

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



LOVE
MADE PUBLIC

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 1, 2026 | 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:

Love is a sacrament that should be taken kneeling, and Domine non sum dignus (Lord, I am not worthy) should be on the lips and in the hearts of those who receive it.

- Oscar Wilde, De Profundis

A question for reflection:

Kneeling is not the loss of power but the truest form of power. How does this change your understanding of power?

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ASL Interpreters

Terrona Evans and Rev. Dr. LeWanda Miller

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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 and prepare our hearts to worship God.

CARILLON

How Can I Keep from Singing?
Southern Harmony
Crucifer

arr. Austin Ferguson
Ellen Dickinson
arr. Beverly Buchanan

Carla Staffaroni, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

In Quiet Mood

Florence Price

Paul Byssainthe, Jr., *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Dr. Jillian langford

INTROIT

God Be In My Head

John Rutter

*God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in my heart and in my thinking.
God be at mine end and in my departing.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

standing as able

Nora Hartley

One: Welcome to all who have come in search of something;

All: We have come to seek the living God.

One: Happy are those who find God's way and follow God's path;

All: We do not make this Lenten journey by ourselves.

One: Blessed are those who give their lives over to their Creator.

All: In faith, in trust, and with hope, let us worship God.

INVOCATION

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN #396

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O For A Closer Walk With God

CAITHNESS

LISTENING

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

HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51:7-12 (*Pew Bible page 520*)

Ayana Mathis

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-17 (*Pew Bible page 107*)

Yemi Abioye

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Mira Sawlani- Joyner

HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians

ST. BRENDAN'S



- 1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the
- 2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each
- 3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, we will work with each
- 4. All_ praise our Cre - a - tor, from_ whom all things come, and all praise to Christ



Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-
 oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
 oth-er, we will work side by side, and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's
 Je- sus, God's_ on - ly_ Son, and all praise to the Spir- it, who_ makes us_



stored: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our
 land:
 pride:
 one:



love, yes, they'll know_ we are Christ-tians by our love._____

SERMON

Take a Knee

Rev. Adriene Thorne

MOMENT FOR 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

Rev. Jabe Ziino

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let Us Love In Deed and Truth

Larry King

*If anyone has the world's goods, and sees his neighbor in need,
Yet closes his heart against him,
how does God's love abide in him?
Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth.
By this we shall know that we are of the truth:
We have confidence before our God,
And we receive from him whatever we ask,
Because we keep his commandments, and do what pleases him.
And this is his commandment,
that we should believe in his Son, Jesus Christ,
and love one another.*

AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY *standing as able*

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**

standing as able

Rev. Derrick T. Jordan

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Church School teachers, who provide our children with wisdom and inspiration for their faith journeys, and demonstrate to all of us how to serve our youngest siblings in Christ.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

Following each petition, join in the following response:

One: God, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

**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

Riverside Pastoral Staff

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.**

One: Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?

***All:* We give thanks for God's work of creation and salvation.**

SANCTUS

SCHUBERT

1.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

2.
might. Heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo -
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three systems of music. The first system is marked '1.' and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.' The second system is marked '2.' and contains the lyrics 'might. Heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo -' and 'Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' The third system contains the lyrics 'ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' Each system features a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The piano part consists of chords and simple melodic lines that support the vocal melody.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: Why do we eat bread at this table?

All: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying...

One: Why do we drink from the cup of this table?

All: The same night, Jesus took the cup of this table, saying...

One: What do we remember at this table?

All: We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died, then rose, glorified, rose, glorified.

Christ will come and be known to us, again.

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!

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

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 # 357

standing as able

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

MARYTON

BENEDICTION

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Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE

Toccata, Op. 108

Albert Renaud (1855-1924)

Stephen Tharp, *organist*





SERMON NOTES

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE - WE INVITE YOU

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Breakfast (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	8:30 AM
Fresh Start	Online	8:30 AM
Seekers Book Study	323 MLK & Online	9:00 AM
Congregational Care Team Training	Multipurpose Room	9:00 AM
Absolute Beginners Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Open Bible Study	316 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
ParentConnect	318 MLK & Online	10:00 AM
Grace Space Nursery	See Usher or Security for Location	10:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	Nave & Online	11:00 AM
Coffee Hour	South Hall Lobby	After Service
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	After Service
Practicing Sabbath	South Hall	After Service
Lunch (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	After Service
Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:00 PM
Carillon Recital	Riverside Neighborhood	1:30 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE - WE INVITE YOU

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411MLK	10:00 AM
Tower League Bible Study	Online	11:00 AM
Multifaith Monday:	Columbus Circle	5:30 PM
Witness to Democracy		
Speak Peace into Power:	Online	6:30 PM
Advocacy Training with Action Corps		

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Education Commission meeting	Online	7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Service Program for Older People	By Appointment Only	9:00 AM
Older Adults French Group	MLK 321	10:30 AM
Midweek Bible Study	Online	12:30 PM
Intermediate Beginners Biblical Hebrew	Online	5:30 PM
Space for Grace	9T & Online	7:00 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tower League Meeting	Online	1:30 PM
Personnel & Salary Committee Meeting	Online	6:00 PM
Mission and Social Justice Commission Meeting	Online	7:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
A Lenten Healing Retreat	Bus Departs From Riverside Church	6:30 PM

SERVICE PROGRAM FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Riverside Church partners with Service Program for Older People (SPOP). SPOP's mission is to enhance the quality of life of older adults and to foster their independent living through the delivery of comprehensive mental health and supportive services, advocacy and education. If you need support please reach out to Riverside's Director of Social Services, Alexandra Pimentel at apimentel@trcnyc.org.

SPOP

SERVICE PROGRAM FOR OLDER PEOPLE

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

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