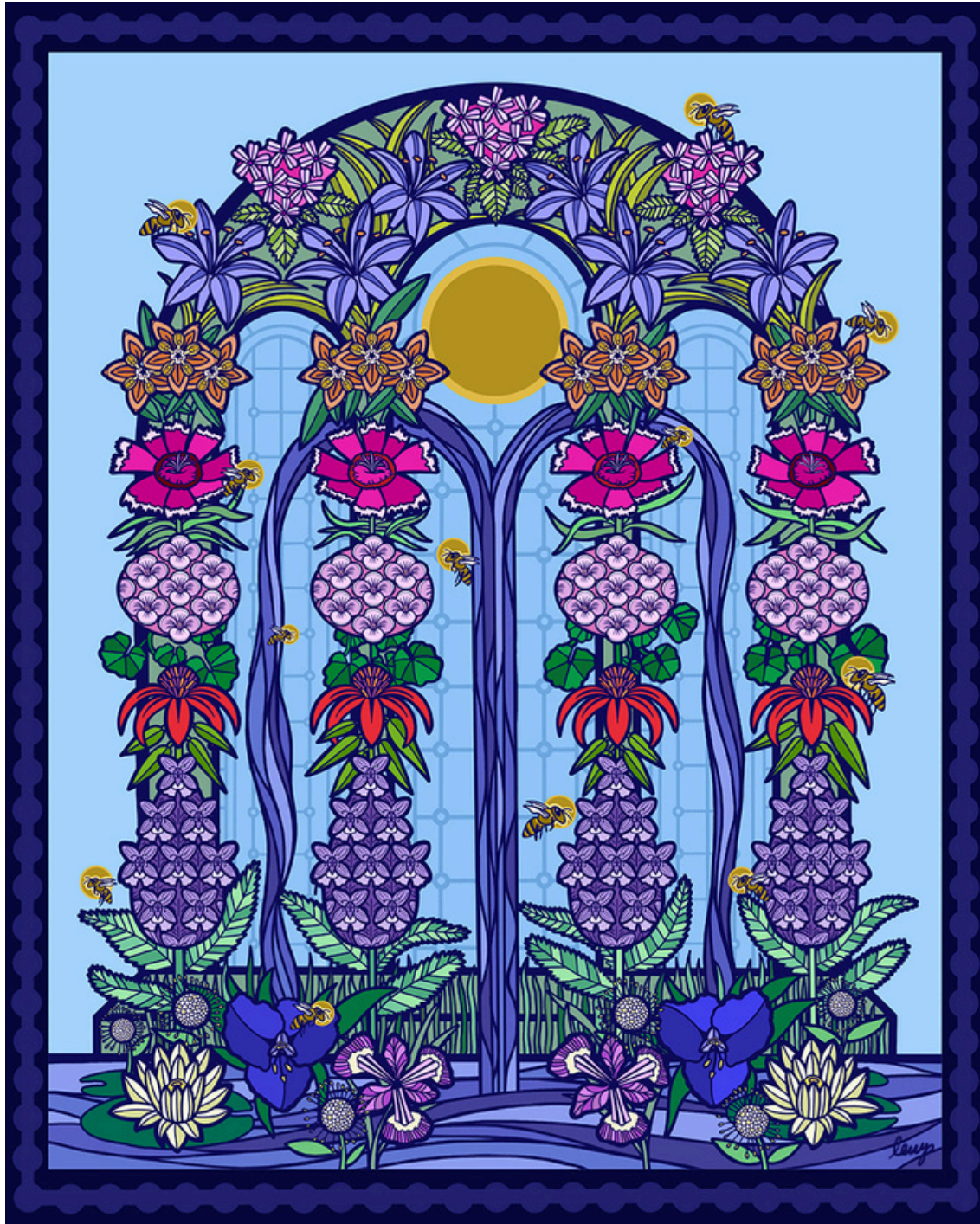


THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 7, 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:

“I think this is what hooks one to gardening: it is the closest one can come to being present at creation.”

- Phyllis Theroux

A question for reflection:

If God is inviting us to plant seeds, where does Riverside need to loosen its grip so that God's vision can take root among us?

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ASL Interpreters

Avery Gordon and M. Lisa Lockley

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

When in Our Music God is Glorified (Engelberg)
Just as I am, Without One Plea (Woodworth)
Ar Hyd, y Nos

Richard Giszczak
Theophil Rusterholz
Theophil Rusterholz

Carla Staffaroni, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Tierce en Taille

Nicolas de Grigny

Paul Byssainthe, Jr., *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Dr. Jillian Langford

INTROIT

Walk Together Children

William Henry Smith

*Walk together, children, don't you get weary,
walk together, children, don't you get weary,
walk together, children, don't you get weary,
there's a great camp meeting in the promised land.*

*Sing together, children, don't you get weary,
sing together, children, don't you get weary,
sing together, children, don't you get weary,
there's a great camp meeting in the promised land.*

*Pray together, children, don't you get weary,
pray together, children, don't you get weary,
pray together, children, don't you get weary,
there's a great camp meeting in the promised land.*

*Work together, children, don't you get weary,
work together, children, don't you get weary,
work together, children, don't you get weary,
there's a great camp meeting in the promised land.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

standing as able

Sterling Jenkins

One: Beloved, listen to this!—a holy promise braided with a holy calling. God speaks:

***All:* If we lift the yoke from another's shoulders, release the clenched fist, and quiet the word that wounds...**

One: If we pour ourselves out for the hungry, and let our lives become shelter for the oppressed...

***All:* Then light will break forth in our darkness, and the night around us will shine like noonday.**

One: The Holy One pledges to guide us continually—to satisfy us in scorched places, to make our bones strong again.

***All:* If we turn from our restless striving, and call the Sabbath a delight...**

One: Then joy will rise in us like a song, and we shall feast on the goodness of God...we will be like a watered garden!

***All:* Come, let us worship the God of justice whose grace meets us in our service, whose presence is our deepest delight. Let us bow before the Lord.**

INVOCATION

standing as able

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

remain standing

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

LISTENING

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

HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

Winston George

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (*Pew Bible page 698*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

David King

Isaiah 58:9b-14 (*Pew Bible page 688*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Tim Dalton

HYMN #387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

SERMON

How Does Our Garden Grow?

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

Dr. Jillian Langford

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr. Mack Wilberg

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down.
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find thy promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning;*

*Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy host above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!*

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. Dr. Leah Fowler

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

remain standing

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.

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul - er Al - might - y;
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo - ry be to you, O God.
Bless - ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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

The Best of Rooms

Randall Thompson

*Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er He comes,
To feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms:
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part
Of all the house: the best of all's the heart.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Rev. Tim Dalton

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 # 341

standing as able

For The Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS

1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
3. For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

remain standing

Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Amazing Grace

J. Christopher Pardini

Dr. Nathaniel Gumbs, *organist*

MAKE YOUR PLAN TO VOTE

★ A QUICK VOTER CHECKLIST ★



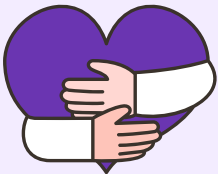
✓ BEFORE ELECTION DAY

- Check your voter registration
- Register to vote if needed
- Mark important election dates on your calendar
- Decide: Early Vote, Mail-In Ballot, or Election Day
- Find your polling place
- Review your sample ballot ahead of time
- Bring required ID/documents



📖 GET INFORMED

- Use nonpartisan voter guides like:
 - Vote411
 - ActiVote
 - League of Women Voters
 - MyVote Project
 - Call or Text 866-OUR-VOTE
- Research candidates and ballot issues
- Talk with friends, neighbors, and coworkers about voting



🤝 VOLUNTEER FOR DEMOCRACY

- Volunteer with [NYC Votes](#)
- Become a poll worker
- Help monitor polling sites and support voter access
- Help register voters or organize a voter registration drive
- Join youth organizing with [GenVote](#)
- Volunteer with:
 - [Election Protection Coalition](#)
 - [We The Action](#)
 - [NYC Votes](#)
- Offer rides to the polls
- Share voting resources online
- Join postcard writing or phone banking campaigns
- Encourage your community to Get Out The Vote!

**YOUR VOTE
HAS POWER**



RIVERSIDE CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

Greetings Riversiders!

We are delighted to share with you actions taken at our Annual Meeting on May 17th and at our first Council meeting in our new church year, held on May 26, 2026.

2026-2027 Church Council Officers and Chair, Budget & Planning Committee

The following individuals were elected:

Chair: Jean Schmidt, **Vice-Chair:** Eric McFadden, **Treasurer:** Linda LeShanna,
Secretary: Jesse Wilkins, **Chair of Budget & Planning:** Rueben Martinez

2026 Annual Meeting

Many thanks to every Riverside Member who attended – in person and on-line – our Annual Meeting.

All attending were pleased to hear Rev. Thorne's message that Riverside has become a thriving intergenerational church community marked by compassion, inclusion, and justice. Members also appreciated hearing Rev. Thorne's vision and plans for what we – together – want to accomplish over the next several years leading up to our 100th anniversary in 2030.

Special thanks to Council members Jocelyn Perry, Chair, Budget & Planning Committee 2025-2026, and Christian Rojas, Chair, Building Committee 2025-2026, for presenting, in detail, the proposed operational and capital budgets. Motions to adopt the operational and capital budgets were adopted by a majority vote. Special thanks also to Eric McFadden, Vice Chair and member of the Finance Committee, for proposing that Riverside establish an emergency energy fund. By majority vote, Members approved an amount to be withdrawn from the portfolio to be used solely to cover utility expenses that exceed the utility expenses authorized in the 2026-2027 Operating Budget. The approved amount will remain in the portfolio and will not be used unless and until utility expenses exceed the authorized budget.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned before any action was taken on the Weekday School and the Riverside Hawks budgets when it was determined that there were not enough Members present for a quorum. We have not yet set a date for the adjourned annual meeting which will include voting on those two budgets and presentation of the Audit report. Both the Weekday School and the Riverside Hawks will continue operations. While the proposed budget for the Weekday School has a deficit, Members voted last year to cover any Weekday School deficit for the next five years with funds from the portfolio. By that action, the Congregation authorized the withdrawal of funds from the portfolio to cover the Weekday School deficit for 2026-2027. The proposed 2026-2027 budget for the Riverside Hawks has a positive balance, so no monies will need to be withdrawn from the portfolio to support the Hawks program.

If you have any questions or concerns you'd like to share with the Council, please email us at riversidecouncil@trcnyc.org.

With grace and peace,

The Church Council of The Riverside Church

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE - YOU ARE INVITED

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Breakfast (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	8:30 AM
Fresh Start	Online	8:30 AM
Blessed Minds: Understanding Neurodiversity in the Body of Christ	10T	9:30 AM
Absolute Beginners Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Open Bible Study	316 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Parent Connect Special Event	10T	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
Practicing Sabbath	South Hall	12:30 PM
Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:00 PM
Carillon Recital	Riverside Neighborhood	1:30 PM
Bridge the Divides: A Debate Workshop	10T	1:30 PM
Social Services Committee Meeting	Online	2:00 PM
The Father, The Son, and The Godfather: Music of J.S. Bach, CPE Bach, Telemann	9T & Online	3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE - YOU ARE INVITED

MONDAY, JUNE 8

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art Of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Multifaith Monday:	Columbus Circle	5:30 PM
Witness to Democracy		
Membership, Care, & Parish Life	Online	6:00 PM
Commission Meeting		
Worship Commission Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
Mission & Social Justice Commission Meeting	Online	7:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 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, JUNE 11

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tower League Bible Study	10T	11:00 AM
Tower League Cookout	MLK Rooftop	12:00 PM
Short Circles: “Helpful Ways to Read the Bible” with Rev. Tim Dalton	Online	7:00 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Youth Gym Night	Stone Gym, Youth Room	5:00 PM

COMING SOON

Recital: Rooted	Sunday, June 14	3:00 PM
Summer Organ Series: Nathaniel Gumbs	Tuesday, June 16	7:00 PM
The Earth Cries Out: A Faith Summit on Immigration + Climate Justice	Wednesday, June 17	9:00 AM
Short Circles: “Helpful Ways to Read the Bible” with Rev. Tim Dalton	Thursday, June 18	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.

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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Rev. Adriene Thorne
Senior Minister



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Minister for Congregational
Care and Older Adults



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Minister for Intergenerational
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Rev. Derrick T. Jordan
Ministerial Staff



Rev. Jim Keat
Minister of Digital Worship
and Education



Dr. Jillian Langford
Associate Director of Education
and Faith Formation
(Children and Families)



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



Rev. Charlene A. Wingate
Ministerial Staff

If you or someone you know is experiencing a pastoral emergency,
please call 212.870.6710 and ask for the clergy on call.

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