

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER
APRIL 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:

“If I die, remember that I, we, were individuals, humans, we had names, dreams, and achievements, and our only fault was that we were just classified as inferior.”
— Belal Aldabbour, Palestinian, neurologist, living in Gaza

A question for reflection:

What or who have you been able to heal because of your faith in Jesus?

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Inspired by Acts 3:1-10.

*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

Prelude, Fugue, Chorale, and Variations

Ludo Geloen

Charles Semowich, *carillonneur*

HANDBELLS

Love and Grace

Festive Toccata on Old Hundredth

arr. Jason W. Krug

arr. Cathy Moglebust

The Riverside Ringers

Daniel Potter, *director*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

INTROIT

There Is a Balm In Gilead

arr. Bruce Saylor

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: O God in gratitude we love and adore You!

***All:* For You hear our prayers and You see our tears, even when we feel alone.**

One: O God You bring new life to our world constrained by distress and fear.

***All:* We lift our hearts in gratitude for Your unending mercy that keeps us near.**

One: With You we can breathe new life giving fresh hope for tomorrow.

***All:* We are blessed by the gift of Your love. Let us worship and give You praise!**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 489 *remain standing, sung by all*

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Rev. Jim Keat

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HANDBELLS

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

arr. Matthew Compton

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:53-56

Rev. Dr. Peter Choi

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 387 *standing as able, sung by all*

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:1-10

Christian Rojas, Regina Tate, Mark Yim

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Your Faith Will Make Them Well

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. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

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

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, that brightens up the sky. The sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky. The cold wind in the weather, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden - God made them every one. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

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.

**All: 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 A. Wingate

Today we celebrate the Riverside Writing Group who affirms our common human connection and invites all to join in writing as a powerful tool for social justice: to write words that witness and speak truth to our shared humanness.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 264 *remain standing, sung by all*

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

Alan Montgomery, organist

This space is intentionally left blank for notes and reflection.

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Fresh Start	Online	8:30 AM
Breakfast (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	8:30 AM
Living the Liturgy	Online	9:00 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
African Fellowship Meeting	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
Generous Dialogue in an Age of Religious Violence	South Hall & Online	1:30 PM
Maranatha Meeting	MPR	1:30 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: Handbell Festival		3:00 PM
45th Annual English Handbell Festival	Nave & Online	4:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tai Chi	13T	3:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Carla DeSola Body Prayer	411 MLK	6:00 PM
Ordination Committee Meeting	Online	6:45 PM
Building Committee Meeting	Online	7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 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, APRIL 18

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
Stewardship Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Knitters & Crocheters	7C	10:00 AM
Film Screening: <i>Journey of the Universe</i>	Online	7:00 PM

COMING SOON

Women of the Bible	Sunday, April 21	1:30 PM
Beloved Earth Community Cosmic Walk	Sunday, April 21	1:30 PM
55th Anniversary of Black Manifesto: A Call to Reparations	Saturday, April 27	10:00 AM



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

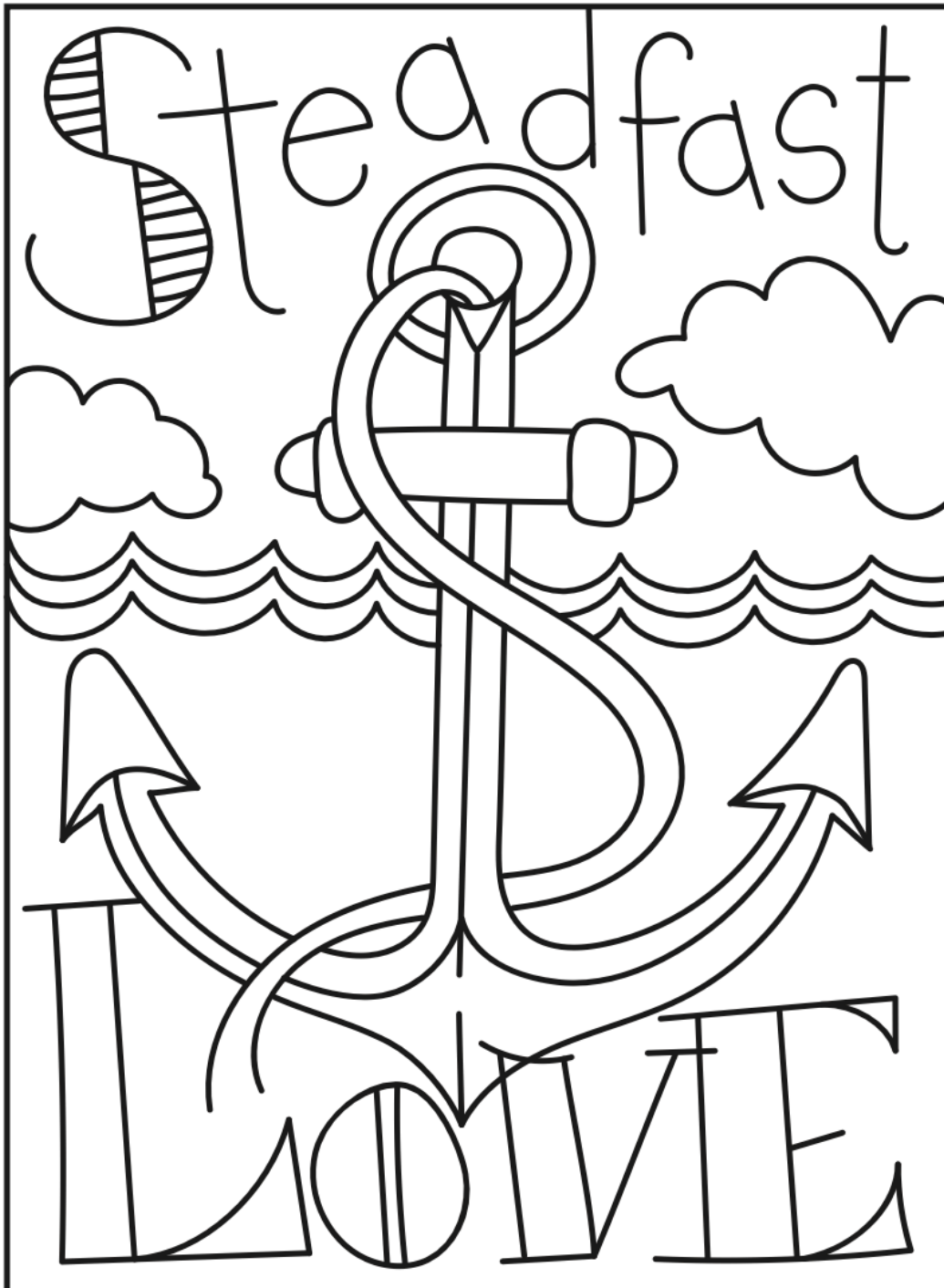
Babies and toddlers are not too young to start learning about God's love for them. The nursery is open every Sunday from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM and is staffed by trained nursery workers. For location, please see an usher or security guard.

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.

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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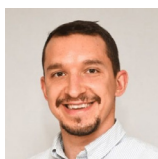
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