

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



Credo: I Believe

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
MAY 12, 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:

“It’s one thing to be a part of an organization.
It’s another thing to be a part of the community.”
— Travis Kelce

A question for reflection:

What makes faith community different from other communities?

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Inspired by 1 Corinthians 15:1-26.

*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

Songs My Mother Taught Me
Ave Maria
Ave Maria

Antonin Dvorak, arr. Wendell Westcott
Franz Schubert, arr. Timothy Hurd
Johann Sebastian Bach arr. Peter Bremer

Lynnli Wang, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Fidelis
Harmonies du Soir

Percy Whitlock
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Amazing Day

The Cherub Choir
Sharon Prichard, *director*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

INTROIT

“The Trumpet Shall Sound” from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

Nathaniel Mattingly, *bass-baritone*

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: Mother God, we come to worship You as the gathered body of Christ.

***All:* Jesus asked that we stand together in love and harmony.**

One: Through Christ, we share this bond as one family.

***All:* Bring the wisdom of all days to share one with another.**

One: Mother of us all, we come to worship you as the gathered body of Christ.

***All:* Make us one in unity and love as we worship You today!**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 122 *remain standing, sung by all*
Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Min. Derrick T. Jordan

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEMS

Et in Terra Pax

Greg Gilpin

*Et in terra pax hominibus. Peace on earth, peace to all people.
Bonae voluntatis. Goodwill to all. Et in terra pax.*

The Riverside Youth Choir
Matthew Hommez, *director*
Yuliya Basis, *pianist*

God Made it So!

Terry Taylor

Once the world was dark as the night, so our God said, "Let there be light!" Sunlight set the heavens aglow! Alleluia! God made it so! God then made the land and the sea, rocks and mountains, meadows and trees, grass and flowers and rivers that flow! Alleluia! God made it so! God loves, God cares, earth now sings in thankful prayer. Sun, moon, stars, sky, sing to God on high! Next, God made all creatures appear, dogs and cats and cattle and deer, birds above and fishes below! Alleluia, God made it so! We thank you, God, for loving us so!

The Riverside Rising Voices
Matthew Hommez, *director*
Yuliya Basis, *pianist*

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Jutta Koslowski

Mark 12:26-27a

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 108 *standing as able, sung by all*
Christ Is Alive

TRURO

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING
1st Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-58

Nadia Giles, Mark Riddles

One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

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Rev. Adriene Thorne

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Adriene Thorne, Pat Pell, & Karen Diggs

All: We welcome you with joy and friendship into the common life of The Riverside Church. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's love and grace and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love:
The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.

RESPONDING

We respond to the hearing of God's word through prayer, passing the peace, offering, and monthly communion.

PASSING OF THE PEACE *standing as able*

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Then Shall Your Light Break Forth

Felix Mendelssohn

And then shall your light break forth as the light of morning breaketh: and your health shall speedily spring forth then: and the glory of the Lord ever shall reward you. Lord, our Creator, how excellent thy name is in all the nations! Thou fillest heaven with thy glory. Amen.

James Bagwell, *guest conductor*

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 work of our Business and Professional Women's Group, which encourages fellowship among business and professional women, while educating the Riverside community about issues unique to women. The B's & P's offer cultural, social, and service opportunities to promote spiritual growth and renewal for the church and community.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 495 *remain standing, sung by all*

We Know That Christ is Raised

ENGELBERG

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE

Fanfare & Chorale

Calvin Fuller

Alan Montgomery, organist

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, MAY 12

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	Nave	9:30 AM
Rising Voices Rehearsal	Nave	9:30 AM
Youth Choir Rehearsal	Nave	9:30 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
Budget Forum	10T	1:00 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
Maranatha Meeting	MPR	1:30 PM
Social Services Committee Meeting	Online	1:30 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: Mother's Day Tribute		3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, MAY 13

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tai Chi	13T	3:00 PM
MCPL Commission Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
MSJ Commission Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
Worship Commission Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
Education Commission Meeting	Online	7:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Nominating Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Older Adults French Group	321 MLK	10:30 AM
Advanced Beginners Biblical Hebrew II	Online	5:00 PM
Beyoncé and the Hebrew Bible	Online	6:30 PM
Budget Forum	Online	6:30 PM
Young Adult Bible Study	313 MLK	6:30 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 16

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, MAY 17

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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SATURDAY, MAY 18

Knitters & Crocheters	7C	10:00 AM
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2024 ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, May 19	South Hall & Online	1:00 PM
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**You must be present in-person to vote on the budget at the Annual Meeting.*



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

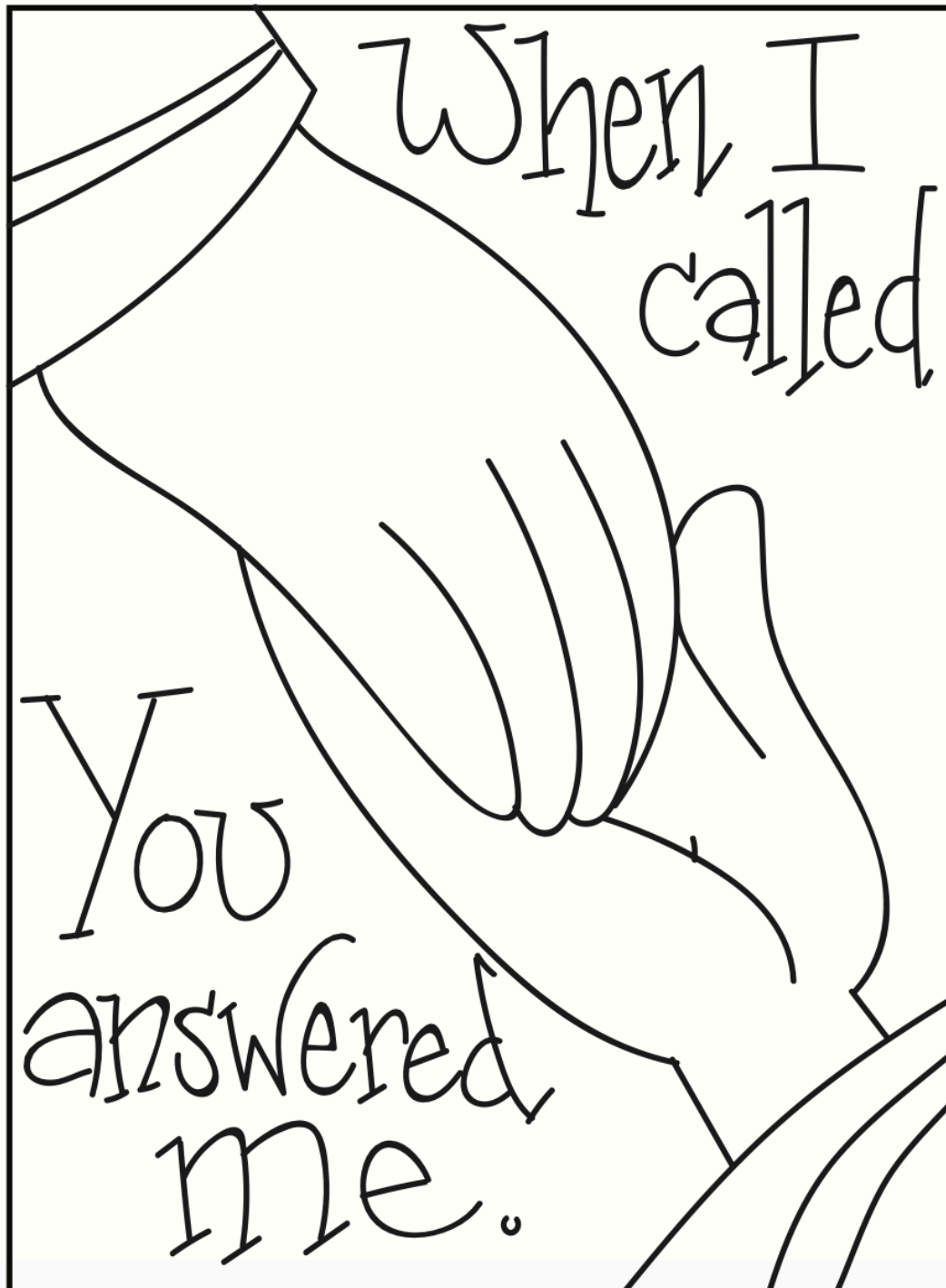
Babies and toddlers are not too young to start learning about God's love for them. The nursery is open every Sunday from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM and is staffed by trained nursery workers. For location, please see an usher or security guard.

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 Isaiah 6: 1-8 (9-13), Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11, Luke 5: 1-11.



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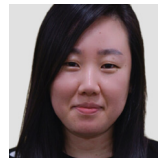
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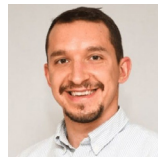
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