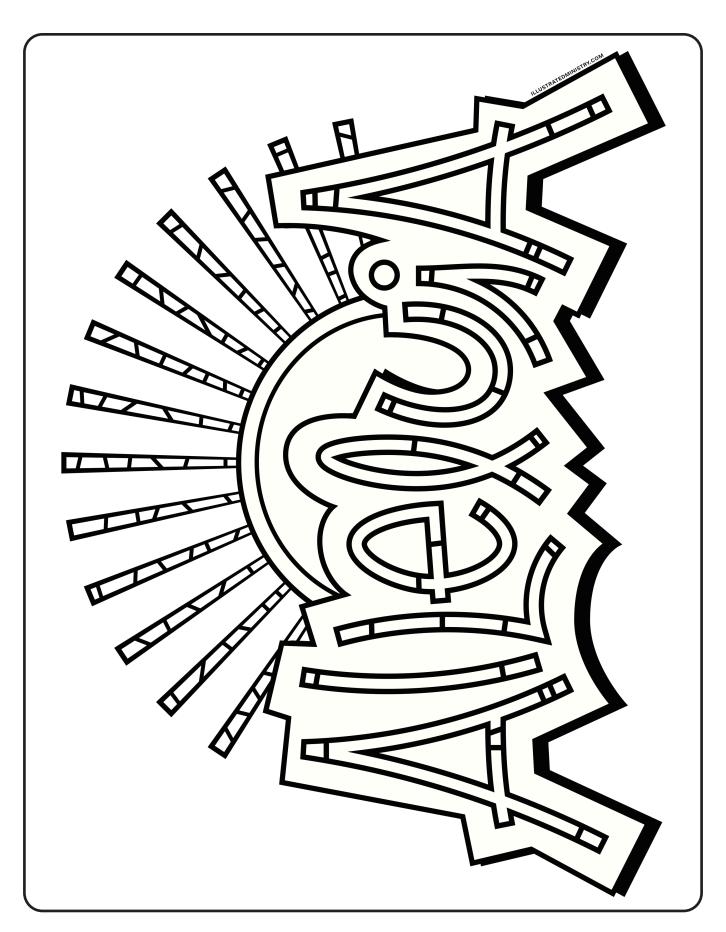
Stephen Tharp is known for commissioning new music for the organ, with works dedicated to him by Samual Adler, George Baker, Thierry Escaich, Jean Guillou, Anthony Newman and others. He is himself a composer, with commissions from Cologne Cathedral and Walt Disney Concert Hall. His choral music has been 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.

Activities based on Isaiah 65, Psalm 118, John 20.







Mary Magdalene was the first person to find the										
empty tomb after Jesus was raised. Imagine how shocked she was. In the first box, draw what you think Mary and this scene looked like. In the second										
						box, imagine you are Mary - draw the people you would run to tell.				
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TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Breakfast (available for purchase)	South Hall	8:30 AM
Resurrection Sunday Worship	Nave & Online	11:00 AM
Coffee Hour	South Hall Lobby	After Service
Easter Egg Hunt	Cloister Lounge	After Service
Easter Sunday Brunch	Assembly Hall	After Service
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	12:30 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: Easter Music		3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, APRIL 1		
Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
TUESDAY, APRIL 2		
Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Book Launch: The False White Gospel with Author Jim Wallis	Nave & Online`	7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3		
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, APRIL 4		
Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tower League Chair Exercise	Online	1:30 PM

Online

Online

2:00 PM

6:00 PM

Tower League Program

Personnel & Salary Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
SATURDAY, APRIL 6		
Knitters & Crocheters	7C	10:00 AM
Beloved Earth Community	Online	1:00 PM

COMING SOON

First Sunday Food Collection	Sunday, April 7	All Day
Practicing Sabbath	Sunday, April 7	After Service
Holy Humor Sunday Worship	Sunday, April 7	11:00 AM
Space for Grace	Wednesday, April 10	7:00 PM
The Bible's Role in Settler Colonialism: A Focus on Palestine and Beyond	Thursday, April 11	7:00 PM
Riverside Book Club	Saturday, April 13	11:00 AM
Justice in a Multifaith Society with Dr. Shirin Shifaie & Rev. Dr. Peter Choi	Sunday, April 14	1:30 PM
45th Annual English Handbell Festival	Sunday, April 14	4:00 PM
Carla DeSola Body Prayer	Tuesday, April 16	6:00 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 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.

PRACTICING SABBATH

On first Sundays after worship, we Practice Sabbath as a community. There will be no allchurch 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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