

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
APRIL 21, 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:

“When I think about trusting Creator, I think about also trusting Mother Earth, trusting what childlikeness can teach us, and noticing what kinship reveals to me every single day”
— Kaitlin B. Curtice

A question for reflection:

How can you embody connection with Mother Earth in the coming months?
What does connecting with childlikeness reveal in our relationship to the earth?

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Inspired by Acts 17:1-9.

*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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Fantasy on Old Hundredth and Sine Nomine
When in our Music God is Glorified

William B. Bradbury, arr. Richard Giszczak
John Gouwens
Charles Villiers Stanford, arr. Giszczak

Carla Staffaroni, *carillonneur*

STRINGS

La Folia

Antonio Vivaldi

The Riverside Community String Ensemble
Kristina Giles, *director*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

INTROIT

Let the Heaven Light Shine on Me

arr. Moses Hogan

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

***All:* For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome.**

One: God has gone up with a shout, with the sound of a trumpet.

***All:* Sing praises to God, sing praises.**

One: For God is the ruler of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

***All:* God is ruler over the nations and sits on a holy throne. Let us worship God.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 473 *remain standing, sung by all*

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

David King

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

The Heart's Offering

Southern Hymn Tune

arr. A. Baldwin

As I rise with the dawn, may my soul be reborn; Take this heart all forlorn, and refresh me in the morn. Alleluia! In the warmth of the day I consider thy way, may thy love ever stay in my heart, O Lord, I pray. In the still of the night, as I think on the light in my heart burning bright, keep me precious in thy sight. God of each living thing, bless the gift that we bring. Take our hearts' offering while in joyful praise we sing. Alleluia!

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Jerry Hairston

Mark 13:9-11¹

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

HYMN 339 *standing as able, sung by all*

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

John Bredin, Claudia Canasto, Doug Miller

Acts 17:1-9, 1st Thessalonians 1:2-10

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

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

¹ All Scripture readings today are from *First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament*.

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 A. 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

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Let all the world, in every corner, sing: My God and king!
The heavens are not too high, God's praise may thither fly,
The earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow,
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and king!*

*Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and king!
The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;
But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and king!*

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* Min. Derrick T. Jordan
Today we celebrate the ministry of Riverside's Beloved Earth Community, which knows that protecting the earth starts with us; one individual, one group, one congregation at a time. We can be the change that starts us on a path to sustainability.

RECESSIONAL HYMN *remain standing, sung by all*
This Little Light of Mine

LIGHT OF MINE

1. This lit - tle light of mine, — I'm gon-na let it shine, —
2. Ev - ery - where I go, — I'm gon-na let it shine, —
3. All — through the night, — I'm gon-na let it shine, —

this lit - tle light of mine, — I'm gon-na let it shine; —
ev - ery - where I go, — I'm gon-na let it shine; —
all — through the night, — I'm gon-na let it shine; —

this lit - tle light of mine, — I'm gon-na let it shine, —
ev - ery - where I go, — I'm gon-na let it shine, —
all — through the night, — I'm gon-na let it shine, —

let it shine, — let it shine, — let it shine. —

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Kaitlin B. Curtice

POSTLUDE
Improvisation

Stephen Tharp

Stephen Tharp, *guest organist*



Kaitlin B. Curtice is an award-winning author, poet-storyteller, and public speaker. As an enrolled citizen of the Potawatomi nation, Kaitlin writes on the intersections of spirituality and identity and how that shifts throughout our lives. She also speaks on these topics to diverse audiences who are interested in truth-telling and healing.

As an inter-spiritual advocate, Kaitlin participates in conversations on topics such as colonialism in faith communities, and she has spoken at many conferences on the importance of inter-faith relationships.

Besides her books, Kaitlin has written online for Sojourners, Religion News Service, Apartment Therapy, On Being, SELF Magazine, and more. Her work has been featured on CBS and in USA Today. She also writes at The Liminality Journal. Kaitlin lives in Philadelphia with her family.

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

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
Beloved Earth Community Cosmic Walk	Assembly Hall	1:30 PM
Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
Men's Class Meeting	MPR	1:30 PM
Social Services Committee Meeting	Online	1:30 PM
Women of the Bible	316 MLK	1:30 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: Earth Day		3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, APRIL 22

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

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 25

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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SATURDAY, APRIL 27

55th Anniversary of Black Manifesto: A Call to Reparations	10T & Online	10:00 AM
Theatre of the Oppressed: Somatic Abolitionism Training	MPR	1:30 PM

COMING SOON

Lay Leadership Candidate Forum	Sunday, April 28	1:00 PM
Barber: An American Treasure	Tuesday, April 30	7:00 PM
Spring Concert & Family Luncheon	Sunday, May 5	1:00 PM
2024 Annual Meeting	Sunday, May 19	1:00 PM

BUDGET FORUMS

Sunday, May 5	10T	1:00 PM
Sunday, May 12	10T	1:00 PM
Wednesday, May 15	Online	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 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

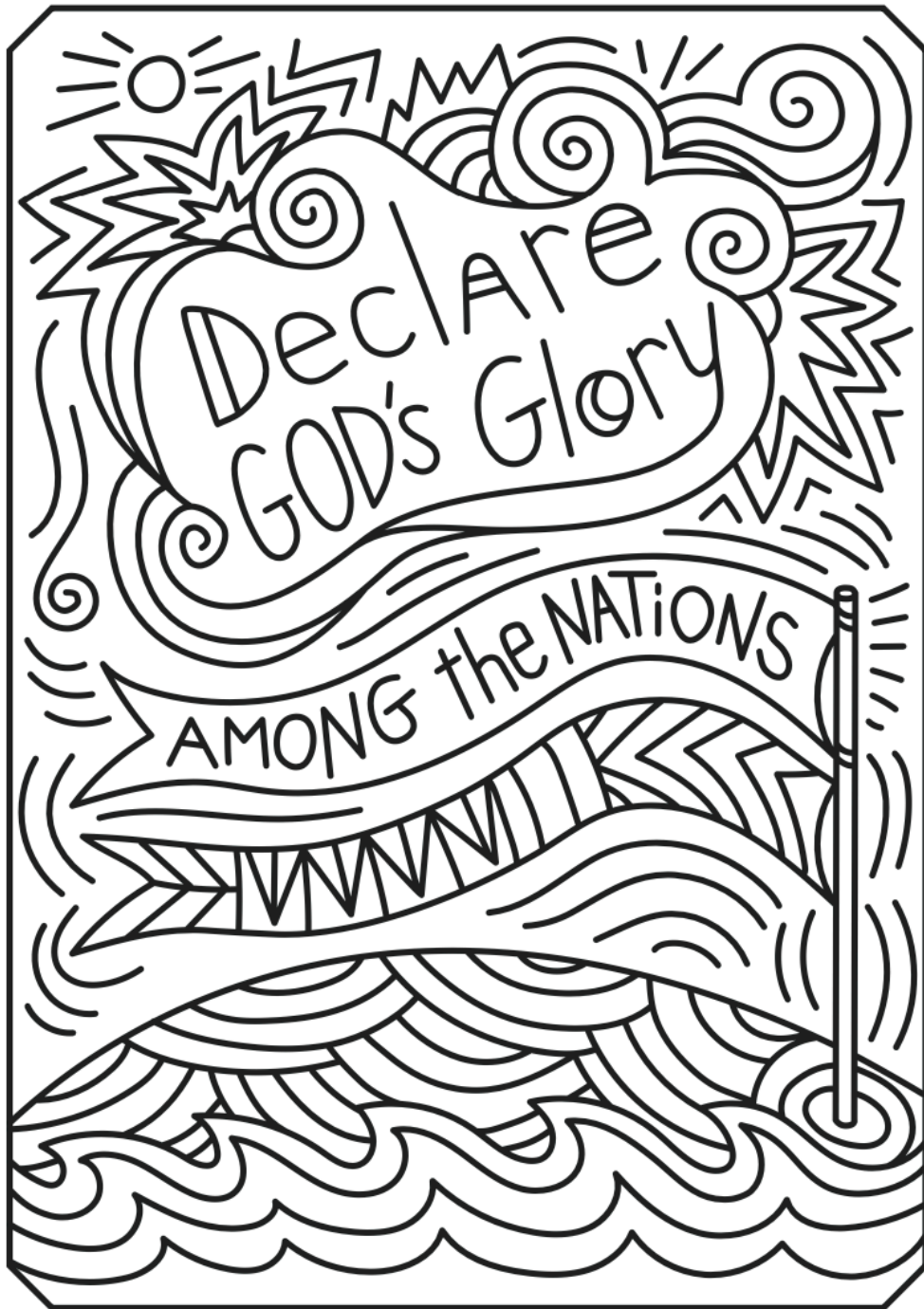
Babies and toddlers are not too young to start learning about God's love for them. The nursery is open every Sunday from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM and is staffed by trained nursery workers. For location, please see an usher or security guard.

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 Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13),
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22.



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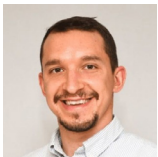
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