

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



PENTECOST
MAY 19, 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:

“Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can.”

— John Wesley

A question for reflection:

In the Spirit of Pentecost, how will you set the world on fire?

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Inspired by Acts 2:1-4.

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

Spiraculum Vitae

A Sacred Suite

I. Da Pacem Domine

II. Regina Coeli

III. Sancti Spiritus

Mitchell Stecker

Geert D'hollander

Charles Semowich, *carillonneur*

HANDBELLS

The River

Appassionata

arr. Anna Laura Page

Michael Joy

The Riverside Ringers

Daniel Potter, *director*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

INTROIT

Holy Spirit, Lead Me, Guide Me

James & Betty Forbes

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: The Day of Pentecost is here! God's children have gathered in this place.

***All:* We are transformed by God's Spirit into the family of God.**

One: Come, Spirit of adoption, and open our hearts to our sisters and brothers.

***All:* Come, Spirit of peace, and calm our trembling hearts.**

One: Come, Breath of God, and overturn our conventional lives.

***All:* Come, Holy Spirit! Enliven us to worship God as one!**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *remain standing, sung by all*
Come, Holy Ghost

Omega Dance Company
LAMBILLOTTE



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And in our
2. O Com - fort - er, to thee we cry, Thou heav'n - ly
3. O Ho - ly Ghost, through thee a - lone Know we the
4. Praise we the Lord, Fa - ther and Son, And Ho - ly



hearts take up thy rest; Come with thy grace
gift of God most high, Thou font of life,
Fa - ther and the Son; Be this our firm
Spir - it with them one; And may the Son



and heav'n - ly aid To fill the hearts which thou hast
and fire of love, And sweet a - noint - ing from a -
un - chang - ing creed, That thou dost from them both pro -
on us be - stow All gifts that from the Spir - it



made, To fill the hearts which thou hast made
bove, And sweet a - noint - ing from a - bove.
ceed, That thou dost from them both pro - ceed.
flow, All gifts that from the Spir - it flow.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Jim Keat

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. William L. Dawson

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. Jordan river is chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul; there ain't but one train upon this track, it runs to heaven and right back.

Russell Saint John, *baritone*
James Bagwell, *guest conductor*

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

We *witness* the public profession of those embracing the Christian faith.

**PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES
FOR BAPTISM BY IMMERSION**

Rev. Adriene Thorne

*Blanche Colson
Chaz Colson
Jerry Hairston
Dana Monagan*

PRAYER FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

**PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE
FOR BAPTISM BY SPRINKLING**

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

Anaiia Jazirae Urena

PRAYER FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

**PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES
FOR CONFIRMATION**

Rev. Jabe Ziino

*Adia Conteh
Jerry Hairston*

PRAYER FOR THE NEWLY CONFIRMED

ANTHEM

Send Down the Fire

Omega Dance Company
Marty Haugen

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:4-8

Eva Cordero, Annie Meredith

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-4, 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Jeremiah Drake, Emi Hare-Yim

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

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

ANTHEM

Lord, Send Out Your Spirit

Omega Dance Company
Joe Zsigray

SERMON

What is God Up To?

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. 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.**

AMA NAMIN¹

Ama namin, sumasalangit Ka
Sambahin ang ngalan Mo
Mapasaamin ang kaharian Mo
Sundin ang loob Mo
Dito sa lupa, para nang sa langit.
Bigyan Mo kami ngayon ng aming kakanin
sa araw araw.
At patawarin Mo kami sa aming mga sala,
Para nang pagpapatawad namin
Sa mga nagkakasala sa amin.
At huwag Mo kaming ipahintulot sa tukso,
At iadya Mo kami sa lahat ng masama.
Sapagkat Iyo ang kaharian, at kapangyarihan,
at ang kadakilaan, magpakailanman.

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

¹ From *NHM Ministrants*, "The Lord's Prayer: Tagalog." https://ministrants.com/lords-prayer_tagalog.php

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come Thou Holy Paraclete

David Hurd

*Come, thou Holy Paraclete, and from thy celestial seat, send thy light and brilliancy.
Carer for the poor, draw near; giver of all gifts, be here; come, the soul's true radiancy.*

*Come, of comforters the best, of the soul the sweetest guest, come in toil refreshingly:
thou in labor, rest most sweet, thou art shadow from the heat, comfort in adversity.*

*O thou light, most pure and blest, shine within the inmost breast of thy faithful company.
Where thou art not, man hath nought; every holy deed and thought comes from thy divinity.*

*What is soiled, make thou pure, what is wounded, work its cure; what is parched, fructify,
what is rigid gently bend, what is frozen warmly tend; straighten what goes erringly.*

*Fill thy faithful, who confide in thy power to guard and guide, with thy sevenfold mystery.
Here thy grace and virtue send; grant salvation in the end, and in heaven felicity.
Amen. Alleluia.*

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. Mira Sawlani-Joyner
*Today we celebrate Riverside's communications ministry. We all encounter God in different
ways as we continue to find new digital ways to connect with God and with one another
through Zoom calls, podcasts, videos, and social media. Riverside's communications ministry
connects with over 37,000 people across the country and around the world.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 313 *remain standing, sung by all*
Come Down, O Love Divine

Omega Dance Company
DOWN AMPNEY

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE

Choral varié sur Veni Creator

Maurice Duruflé

Alan Montgomery, organist

This space is intentionally left blank for notes and reflection.

CONFIRMATION²

Confirmation is the act of sealing, or confirming, the covenant of baptism. For people who were baptized as infants, confirmation is a way to publicly commit to the Christian faith and the path of Jesus. Those who are baptized later in life may be confirmed immediately after being baptized.

This ritual is often practiced with the “laying on of hands,” following Acts 8:14-17 and Acts 19:1-7. In these texts, the apostles laid hands on baptized believers, and the believers received the gift of the Holy Spirit. The ritual of anointing confirmands with oil has been practiced since the time of the ancient church. Oil is one of the symbols of the Holy Spirit, and can also signify the setting apart of a person for God’s holy purposes.

² V. Ferm, ed., *An Encyclopedia of Religion* (New York: The Philosophical Library, 1945); *Book of Worship: United Church of Christ* (Cleveland, United Church of Christ, Local Church Ministries, 2012).

OMEGA DANCE COMPANY

Co-Directors: Martha Chapman, Rebecca Reuter

Associate Director: Vanity David

Associate Director-at-Large: Katie Woehr
omegadancecompany.org



Dancers:

Maura Burns
Martha Chapman
Vanity David,
Maki Kitahara
Aliyah Miller
Rebecca Reuter



Choreography:

Maura Burns
Martha Chapman
Rebecca Reuter
and dancers



Omega Dance Company, New York's premier professional sacred dance company, was founded in 1974 by liturgical dance pioneer Carla De Sola. Omega believes dance and movement have a particular power for evoking and revealing the sacred. Our mission is to help others—whether as dancers, movers, or observers—discover this power. Find us on Facebook and Instagram.

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Fresh Start	Online	8:30 AM
Breakfast (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	8:30 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
Annual Meeting	South Hall & Online	1:00 PM
Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
Men's Class Meeting	MPR	1:30 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: Music for May		3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, MAY 20

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tai Chi	13T	3:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	Online	5:30 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 21

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

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 23

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, MAY 24

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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SATURDAY, MAY 25

Theatre of the Oppressed: Somatic Abolitionism Training	MPR	1:30 PM
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COMING SOON

B's & P's Bake Sale	Sunday, June 2	After Service
First Sunday Food Collection	Sunday, June 2	All Day
Space for Grace	Wednesday, June 5	7:00 PM
Riverside Book Club	Saturday, June 8	11:00 AM
Assotto Saint: His Life and Legacy	Saturday, June 15	1:00 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. Be sure to 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 stay connected to all the videos, podcasts, and events from The Riverside Church.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CARILLON RECITALS

Recitals take place most weeks at 3:00 PM and can be best heard outdoors listening from Sakura Park, 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.

VOLUNTEER AT RIVERSIDE

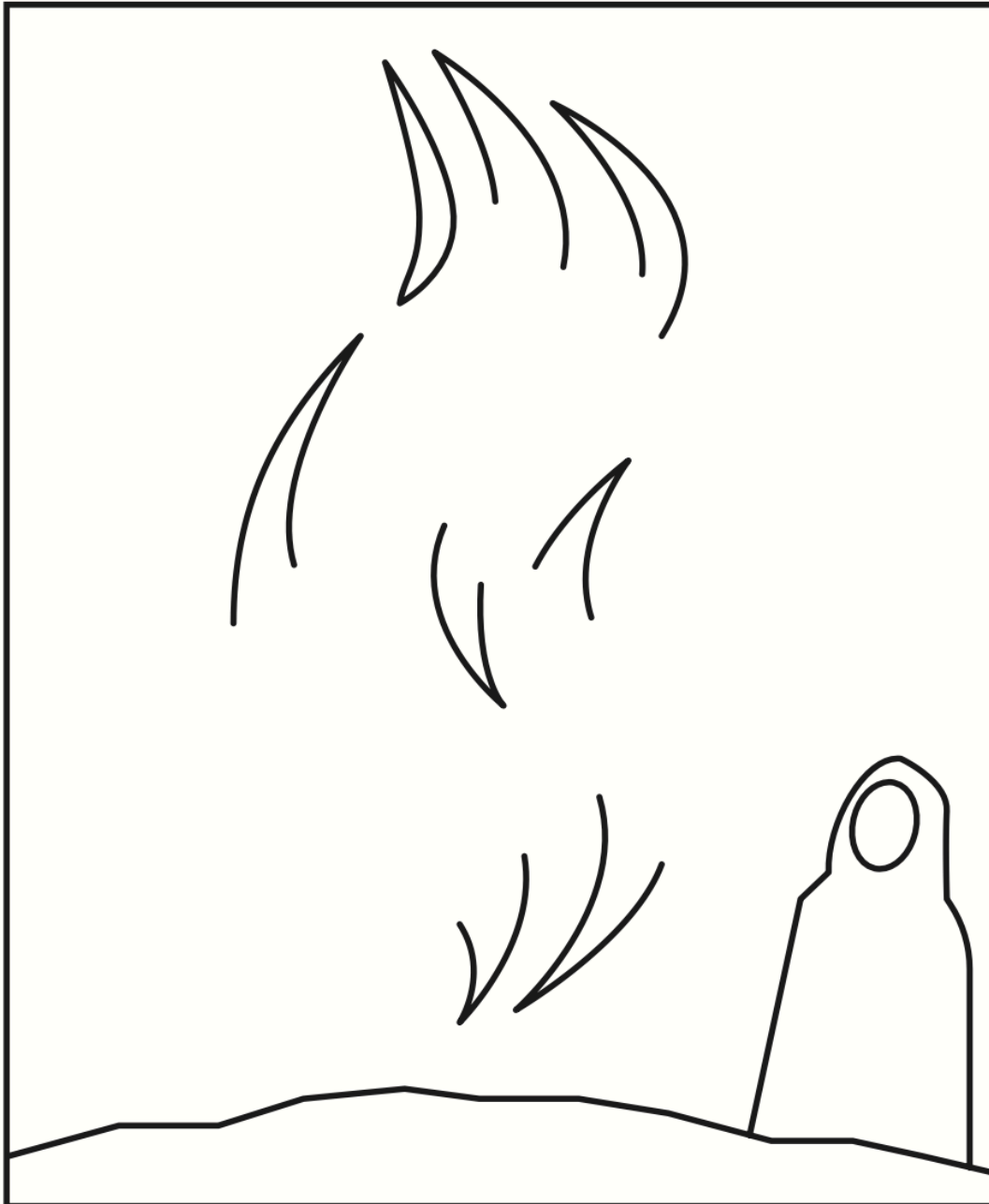
Riverside offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, from ushering to providing support in our social services programs, and so much more! Discover the joy of giving back, and make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. Visit trcnyc.org/volunteer for more information.

SUMMER CHOIR

Come sing with members of the Riverside Choir this summer! Rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings at 9:30, and you are welcome to join us for as many Sundays as you like, starting on June 9. To volunteer, please email a recording of you singing one verse of your favorite hymn, along with a brief description of your musical experience, to Alan Montgomery, Interim Director of Music, at amontgomery@trcnyc.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

FINISH the DRAWING

Acts 2 describes the incredible coming of the Holy Spirit. There was a strong wind, little flames like tongues of fire, and the miracle of every person receiving God's Spirit. Finish the drawing of the flames and gathered people. Draw yourself in the picture too, and imagine what it felt like to be there!



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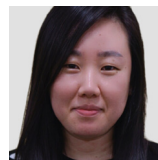
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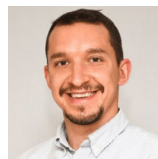
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