

# THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER  
MAY 5, 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 not waste time bothering whether you ‘love’ your neighbor; act as if you did.”  
— C. S. Lewis

**A question for reflection:**

Why is love the greatest gift in a faith community?

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*Inspired by 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.*

*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

A Hymn Suite for Carillon  
Prelude on *Down Ampney*

Lee Cobb  
Mark L. Homberg

Carla Staffaroni, *carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Sonata in G  
I. Allegro Maestoso

Edward Elgar

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Jim Keat

### INTROIT

Deck Yourself, My Soul with Gladness

Johann Crüger

### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup> *standing as able*

*One:* We gather: a community of faith in God's subversive world.

*All:* **We gather to celebrate that no darkness can extinguish light,**

*One:* to remember that love will always be more powerful than death,

*All:* **and to trust that peace will always be stronger than violence.**

*One:* We gather, people of faith in the light of God's world.

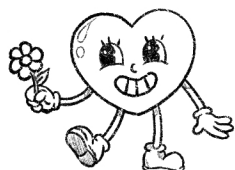
*All:* **All are welcome. Let us worship.**

### INVOCATION *remain standing*

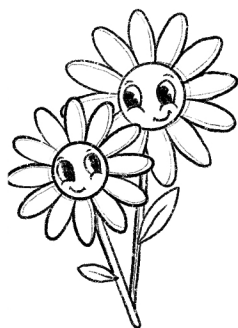
### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 507 *standing as able, sung by all*

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE



Draw a heart every time you hear the word "love." How many hearts do you have?



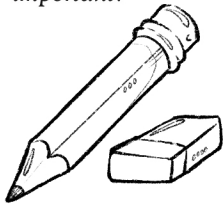
What brings you joy? Write down or draw things that make you happy.

<sup>1</sup>Written by Cheryl Laurie and posted on <http://holdthisspace.org.au/>

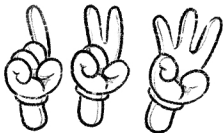
**LISTENING**

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

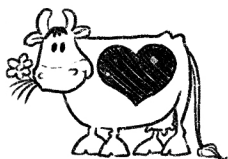
*What did Jesus say the greatest commandments are? Why do you think they are important?*



*Count how many times you hear the word "love."*



*Have you ever been to a farm? Draw the animals you saw there.*



**GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING**

Micah Niang

Mark 12:28-31

*One:* This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

**HYMN 368** *standing as able, sung by all*

I've Got Peace Like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING**

Celia Loyd & Rev. William Kruse

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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

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

**ANTHEM**

The God of Love My Shepherd Is

Godfrey Sampson

*The God of love my shepherd is, and he that doth me feed;  
while he is mine and I am his, what can I want or need?*

*She leads me to the tender grass, where I both feed and rest;  
then to the streams that gently pass: in both I have the best.*

*Or if I stray, he doth convert, and bring my mind in frame,  
and all this not for my desert, but for his holy name.*

*Yea, in death's shady black abode well may I walk, not fear;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod to guide, thy staff to bear.*

*Surely thy sweet and wondrous love shall measure all my days;  
and, as it never shall remove, so neither shall my praise.*

Write or draw how you showed love to others this week.



What are some of the gifts you have received from God? How could you share them with others?



## SERMON

*Love: A Survival Guide*

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.*

## INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place

Johannes Brahms

*How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. Blest are they that dwell within thy house; they praise thy name evermore!*

**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.*

**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

Rev. Jabe Ziino

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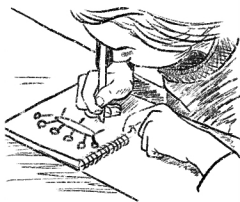
*Today we celebrate the ministry of Riverside's Tower League, a supportive, caring community of older adults that promotes the well-being of mind, body, and spirit as we age.*

Count how many people are in worship today and try to greet as many as possible!

Who would you like to pray for today? Write a short prayer or draw a picture.



Imagine Jesus and the disciples around the table and draw a picture of them having a meal together.



## **PASSING OF THE PEACE** *standing as able*

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

*All:* **And also with you.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Following each petition, join in the following response:*

*One:* God, in Your mercy,

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

## **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 THE TABLE**

## **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*One:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And with your spirit.**

*One:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*One:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Riverside Pastoral Staff

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Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul - er Al - might - y;  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo - ry be to you, O God.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

How many times did you hear the word "remembrance"?



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

### CALL TO SUPPER

*One:* The body of Christ, broken for you.

*All:* **Thanks be to God for the bread of life!**

*One:* The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

*All:* **Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!**

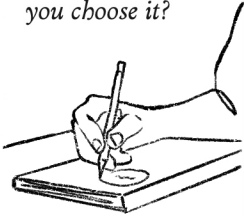
### COMMUNION ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.*

Circle your favorite word from the Post-Communion Prayer. Why did you choose it?



## PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

**All:** Compassionate God, You have met us in the bread and cup at Your table. As we go from this place, may we receive strength to walk with all Your children in peace and witness to the truth of Your reconciliation and love. Amen.

## SENDING

*We are sent out into the world to love God and our neighbors.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 487** *standing as able, sung by all*

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

**BENEDICTION** *remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

**POSTLUDE**

Improvisation

Stephen Tharp

Stephen Tharp, *guest organist*



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## MEET OUR NEW CLERGY

### **Min. Heelee Joo Velez**

*Associate Director of Education and Faith Formation (Children and Families)*



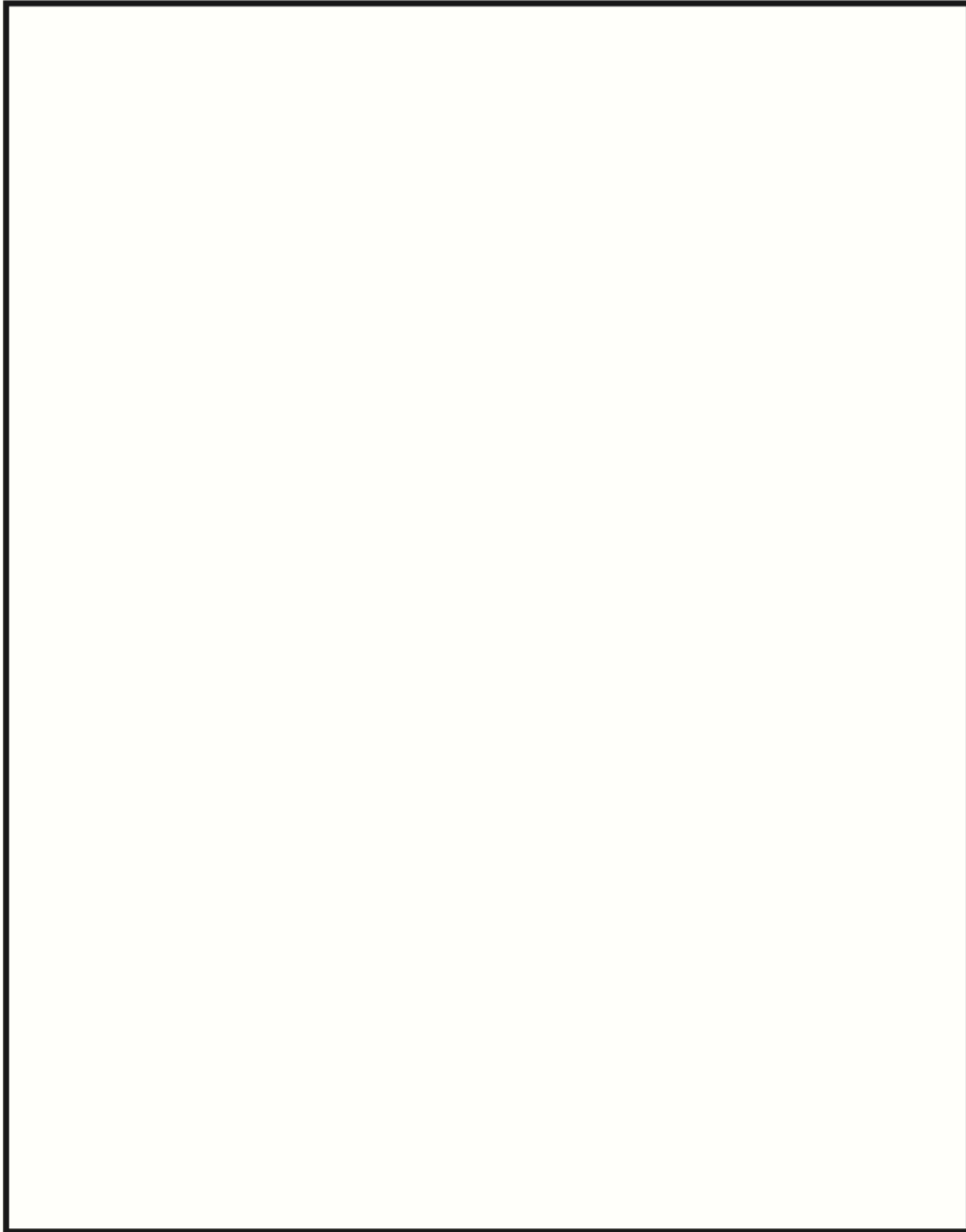
**Min. Heelee Velez** was born and raised in Busan, South Korea. She spent her high school junior year in Virginia Beach, VA, as an exchange student and permanently moved to the US in 2013. She received her Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Christian Education and Formation, and Master of Theology with focus on New Testament from Princeton Theological Seminary, NJ. Prior to joining the Riverside Church, Heelee served as Christian Educator at Rutgers Presbyterian Church on the Upper West Side. She is a candidate for minister of word and sacrament in the Presbyterian Church USA. She is married to her Puerto Rican husband, Rev. Daniel Velez, and is a mom to one beautiful Siberian Husky and two lovely tabbies. Heelee loves playing the piano, hiking, and watching sports games – especially English Premier League (Go, Man Utd!) and Korean Baseball League (Go, Lotte Giants!). She loves working with children, learning and growing with them and seeing God and the world through their innocent and creative eyes.

### **Rev. Jabe Ziino**

*Associate Director of Education and Faith Formation (Youth and Young Adults)*



**Rev. Jabe Ziino** is the Associate Director of Education and Faith Formation, with a special focus on youth and young adults. Prior to joining the Riverside Church, Jabe worked as a hospital chaplain at Mount Sinai Beth Israel on the Lower East Side, and for New York City Health + Hospitals. Before attending seminary, he taught math and science in New York City charter schools. From a theological perspective, Jabe is interested in the contemplative and mystical traditions in Christianity, religious art and iconography, and learning from the diversity of religious and spiritual traditions in the world. He lives in Brooklyn with his husband Tom and their playful dog Goose.

 DRAW IT

1 Corinthians 13 describes what love is and what love looks like. It's patient and kind. It rejoices with the truth. It's full of hope. **Draw a picture of what you think love looks like in your life.**

## TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

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<b>First Sunday Food Collection</b>	Narthex & Security	All Day
<b>Fresh Start</b>	Online	8:30 AM
<b>Breakfast</b> ( <i>available for purchase</i> )	South Hall	8:30 AM
<b>Living the Liturgy</b>	Online	9:00 AM
<b>The Seekers Book Study</b>	323 MLK & Online	9:00 AM
<b>Absolute Beginners Biblical Hebrew</b>	314 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
<b>Onsite Open Bible Study</b>	316 MLK	9:30 AM
<b>Virtual Open Bible Study</b>	Online	9:30 AM
<b>Cherub Choir Rehearsal</b>	717 MLK	9:30 AM
<b>Rising Voices Rehearsal</b>	Chapel of the Cross	9:30 AM
<b>Youth Choir Rehearsal</b>	Chapel of the Cross	10:15 AM
<b>Church Nursery Open</b>	See Usher or Security for Location	10:30 AM
<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b>	Nave & Online	11:00 AM
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	South Hall Lobby	After Service
<b>Lunch</b> ( <i>available for purchase</i> )	South Hall	After Service
<b>Practicing Sabbath</b>	South Hall	After Service
<b>Virtual Coffee Hour</b>	Online	12:30 PM
<b>Budget Forum</b>	10T	1:00 PM
<b>Spring Concert</b>	South Hall & Online	1:00 PM
<b>Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew</b>	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
<b>Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: Music of Latin America</b>		3:00 PM

## THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

### MONDAY, MAY 6

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

### TUESDAY, MAY 7

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<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Online	8:00 AM
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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

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Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Older Adults French Group	321 MLK	10:30 AM
Advanced Beginners Biblical Hebrew II	Online	5:00 PM
Space for Grace	9T & Online	7:00 PM

## THURSDAY, MAY 9

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Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tower League: Bible Study	10T	11:00 AM
Tower League: Older Adult Month Banquet	Assembly Hall	12:00 PM

## FRIDAY, MAY 10

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Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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## SATURDAY, MAY 11

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Riverside Book Club	Online	11:00 AM
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## COMING SOON

Joining Sunday	Sunday, May 12	11:00 AM
Beyoncé and the Hebrew Bible	Wednesday, May 15	6:30 PM

## BUDGET FORUMS

Sunday, May 5	10T	1:00 PM
Sunday, May 12	10T	1:00 PM
Wednesday, May 15	Online	6:30 PM

## 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](https://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](http://trcnyc.org/email). If you're not receiving them, add [communications@trcnyc.org](mailto: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](http://trcnyc.org/membership) to find out more.

### **DOWNLOAD THE RIVERSIDE APP**

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### **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](http://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](http://trcnyc.org/volunteer) for more information.

## **PRACTICING SABBATH**

On first Sundays after worship, we Practice Sabbath as a community. There will be no all-church programming on first Sundays, with the exception of the Rising Voices Concert in May. Programming before worship will continue on all Sundays unless otherwise noted. We will have lunch available for purchase in South Hall, as always.

## **BORROW BAGS**

We understand the challenge of keeping children happily occupied during service, and we have a solution right at the entrance of the nave – our Borrow Bags! These bags are designed to make the worship experience more accessible and enjoyable for both parents and kids. Inside each Borrow Bag, you'll find activities that will captivate and entertain your children while you focus on the service. Ask an usher for more information.

## CONNECT WITH US



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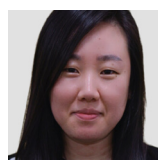
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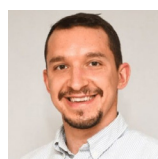
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