

# THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

## IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 5, 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:

“Father forgive them,” is not the plea that comes once a year but the opportunity that comes every day. The idea of forgiving is a daily possibility and if it is sincerely done, it will lift [humans] to higher and higher levels of being. [They] will experience a daily Easter, and Easter is the idea of rising transformed...for we are free according to our capacity to forgive.”

-Neville Goddard

**A question for reflection:**

Where in your life do you most need to reimagine resurrection?

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## ASL Interpreters

Canara Price and Sheldon Price

## Cover art by Jamil De Honney

*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.*

## A NOTE ABOUT THE FLOWERS

At Riverside Church, we like to adorn the nave and other building spaces with beautiful foliage. We believe that the array of varied, colorful plants and flowers is a spectacular gift from God. They enhance worship, offering a beautiful and fragrant adornment and entry point to the Sunday morning experience. However, temperature fluctuations and other variables make keeping fresh flowers alive and beautiful a challenge. Therefore, we have invested in sustainable (i.e. faux) foliage. Many of the flowers in the nave, the narthex, and the Claremont corridor are faux flowers. We are grateful for the advancements that make them look real. Throughout the year, they will be interspersed with live foliage. We give God thanks that we can beautify our sacred space in this way while also being good stewards and caretakers of the planet.

# GATHERING

*We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God.*

## CARILLON

Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today  
Welcome, Happy Morning  
Kyrie

arr. Beverly Buchanan  
arr. Beverly Buchanan  
Alice Gomez

Lynnli Wang, *carillonneur*

## EASTER BRASS PRELUDE

Pavan  
Fancy à 6  
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Al Folgorante Sguardo

Anthony Bassano  
Giovanni Coperario  
John Ward  
Giovanni Coperario

Trumpets: David Puchkoff, Grace O'Connell, Diogo Feldman  
Trombones: Bradley Ward, Thomas Hutchinson, Nicholas Schwartz  
Timpani: Anthony Korf

## SWINGING OF THE GREAT TOWER BELLS

### INTROIT

This Joyful Eastertide

Charles Wood

*This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.*

*Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain—but now is Christ arisen!*

*My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:  
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.*

*Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*standing as able*

Laila Sene

*One:* Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen, indeed!**

*One:* Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen, indeed!**

*One:* Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**All: Let us worship with gladness!**

**INVOCATION**

*standing as able*

Dr. Jillian Langford

**HYMN IN PROCESSION #123**

*remain standing*

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

**WELCOME**

Rev. Thorne

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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

Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

## LISTENING

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

### HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:21-29 (*Pew Bible page 565*)

Ranardo-Domeico Grays

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

Easter Antiphon

David Hurd

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
The Lord is risen, is risen indeed;  
Come, let us adore Him.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
The Lord is my strength and my song,  
And He has become my salvation.  
There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!  
The right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"*

*I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.  
The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.*

*This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
On this day the Lord has acted;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
The Lord is risen, is risen indeed;  
Come, let us adore Him.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING**

John 20:1-18 (*Pew Bible page 114*)

Barbara Mellor

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES  
FOR BAPTISM (immersion)**

Rev. Adriene Thorne

*Destiny Reyes*

**PRAYER FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES  
FOR DEDICATION AND BAPTISM**

**INFANT DEDICATION**

Rev. Tim Dalton

*Madiba Wendy Adele Dipita  
Oluremi Charles Smith*

**INFANT BAPTISM**

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler and Rev. Derrick T. Jordan

*Valentina Hales*

## PRAYER FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

**HYMN #119**  
The Strife is O'er

*standing as able*

Victory

**SERMON**

Resurrection Reimagined

Rev. Adriene Thorne

## MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jabe Ziino

*Leader:* We have heard the Word of God read and proclaimed. Now let us respond by praying for each other, for the church, and for the world.

*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

Martha Butler Cook

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sing Ye, to the Lord

Edward C. Bairstow

*Sing ye to the Lord,  
For He hath triumphed gloriously.  
Pharoah's chariots and his host  
Hath He cast into the sea.*

*Mighty victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath Thee lie;  
Thou hast conquer'd in the fight,  
Thou hast brought us life and light.*

*Now no more can death appal,  
Now no more the grave enthral,  
Thou hast open'd Paradise,  
And in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.*

*Alleluia, Amen.*

**AT THE PRESENTATION**

*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**

*remain standing*

Rev. Jim Keat

*Today we celebrate the ministry of Riverside's Beloved Earth Community, which knows that protecting the earth starts with us; one individual, one group, one congregation at a time. We can be the change that starts us on a path to sustainability.*

**THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS**

*remain standing*

George Frederick Handel

The congregation stands and sings with the choir.

## SENDING

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

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN #113**

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today!

*remain standing*

LLANFAIR

### **BENEDICTION**

*remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

### **POSTLUDE**

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

Stephen Tharp, *organist*

# Hallelujah

From Messiah

Revelation 11:15, 19:6, 16

George Frideric Handel

1685-1759

Allegro

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah,

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah,

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Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah,

S.

A.

T.

B.

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, for the Lord

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, for the Lord

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S.

A.

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B.

God Om - ni - po - tent reign - eth, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,

God Om - ni - po - tent reign - eth, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, for the Lord

God Om - ni - po - tent reign - eth, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, for the Lord

God Om - ni - po - tent reign - eth, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, for the Lord

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S. Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal le - lu - jah, Hal -

A. for the Lord God Om - ni - po - tent reign - eth, Hal-le-lu-jah,

T. for the Lord God Om - ni - po - tent reign - eth, Hal -

B. Hal-le - lu-jah, Hal-le - lu-jah, Hal-le - lu-jah, Hal-le - lu-jah, Hal-le - lu-jah, Hal-le -

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S. le - lu - jah! The King- dom of this world is be - come the King- dom of our Lord and of His

A. Hal-le-lu-jah! The King- dom of this world is -be - come the King- dom of our Lord and of His

T. le - lu-jah! The King- dom of this world is be - come the King- dom of our Lord and of His

B. lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah! The King- dom of this world is be - come the King- dom of our Lord and of His

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S. Christ, and of His Christ,

A. Christ, and of His Christ,

T. Christ, and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ev - er and ev -

B. Christ, and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ev-er and ev - er, for ev-er and ev - er, and He shall

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S. and He shall reign for ev - er and ev -

A. and He shall reign for ev - er and ev - er, forev-er, and ev-er, for ev - er and

T. er, and He shall reign for ev - er and ev - er, and He shall reign for ev-er and

B. reign, and He shall reign for ev-er, for ev-er and ev-er, for ev-er and ev-er for ev - er, for ev-er and

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S. er, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords,

A. ev- er, King of Kings and Lord of Lords

T. ev- er, for ev- er and ev- er, Hal-le-lu- jah, Hal-le - lu- jah, for ev- er and

B. ev- er, for ev- er and ev- er, Hal-le-lu- jah, Hal-le - lu- jah, for ev- er and

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S. King of Kings, and Lord of

A. for ev- er and ev- er, Hal-le-lu- jah, Hal-le - lu- jah,

T. ev- er Hal-le-lu- jah, Hal-le - lu- jah, for ev- er and ev- er, Hal-le-lu- jah, Hal-le - lu- jah,

B. ev- er Hal-le-lu- jah, Hal-le - lu- jah, for ev- er and ev- er, Hal-le-lu- jah, Hal-le - lu- jah,

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S. Lords, King of Kings,

A. for ev-er and ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, for ev-er and ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-

T. for ev-er and ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, for ev-er and ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-

B. for ev-er and ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, for ev-er and ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-

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S. and Lord of Lords, and Lord of Lords, and He shall reign, and

A. lu-jah, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and He shall reign, and He shall

T. lu-jah, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and He shall reign, and He shall reign,

B. lu-jah, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and He shall reign for ev-er and ev-er,

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S. He shall reign for ev-er and ev-er, for ev-er and ev-er,

A. reign for ev-er and ev-er, King of Kings for ev-er and ev-er, and Lord of

T. and He shall reign for ev-er and ev-er, King of Kings and Lord of

B. and He shall reign for ev-er and ev-er, King of Kings, for ev-er and ev-er, and Lord of

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## EASTER HONOREES

To honor these loved ones, contributions were made to support The Riverside Church's programs and ministries through the Imagine the Impossible annual giving campaign.



In loving memory of **Dr. Emily B. Anderson**, beloved wife of Clarence Anderson and mother to daughters Victoria & Vanessa Anderson. - Clarence Anderson

In loving memory of **Harold Salmon**, Remembering and missing you, Daddy! Love the Salmon Family. - Phil Salmon

In loving memory of **Nadine Hinds**. Rest well, Mommy. We understand the assignment. - Lisa Hinds

In loving memory of **Hipolito Gajilan Jr.** May Lolo Lito's memory continue to guide his family in love, wisdom, and courage. - Chris Gajilan

In loving memory of **Ester Manley-James**. Sleep in heavenly peace, my dear sister. - Henry Manley

In remembrance of **Joseph Montero**, beloved husband, father, & Papa. Your love continues to be our steadfast anchor as you remain ever present in your absence. - Aida Montero

In loving memory of **Marilyn and Elijah Thorne**. To whom much is given, much is required. Rest well. - Adriene & Petal

*He is risen*  
EASTER SUNDAY



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## TODAY AT RIVERSIDE - YOU ARE INVITED

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

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<b>Breakfast</b> ( <i>available for purchase</i> )	Assembly Hall	8:30 AM
<b>Fresh Start</b>	Online	8:30 AM
<b>Grace Space Nursery</b>	See Usher or Security for Location	10:00 AM
<b>Resurrection Sunday Worship</b>	Nave & Online	11:00 AM
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Assembly Hall	After Service
<b>Virtual Coffee Hour</b>	Online	After Service
<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>	Cloister Lobby	12:30 PM
<b>Easter Brunch</b> ( <i>ticketed event</i> )	South Hall	12:30 PM
<b>Carillon Recital</b>	Riverside Neighborhood	1:30 PM

## THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE - YOU ARE INVITED

### MONDAY, APRIL 6 - BUILDING CLOSED

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<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Online	8:00 AM
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### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

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<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Online	8:00 AM
<b>Education Commission</b>	Online	7:00 PM

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

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<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Online	8:00 AM
<b>Service Program for Older People (SPOP)</b>	By Appointment Only	9:00 AM
<b>Older Adults French Group</b>	321 MLK	10:30 AM
<b>Intermediate Beginners Biblical Hebrew</b>	Online	5:30 PM
<b>Space For Grace</b>	9T & Online	7:00 PM

## THURSDAY, APRIL 9

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

## FRIDAY, APRIL 10

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<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Online	8:00 AM
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## SATURDAY, APRIL 11

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<b>Beloved Earth Community Ministry Meeting</b>	Online	1:00 PM
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Visit [trcnyc.org/LOC](https://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.

## COMING SOON

<b>Congregational Care Team Training</b>	Sunday, April 12	9:00 AM
<b>“The Milagro Beanfield War” Film by Robert Redford</b>	Saturday, April 18	2:00 PM
<b>B’s &amp; P’s Bake Sale</b>	Sunday, April 19	12:30 PM
<b>Earth Day Cosmic Walk</b>	Sunday, April 19	12:30 PM

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## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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  
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**Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler**  
Minister for Intergenerational  
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**Rev. Derrick T. Jordan**  
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**Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner**  
Minister of Justice, Advocacy,  
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**Rev. Charlene A. Wingate**  
Ministerial Staff



**Rev. Jabe Ziino**  
Associate Director of Education  
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