

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 14, 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:

“Keep in mind that three months worth of sowing equals three months of reaping at harvest. Remember not to stop sowing your fields in all ways in life after the first three months as it's easy to feel good and live off of the fields already sowed but, like a meat grinder, the stock will eventually run out.”

-James D. Wilson

A question for reflection:

What seed could Riverside Church sow, during this next season, to reap a flourishing harvest?

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(For more art information please visit page 10)

ASL Interpreter

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

Frolic
La Mare (The Sea)
Momotaro: Folksong of Strength

Frank DellaPenna
Ronald Barnes
arr. Tommy Lau

Lynnli Wang, *carillonneur*

VIOLIN AND VIOLA

Duo in C for Violin and Viola
Five Pieces for 2 Violins and Piano
Prelude
Elegy

Jean Sibelius
Dmitri Shostakovich

Chloe Landers, *violinist*
Alma Esser, *violist*
Paul Byssainthe, Jr., *pianist*

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

Jelani St. Louis

One: Even in seasons of grief, when tears fall like rain upon the earth, joy will rise, a harvest beyond imagining.

***All:* We come with open hands, trusting the God who tends our labor with love and draws life from even the weariest soil.**

One: Do not let your arms grow heavy in doing what is good.

***All:* In God's time, the harvest will come.**

One: Come, let us plant seeds of mercy, justice, and love.

***All:* With grateful hearts, let us worship the God who makes all things new.**

INVOCATION

standing as able

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #416

remain standing

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

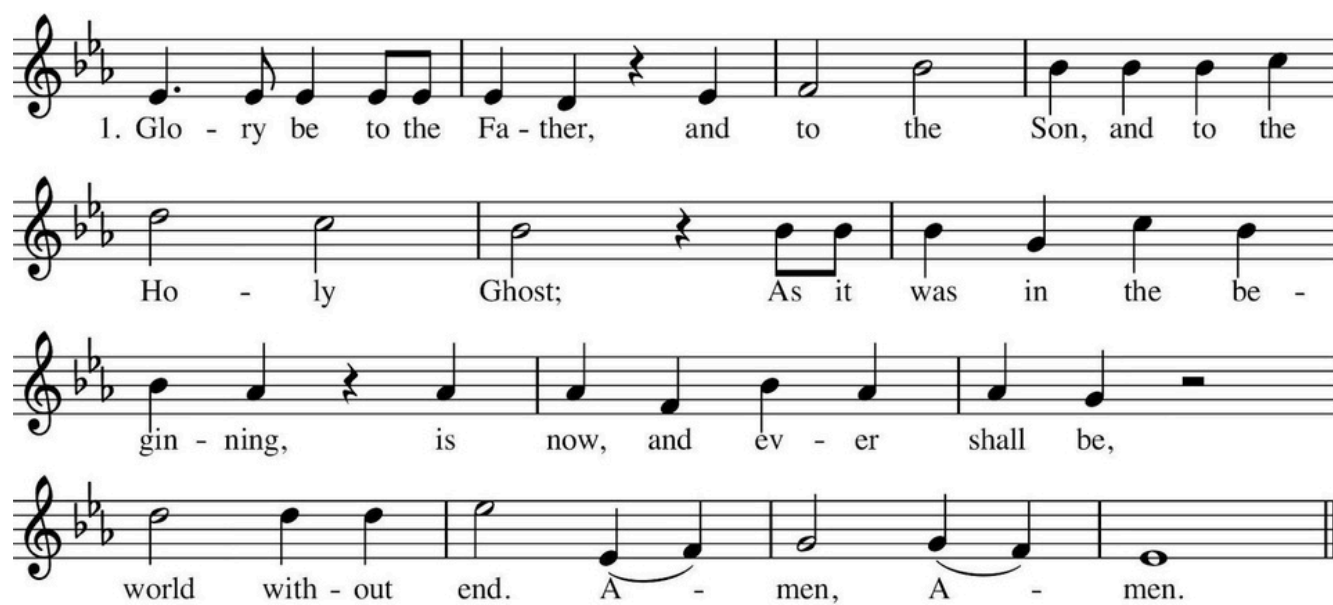
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Dr. Jillian Langford

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.

LISTENING

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

HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

Emi Hare-Yim

Luke 10:1-11 (*Pew Bible page 71*)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHRISTIAN NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mara Landers

Galatians 6:7-10 (*Pew Bible page 191*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

BIBLE RECIPIENTS

Helen Lunn Sweetser
Lucia Giles
Kendall Hairston

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Emi Hare-Yim
Chloe Landers
Cuba McLean
Jelani St. Louis

ANTHEM

Jesu, The Very Thought of Thee

Gordon Slater

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.

SERMON

Sow What?!

Rev. Adriene Thorne

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Derrick T. Jordan

One: The Lord be with you.

***All:* And with your spirit.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

***All:* We lift them up unto the Lord.**

PRAYER LIST

Yvonne Allen	Joan Knibb
Kathia Almeida	Orlando Lagforega
Elizabeth Biloa	Margaret Madden
Dr. Colleen Birchett	Juanita Merritt
Valda Campbell	Nancy Mosley
Linda Chu	Joyce Norris
Jim Dager and John Souza	Dolores O'Connor
Kara Dago-Clark	Mary Jo Page
Morrell Dooley and family	Nickie Palmer
Leslie Forshey	Megan Pell
Karissa Garner & her son,	Sydoine Porter
Isaac Cooke & mother,	Joan Ricketts
Maria Garner	Ann Rocker
Bernard George	Danielle Scott
Rafael Granados	John Seabrook, Jr.
Winston Huang	Shirley Sutherland
Taniqua Huguley-Chaplin	Libby Turnock
and son, Caycen Chaplin	Janet Wise Thomas
Tom Jarosz	Crystal Vines
George Johnson	

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

Cuba McLean

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

You Must Have That True Religion

Roland M. Carter

*Oh, you must have that true religion, you must have your soul converted,
You must have that true religion or you can't cross there.*

*Where have you been poor sinners? Where have you been, I say?
I've been way down to the river of Jordan.
No, you can't cross there.*

*Where have you been poor mourner? Where have you been, I say?
I've been way down to the river of Jordan.
No, you can't cross there.*

*Where have you been, good Christian? Where have you been so long?
I've been way down in the valley for to pray, and I ain't done praying yet.*

*Oh, give me that ol' time religion. It's good enough for me.
Oh, yes, you must have that true religion, you must have your soul converted,
You must have that true religion or you can't cross there.*

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** *remain standing*

Rev. Tim Dalton

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Millennial Scholarship Committee, which supports youth involved in our ministry with scholarships to accredited colleges, universities, and vocational program. Thousands of dollars are awarded to support youth every year.

SENDING

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN #415 *remain standing*
Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE
God of Grace

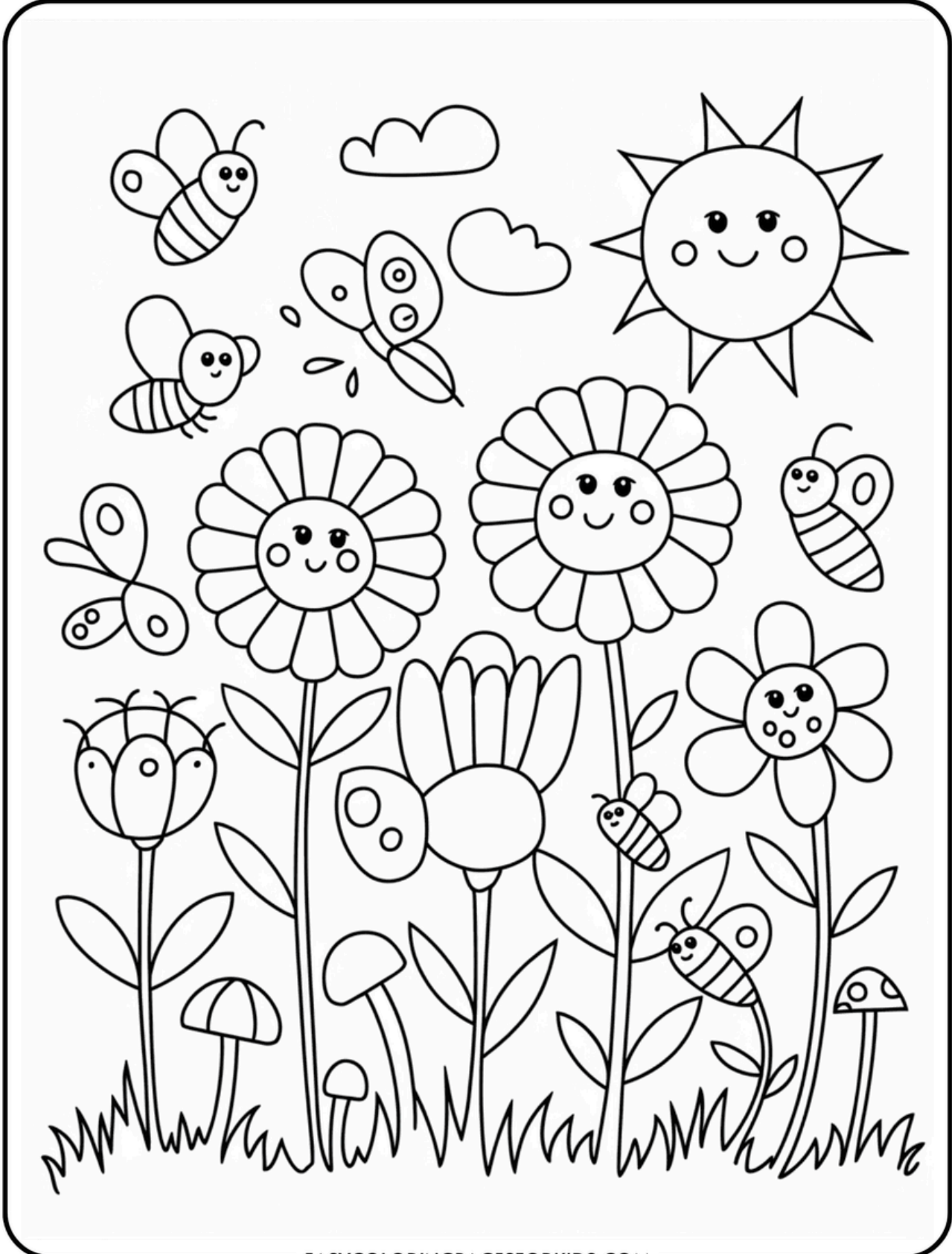
Paul Manz

Paul Byssainthe, Jr., *organist*

COVER ART INFORMATION

On view at The Met Fifth Avenue in Gallery 762

Completed in 1865, following the surrender of Confederate General Robert E. Lee and the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, this symbolic painting embodies the tension between grief and hope after the Civil War. A discarded Union Army jacket and canteen in the lower right corner identify the farmer as a veteran, and the "new field" of the title reminds us of his old one, the battlefield. This return to peaceful pursuits echoes the biblical passage from Isaiah 2:4, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares." While the bountiful harvest signifies renewal and recovery, the single-bladed scythe evokes the Grim Reaper.



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SERMON NOTES

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT

PRESENTS



A **CONCERT** FOR THE **FIRST AMENDMENT**

★ SUNDAY **JUNE 14** 2026 | 7:30 PM ET | AT THE TOWN HALL NYC ★

RUFUS WAINWRIGHT BETTE MIDLER PATTI SMITH SASHA ALLEN JOY REID

JULIA ROBERTS PEPPERMINT BROADWAY INSPIRATIONAL VOICES

WILSON CRUZ LILY GLADSTONE JENN COLELLA ALEX JOSEPH GRAYSON

SINGING RESISTANCE RUDE MECHANICAL ORCHESTRA KAYLA DAVION

REV. ADRIENE THORNE AND JANE FONDA

MAKE YOUR PLAN TO VOTE

★ A QUICK VOTER CHECKLIST ★



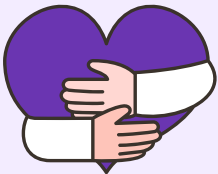
✓ BEFORE ELECTION DAY

- 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**



TODAY AT RIVERSIDE - YOU ARE INVITED

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

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
African Fellowship Meeting	8T	1:00 PM
Business and Professional Women's Meeting	316 MLK & Online	1:00 PM
Carillon Recital	Riverside Neighborhood	1:30 PM
Maranatha Monthly Meeting	Multipurpose Room	1:30 PM
Recital: Rooted	9T	3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE - YOU ARE INVITED

MONDAY, JUNE 15

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Multifaith Monday:	Columbus Circle	5:30 PM
Witness to Democracy		

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Building Committee Meeting	Online	7:00 PM
Summer Organ Series: Nathaniel Gumbs	Nave & Online	7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
The Earth Cries Out: A Faith Summit on Immigration + Climate Justice	9T	9:00 AM
Midweek Bible Study	Online	12:30 PM
Intermediate Beginners Biblical Hebrew	Online	5:30 PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Stewardship Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
Budget & Planning Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
Short Circles: “Helpful Ways to Read the Bible” with Rev. Tim Dalton	Online	7:00 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

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.

COMING SOON

Summer Organ Series: Ahreum Congdon	Tuesday, June 23	7:00 PM
Theatre of the Oppressed Uptown Ministry	Saturday, June 27	1:00 PM
Summer Organ Series: Paul Byssainthe, Jr.	Tuesday, June 30	7:00 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.

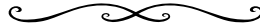
SPOP

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

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."

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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



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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Paul Byssainthe, Jr.
Associate Organist

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