

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 24, 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:

“You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated.”

— Maya Angelou

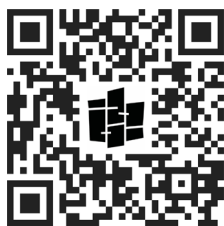
A question for reflection:

Revelation 13:10 says, “*Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.*”

What does endurance look like for you right now?

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Text TRCNYCGIVE to 833.833.4035



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Inspired by Revelation 13:1-18

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

Four Inscriptions

Ellen Dickinson

Lynnli Wang, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Andantino from *First Sonata for Organ*
My Lord, What a Morning

Florence B. Price
Raymond H. Haan

Dr. Nathaniel Gumbs, *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

CALL TO WORSHIP

standing as able

John Hartley

One: Though the nations rage, the Lord is our Shepherd.

All: No fear shall shake us, God leads us to peace.

One: Earthly power trembles, but cannot shake God's throne.

All: The whole world is in the hands of God alone.

One: Blessed are all who take refuge in God.

All: Come! Let us worship with reverence and joy.

INVOCATION

remain standing

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 371

remain standing, sung by all

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Derrick T. Jordan

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

John 12:30-32 (Pew Bible p. 107)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Nora Hartley

SOLO

Deposuit potentes from *Magnificat*

J.S. Bach

*He has put down the mighty from their seat,
and lifted up the lowly.*

Matthew Krenz, *tenor*

CHRISTIAN NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 13:1-18 (Pew Bible p. 253)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Dr. Juanita Kirton, Mary Mathai

HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ASSAM

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed
 2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low, Though no one join me,
 3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, The world be - hind me,

— to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
 — still I will fol - low, Though no one join me, still I will
 — The cross be - fore me, The world be - hind me, the cross be -

Je - sus No turn - ing back no turn - ing back!
 fol - low no turn - ing back,
 fore me

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. Dr. Leah Fowler

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

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Moses Hogan

*I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.
Lord, when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

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 Membership Ministry, which is dedicated to accompanying our church members and prospective members on their spiritual journeys.

SENDING

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN 485

remain standing, sung by all

To God Be The Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

BENEDICTION

remain standing

Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

POSTLUDE

Paean

Herbert Howells

Aletheia Teague, organist

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Breakfast <i>(available for purchase)</i>	South Hall	8:30 AM
Open Bible Study	20T & Online	9:30 AM
Ecclesia Ministry	Assembly Hall Kitchen	10:00 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
Carillon Recital	Riverside Church Neighborhood	1:30 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Multifaith Mondays: Witness to Democracy	Columbus Circle	5:30 PM
Church Council Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Beach Day	Coney Island, Brooklyn	8:00 AM
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COMING SOON

Jazz Sunday | Sunday Morning Worship
Homecoming Sunday
The Gathering Concert featuring
Broadway Inspirational Voices

Sunday, September 7
Sunday, September 14
Monday, September 15

11:00 AM
11:00 AM
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

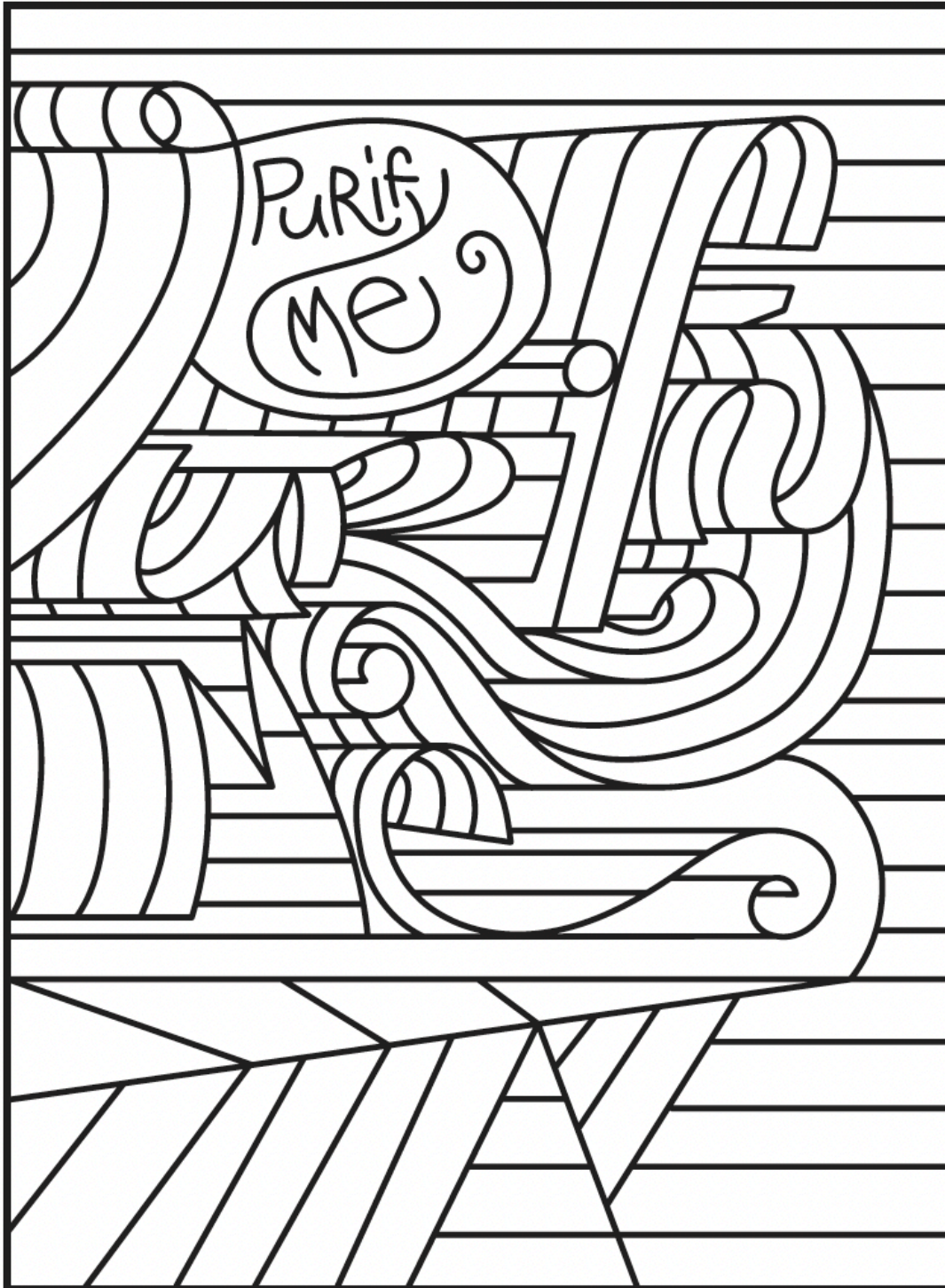
Riverside offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, from ushering to providing support in our social services programs, and so much more! Discover the joy of giving back, and make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. Visit trcnyc.org/volunteer for more information.

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."

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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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and Older Adults*



Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler
*Minister for
Intergenerational Christian
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Rev. Derrick T. Jordan
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Rev. Jim Keat
*Minister of Digital
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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.

PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

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