

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



LOVE
MADE PUBLIC

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 22, 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:

The moment we choose to love we begin to move against domination, against oppression. The moment we choose to love we begin to move towards freedom, to act in ways that liberate ourselves and others. That action is the testimony of love as the practice of freedom.

-bell hooks, "Love as the Practice of Freedom"

A question for reflection:

What would it look like for us to love in ways that liberate others this week?

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ASL Interpreters

M. Lisa Lockley and Avery Gordon

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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

Weary of Earth
Pastel in Bronze
Christ Whose Glory

arr. Beverly Buchanan
Albert Gerken
arr. Beverly Buchanan

Lynnl Wang, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Prelude & Fugue in A minor

Johannes Brahms

Paul Byssainthe, Jr. , organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Jabe Ziino

INTROIT

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

*God so loved the world.
God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth, believeth in Him
should not perish, should not perish
but have everlasting life.*

*For God sent not His Son into the world
to condemn the world.
God sent not His Son into the world
to condemn the world;
But that the world through Him might be saved.*

*God so loved the world.
God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth, believeth in Him
should not perish, should not perish
but have everlasting life, everlasting life,
everlasting, everlasting life.
God so loved the world.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

standing as able

Mariel Crawford

One: Do not trust in rulers or powers that cannot save.

***All:* Our hope rests in God, maker of heaven and earth.**

One: God feeds the hungry, frees the captive, and lifts the bowed down.

***All:* This is love made public among us.**

One: God keeps faith, defends the oppressed, and walks with the weary.

***All:* Let us worship and enlarge our hearts.**

INVOCATION

standing as able

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #483

remain standing

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Jim Keat

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - eous-ness;

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make thy way plain be - fore my face.

LISTENING

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

HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 146 (*Pew Bible page 581*)

Irwin Reese

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:1-16a (*Pew Bible page 113*)

Dennis Day and Marcella Bullmaster-Day

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Tim Dalton

HYMN #298

There's A Wideness In God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

SERMON

Lawful Lynching

Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

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

Pray in the language or version closest to 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

RESPONDING

We respond to the hearing of God's word through prayer, passing the peace, offering, and monthly communion.

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

Jesu, The Very Thought of Thee

Gordon Slater
Arr. Paul Halley

*Jesu, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.*

*No voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Thy blest Name,
O Savior of mankind!*

*O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!*

*But what to those who find? Ah, this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is,
None but His loved ones know.*

*Jesu, our only joy be Thou,
As Thou our prize will be;
Jesus be Thou our glory now,
And through eternity.*

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 *remain standing*
AND DEDICATION

Rev. Derrick T. Jordan

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Building Committee, which seeks to maintain and develop the buildings and spaces on Riverside's campus in support of the mission and values of our church.

SENDING

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN #84 *remain standing*
In The Cross of Christ I Glory

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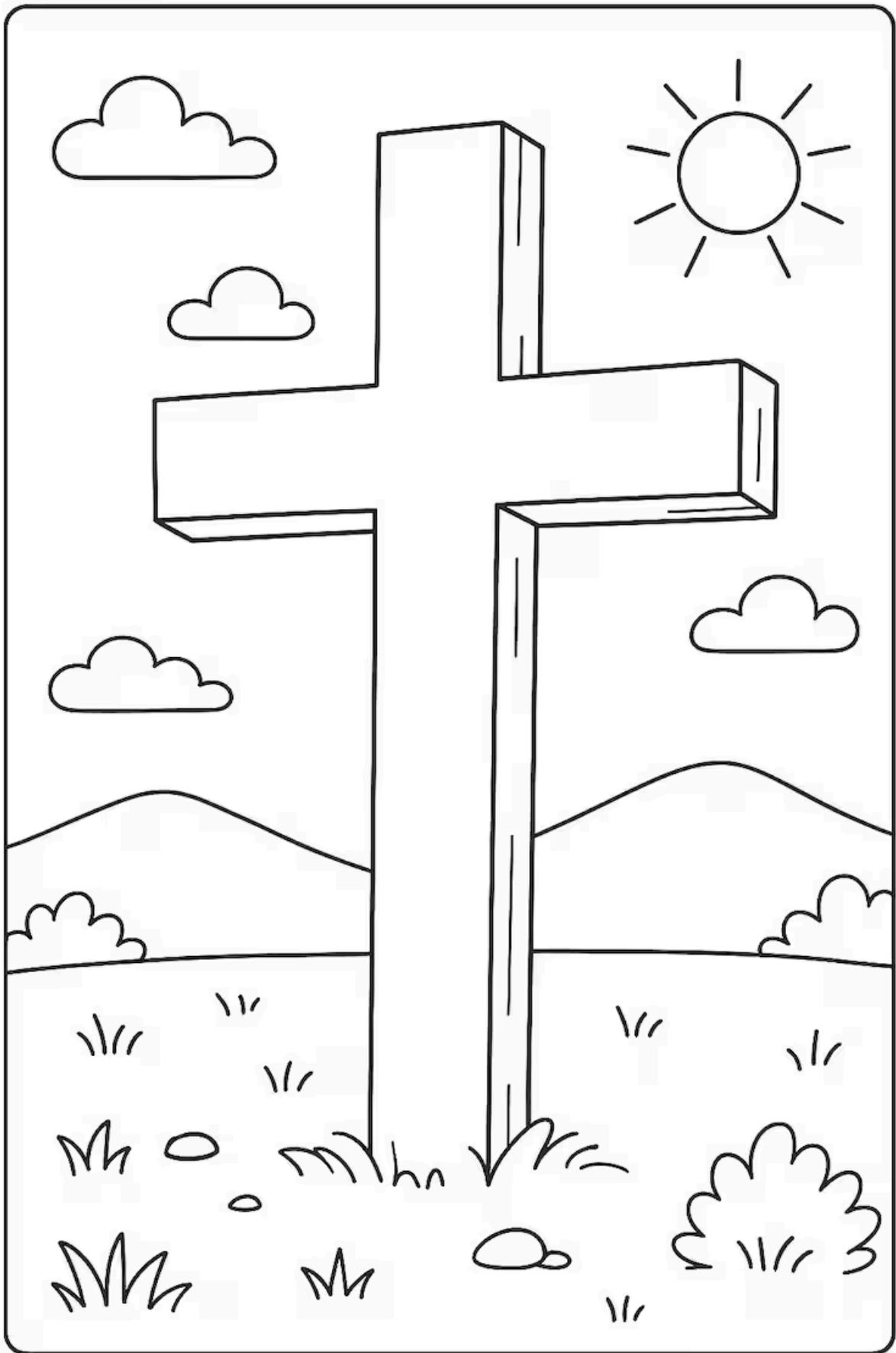
BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

POSTLUDE
Allegro assai vivace from Sonata 1, Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn

Dr. Nathaniel Gumbs, *organist*



SERMON NOTES

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE - YOU ARE INVITED

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

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
Absolute Beginners Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Open Bible Study	316 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Parent Connect	318 MLK & Online	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
Ecclesia Ministry	Assembly Hall Kitchen	12:50 PM
Carillon Recital	Riverside Neighborhood	1:30 PM
Celebrating Art Songs & Jazz by African American Women Composers	9T	1:00 PM
Thunderbirds Pow Wow Spring Equinox	South Hall	1:30 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE - YOU ARE INVITED

MONDAY, MARCH 23

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	330 MLK	10:00 AM
Tower League Bible Study	Online	11:00 AM
Multifaith Monday:	Columbus Circle	5:30 PM
Witness to Democracy		
North Star Bible Study	Online	6:00 PM
Church Council Meeting	Online	7:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Service Program for Older People (SPOP)	By Appointment Only	9:00 AM
Older Adults French Group	321 MLK	10:30 AM
Midweek Bible Study	Online	12:30 PM
Intermediate Beginners Biblical Hebrew	Online	5:00 PM
Dinner Church	9T Library	5:30 PM
Short Circles: Lent-Love Made Public	Online	7:00 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	330 MLK	10:00 AM
Tower League Bible Study	10T	11:00 AM
Tower League Luncheon	Assembly Hall	12:00 PM
Movie Outing with Riverside: THE FIRST HYMN	Regal Times Square 13	7:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

**Theatre of the Oppressed
Uptown Ministry** Multipurpose Room 1:00 PM

No Kings March Please Sign up In
trcnyc.org/signup for location 1:00 PM

COMING SOON

Palm Sunday Worship Sunday, March 29 11:00 AM

**Crown and Cross: A Passion
Sunday Concert** Sunday, March 29 3:00 PM

**Maundy Thursday Service of
Communion, Dinner, and Foot-Washing** Thursday, April 2 5:30 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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PASTORAL TEAM AND MINISTERIAL STAFF



Rev. Adriene Thorne
Senior Minister



Rev. Tim Dalton
Minister for Congregational
Care and Older Adults



Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler
Minister for Intergenerational
Christian Education and Formation



Rev. Derrick T. Jordan
Ministerial Staff



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Dr. Jillian Langford
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Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner
Minister of Justice, Advocacy,
and Change



Rev. Charlene A. Wingate
Ministerial Staff



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

Paul Byssainthe, Jr.
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