

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
APRIL 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:

“When I’m on stage, I’m trying to do one thing: bring people joy. Just like church does. People don’t go to church to find trouble, they go there to lose it.”

— James Brown

A question for reflection:

How will you bring harmony within your faith community?

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Inspired by Acts 18:1-4 & 1 Corinthians 1:10-18.

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 to prepare our hearts to worship God.

CARILLON

Prelude and Fugue in E

Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. Gert Oldenbeuving

Charles Semowich, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

There Is A Happy Land
Cantabile Symphonique

George Shearing
Camille Saint-Saëns, arr. Virgil Fox

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Min. Derrick T. Jordan

INTROIT

Sing Praise to God

Alice Parker

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: O Lord, in gratitude we love and adore you!

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

One: Your presence lives in every fiber of our being.

***All:* Your loving care directs us, even when we stray.**

One: Wherever we go we know that You walk with us.

***All:* Let us worship in awe of Your grace.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 440 *remain standing, sung by all*

In Christ There Is No East or West

MCKEE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**BLESSING AND SENDING OF
UNION SEMINARY INTERNS**

Rev. Adriene Thorne &
Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

ANTHEM

I Am So Glad

Leonard de Paur

Well I'm so glad, so glad new born again. Been a long time troubled with my trials here below. Well it's free grace, free grace, free grace, sinner, oh yes, I'm new born again. Well it's free, Lord, I got free, Lord, I got free grace my loving brother, free Lord, I got free grace, I'm new born again. I done found free grace undying love. I'm new born again. I done got that message from above, I'm new born again. And it is the year of jubilee, I'm new born again. Been a long time troubled with my trials here below. Well my Lord done set his children free, I'm new born again. Well it's free grace, free grace, free grace my loving sister, free grace, free grace, I'm new born again.

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:34-35

Ryan Swihart

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 435 *standing as able, sung by all*

We All Are One in Mission

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NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 18:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Blanche Colson, Kathy Lin

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Being Church: The Rough Edges of Resurrection

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. Amanda Meisenheimer

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

Greater Love

John Ireland

*Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no one than this: than to lay down one's life for one's friends. Who his
own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we being dead to sin should live unto
righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord
Jesus; ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should show
forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light! I
beseech you Christians by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice,
holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

Philip Reed, *guest conductor*
Kendra Petuch, *soprano*
Nathaniel Mattingly, *baritone*

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. Jim Keat
*Today we celebrate the work of our Spiritual Retreat Ministry, which designs peaceful retreat
experiences to engage in deeper prayer, fellowship, and spiritual practice.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 343 *remain standing, sung by all*
Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE

Paeon

Kenneth Leighton

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42.



TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

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
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
B's & P's Bake Sale	South Hall Lobby	After Service
Coffee Hour	South Hall Lobby	After Service
Lunch (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	After Service
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	12:30 PM
24-25 Lay Leadership Candidate Forum	South Hall & Online	1:00 PM
Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: Arab and Jewish Music		3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, APRIL 29

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Samuel Barber: An American Treasure	Nave & Online	7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

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, MAY 2

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, MAY 3

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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SATURDAY, MAY 4

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

COMING SOON

Spring Concert & Family Luncheon	Sunday, May 5	1:00 PM
Space for Grace	Wednesday, May 8	7:00 PM
Riverside Book Club	Saturday, May 11	11:00 AM
Beyoncé and the Hebrew Bible	Wednesday, May 15	6:30 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.

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)

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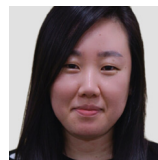
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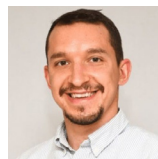
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