

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 9, 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:

“As a single drop of water fills a bucket, so do small deeds of evil;
as a single drop of water fills a bucket, so do small deeds of good.”

— Buddha

A question for reflection:

What is one drop of justice you can bring into the world?

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ASL Interpreters

Avery Gordon and M. Lisa Lockley

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Inspired by Amos 1:1–2, 5:14–15, 5:21–24.

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

Da Pacem Domine
Lament and Alleulia

Geert D'hollander
Alice Gomez

Lynnli Wang, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Prelude and Fugue on BACH

Franz Liszt

Paul Byssainthe, *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

INTROIT

The Road Home

Stephen Paulus

*Tell me, where is the road
I can call my own
That I left, that I lost
So long ago?
All these years I have wandered
Oh, when will I know
There's a way, there's a road
That will lead me home*

*After wind, after rain
When the dark is done
As I wake from a dream
In the gold of day
Through the air there's a calling
From far away
There's a voice I can hear
That will lead me home*

*Rise up, follow me
Come away, is the call
With the love in your heart
As the only song
There is no such beauty
As where you belong
Rise up, follow me
I will lead you home*

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

Nadia King

One: Imagine a world where justice rolls down like a river.

***All:* We come thirsty for that living stream.**

One: Imagine a people who seek good and not evil.

***All:* We come to walk in the light of God's ways.**

One: Imagine worship that breathes love into action.

***All:* Let our songs rise and our hearts dream of a healed world. Let us worship God.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *remain standing, sung by all*

God of Justice Everflowing

NETTLETON

1. God of Jus - tice ev - er - flow - ing, Right-eous - ness be - yond De - gree.
2. Com - ing as a ti - ny ba - by, giv - ing up your power and might;
3. Some may ce - le - brate with pre - sents, some may greet the day through tears,
Breath of Mer - cy ev - er blow - ing through our world to set us free,
so in ten - der - ness we may be moved to jus - tice, love and light,
still in all, your Ho - ly Pre - sence glad - dens hearts, casts out our fears.
You have lift - ed up the hum - ble and the thrones of power cast down.
Help us see in ev - ery child that the Christ Child dwells with - in.
Teach us how to live more sim - ply, that we all may sim - ply live,
Caused the proud of heart to stum - ble. Sent a child to wear a crown.
Calls us to be re - con - ciled, leads to jus - tice, frees from sin.
car - ing for the poor and lone - ly, in Christ's name our live to give.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Jabe Ziino

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

GLORIA PATRI

1. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

ANTHEM

Shake The Devil Off

Dorothy Norwood, Johnny Thompson

*Shake, Shake, Shake!
Shake the devil off
In the name of Jesus - Shake the devil off.*

*He's under my feet!
Shake the devil off.
In the name of Jesus - Shake the devil off.*

*Don't let him ride ---he might want to drive.
Don't let him drag you down, put you on the ground.
He's out there seeking whom he may devour.
You've got to rebuke him - shake him a-loose somehow.*

*Satan, I rebuke you! Shake the devil off,
In the name of Jesus Shake the devil off.*

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

John 7:37-38 (*Pew Bible p. 100*)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Laura Sasaki Norton

HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24 (*Pew Bible p. 849*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Michael Chase

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Jim Keat

HYMN 434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

SERMON

One Drop of Justice

Rev. Jim Keat

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. Derrick T. Jordan

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE *standing as able*

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Precious Lord

T. Dorsey, Arr. Arnold Sevier

*Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear,
Precious, Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
At the river, Lord, I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.*

*Yes, He did, oh Lordy yes He did.
And He told old Pharoah's host to stop!
Yes, He did, oh Lordy yes He did.*

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 AND DEDICATION *remain standing* Min. Jillian Langford

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Personnel & Salary Committee, which partners with our staff to create an organizational culture where every member of our staff team is valued for their contributions to our collective ministry and treated with dignity and respect.

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

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BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Jim Keat

POSTLUDE

Fugue in F, BWV 540/ii

J.S. Bach

Dr. Nathaniel Gumbs, organist

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Breakfast <i>(available for purchase)</i>	South Hall	8:30 AM
Fresh Start	Online	8:30 AM
Adult Confirmation Class	320 MLK & Online	9:00 AM
Congregational Care Team Training	MPR	9:00 AM
Seekers Book Study	323 MLK & Online	9:00 AM
Absolute Beginners Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Open Bible Study	316 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
ParentConnect	321 MLK & Online	10:00 AM
Cherub Choir	721 MLK	10:00 AM
Rising Voices & Youth Choir	311 MLK	10:00 AM
Grace Space Nursery	See Usher or Security for Location	10:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	Nave & Online	11:00 AM
Coffee Hour	South Hall Lobby	After Service
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	After Service
Lunch <i>(available for purchase)</i>	South Hall	After Service
Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:00 PM
African Fellowship Meeting	MLK 311	1:30 PM
Carillon Recital	Riverside Neighborhood	1:30 PM
Maranatha Meeting	MPR	1:30 PM
Emergency Preparedness	Assembly Hall	2:00PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tower League Morning Bible Study	Online	11:00 AM
Multifaith Monday Vigil	Columbus Circle	5:30 PM
MCPL Commission Meeting	Online	6:00 PM
Worship Commission Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Nominating Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
Education Commission Meeting	Online	7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Older Adults French Group	321 MLK	10:30 AM
Intermediate Beginners Biblical Hebrew	Online	5:30 PM
Dinner Church	9T Library	6:30 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Everybody's Night	10T	6:00 PM

COMING SOON

Guest Preacher: Bishop William J. Barber II	Sunday, November 16	11:00 AM
Informal Congregational Meeting	Sunday, November 16	1:00 PM
Vocal Recital: Silent Stories	Sunday, November 16	3:00 PM
Thanksgiving Day Service	Thursday, November 27	11:00 AM
Annual Thanksgiving Brunch	Thursday, November 27	12:00 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

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UNSCRAMBLE IT

From Micah 6:8, what does God want from us most?
Unscramble the words to find out! ("To do justice,
love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.")

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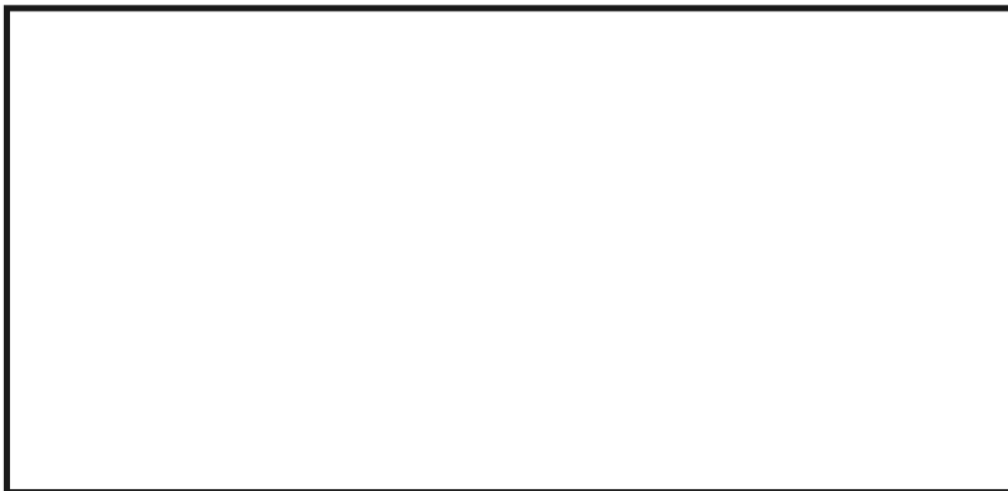
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L K W A B U H M Y L I T W H

U O Y R O G D .

 DOODLE AREA

Draw a picture of someone you want to pray for.





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