

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 17, 2025 | 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:

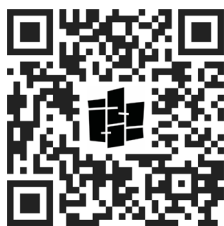
“All organizing is science fiction.
We are imagining a world that doesn’t exist yet.”
— adrienne maree brown

A question for reflection:

What’s one way I can help nurture a person or community who has been excluded,
so they can thrive?

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Visit our Welcome Page to learn more



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Text TRCNYCGIVE to 833.833.4035



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Inspired by Revelation 7:9-17

Assisted listening devices are available to anyone who needs them. Speak to an usher to secure one for service. They can be returned to any usher at the end of service.

*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

Summer Song
beneath a canopy of trees

Terry Vaughn
Joey Brink

Lynnli Wang, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 545

J.S. Bach

Aletheia Teague, *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Tim Dalton

CALL TO WORSHIP

standing as able

Elijah Hartley

One: The Lord is our Shepherd, our hearts shall not fear.

All: We are led beside still waters and rest in green pastures.

One: Though shadows may linger, no evil comes near.

All: God's rod and staff guide us and bring us peace.

One: At God's table, our cup overflows.

All: Goodness and mercy shall follow where we go. Let us worship.

INVOCATION

remain standing

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 387

remain standing, sung by all

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

GLORIA PATRI



LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Laura Miraz

John 14:1-4 (Pew Bible p. 108)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

We Worship You

Richard Smallwood

Oh Lord we come into Your presence and we bow down and worship You.

For being God, for being sovereign we all bow down and worship You.

All of creation, bows down before You giving You honor and praise.

Lord we find peace within Your presence and we bow down and worship You.

You are our strength, our strong deliverer, we all bow down and worship You.

Brandie Sutton, soprano

CHRISTIAN NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Nancy Clark

Revelation 7:9-17 (Pew Bible p. 249)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Tim Dalton

HYMN 343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

SERMON

Imagine the Multitude...Thriving

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

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

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.**

CHORAL AMEN

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Walk Together, Children

Arr. by William Henry Smith

*Walk together, children, don't you get weary,
walk together, children, don't you get weary,
walk together, children, don't you get weary,
there's a great camp meeting in the promised land.*

Walk and never tire, children, don't you get weary, there's a great camp meeting in the promised land.

Sing and never tire, children, don't you get weary, there's a great camp meeting in the promised land.

Shout and never tire, children, don't you get weary, there's a great camp meeting in the promised land.

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 Adult Christian Education Committee,
which supports the Education Ministry in creating and facilitating classes that nurture
the spiritual growth of adults. This committee helps shape meaningful learning experiences
that meet the evolving Christian education needs of our church community.*

SENDING

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN 477 *remain standing, sung by all*
Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

POSTLUDE
Toccata on Amazing Grace

J. Christopher Pardini

Dr. Nathaniel Gumbs, *organist*

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Breakfast <i>(available for purchase)</i>	South Hall	8:30 AM
Open Bible Study	20T & Online	9:30 AM
Family Connect	MLK 321	10:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	Nave & Online	11:00 AM
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	After Service
Coffee Hour	South Hall	After Service
Lunch <i>(available for purchase)</i>	South Hall	After Service
Men's Class	Multipurpose Room	1:00 PM
Carillon Recital	Riverside Church Neighborhood	1:30 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Multifaith Mondays: Witness to Democracy	Columbus Circle	5:30 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	Online	5:30 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Building Committee Meeting	Online	7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Budget & Planning Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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COMING SOON

Ecclesia Ministry	Sunday, August 24	10:00 AM
Church Council Meeting	Monday, August 25	6:30 PM
Beach Day	Saturday, August 30	10:00 AM
The People's Agenda Summit	Saturday, September 6	10:00 AM
The Gathering Concert featuring Broadway Inspirational Voices	Monday, September 15	7:00 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



ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES & ASL INTERPRETATION

Assisted listening devices are available for those who need them, and ASL interpretation is provided on select Sundays. Please see an usher to request a device or to find the best seating for viewing the interpreters.

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.

GRACE SPACE NURSERY

Babies and toddlers are not too young to start learning about God's love for them. The grace space 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.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CARILLON RECITALS

Recitals take place most weeks at 1:30 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.

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.

VOLUNTEER AT RIVERSIDE

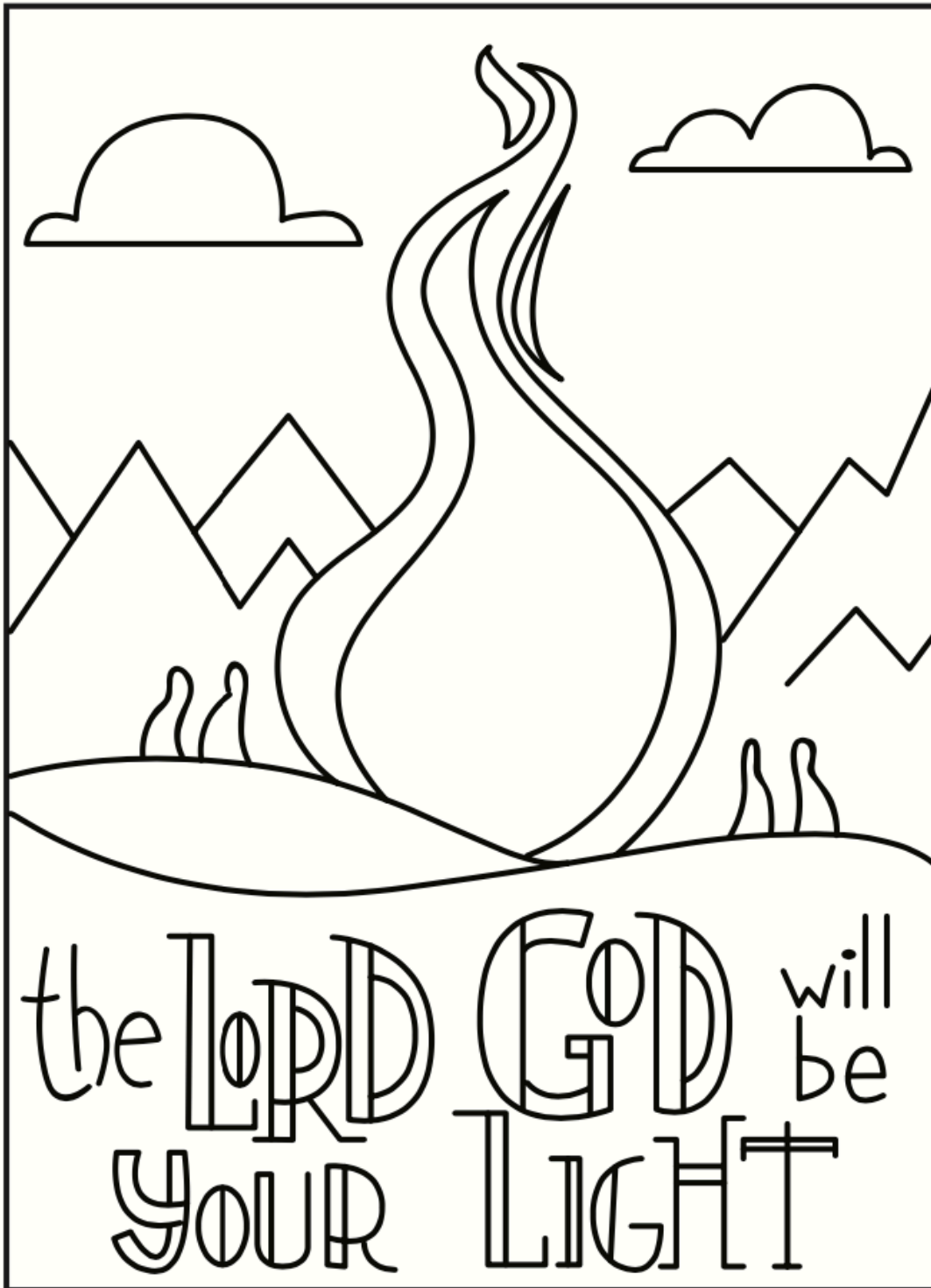
Riverside offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, from ushering to providing support in our social services programs, and so much more! Discover the joy of giving back, and make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. Visit trcnyc.org/volunteer for more information.

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."

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.





PASTORAL TEAM & MINISTERIAL STAFF



Rev. Adriene Thorne
Senior Minister



Rev. Tim Dalton
*Minister for
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Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler
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Ministerial Staff



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Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner
*Minister of Justice,
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Rev. Charlene A. Wingate
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Rev. Jabe Ziino
*Associate Director of
Education and Faith
Formation (Youth and
Young Adults)*

If you or someone you know is experiencing a pastoral emergency, please call 212.870.6710 and ask for the clergy on call.

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