

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 12, 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:

To exist is to change, to change is to mature, to mature is to go on creating oneself endlessly.”

-Henri Bergson

A question for reflection:

Where, throughout your life, have you undergone the most change?

What has that process of growth been like for you?

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Cover Art by Hilma af Klint (Swedish, 1862–1944). The Ten Largest, No. 3–4, Youth, 1907. Oil and tempera on canvas. From The Ten Largest series

(For more art information please visit page 15)

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

Prelude Marche en Rondeau (Prelude to “Te Deum”)

Marc-Antoine Charpentier
arr. Sally Slade Warner

Fanfare en Rondeau (from “Symphony de Fanfares”)

Jean-Joseph Mouret
arr. Beverly Buchanan

Sarabande for 26 Bells

John Courter

Carla Staffaroni, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Andante Variations
My Lord, What a Morning

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
Raymond Haan

Dr. Nathaniel Gumbs, *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

CALL TO WORSHIP

standing as able

Sterling Jenkins

One: Create in us clean hearts, O God; renew a right spirit within us.

***All:* Wash us in Your mercy and awake us to Your grace.**

One: Where we have wandered, Your grace calls us home.

***All:* Restore to us the joy of Your salvation.**

One: With humble hearts, we come seeking Your presence and Your peace.

***All:* With grateful hearts, let us worship God.**

INVOCATION

standing as able

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 495

remain standing

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Derrick T. Jordan

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

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.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEDICATION AND BAPTISM (immersion)

Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

Aubrianna Katana Hooper

Emmanuel Williams

PRAYER FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEDICATION AND BAPTISM.
(sprinkling)**

Sterling Jenkins (dedication)

Anniston Joy Nyla Hooper

Leilani Gabriella Restrepo

Vishal Manve

ANTHEM

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 mine heart and in my thinking.

God be at my end and in my departing.

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Vaughn Columbine

Luke 15:4-7 (*Pew Bible* page 78)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING

Jeannie Lee

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (*Pew Bible* page 211)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

HYMN 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

SERMON

The Grace to Change

Dr. Jillian Langford

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Mira Sawlani- Joyner

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	Taniqua Huguley-Chaplin and
Kathia Almeida	son, Caycen Chaplin
Mace Anderson	Tom Jarosz
Dr. Colleen Birchett	George Johnson
Valda Campbell	Orlando Lagforega
Linda Chu	Margaret Madden
Jim Dager and John Souza	Alexander Thomas Malm
Kara Dago-Clark	Makenna Mattesi
Lourdes Davila-Rojas	Juanita Merritt
Morrell Dooley and family	Nancy Mosley
Leslie Forshey	Joyce Norris
Karissa Garner & her son,	Dolores O'Connor
Isaac Cooke & mother,	Mary Jo Page
Maria Garner	Nickie Palmer
Bernard George	Megan Pell
Winston Huang	Shirley Sutherland
Celena Pena's	Libby Turnock
Grandmother Janice and	Janet Wise Thomas
Aunt Joy	
Joan Ricketts	We grieve with the families of
Ann Rucker	Edwin Davila and Patricia
Danielle Scott	Richardson, who recently died.
John Seabrook, Jr.	

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

Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Soul's Been Anchored

Glenn Jones

*In de Lord, in de Lord
My soul's been anchored in de Lord
In de Lord, in de Lord
My soul's been anchored in de Lord*

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame.
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
My soul's been anchored, been anchored in Jesus.*

*Jesus lover of my soul let me to Thy bosom fly.
While the nearer waters roll
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, oh my Savior hide 'til the storm of life is past.
Safe unto the haven guide oh receive my soul at last.*

Olanna Miller, soprano

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. Jim Keat

*Today we celebrate the work of our Finance Committee, which reviews, advises and monitors our
budgetary activities to support our financial health.*

SENDING

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN 485

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

remain standing

ST. DENIO

BENEDICTION

remain standing

Dr. Jillian Langford

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542

J.S. Bach

Paul Byssainthe, Jr., *organist*

COVER ART INFORMATION

The Ten Largest, are monumental 1907 paintings by Swedish mystic Hilma af Klint. Standing at over 10 feet tall, they are part of a 10-part series exploring human development, symbolizing spiritual evolution through vibrant botanicals, geometric shapes, and dynamic spirals. *The Ten Largest* series represents four stages of human life: childhood, youth, adulthood, and old age.

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE - YOU ARE INVITED

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Breakfast (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	8:30 AM
The Seekers Book Study	323 MLK & Online	9:00 AM
Open Bible Study	316 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Voting Rights Act: Fault Lines of the American Experiment and the Politics of Redemption	9T & Online	9:30 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
Carillon Recital	Riverside Neighborhood	1:30 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE - YOU ARE INVITED

MONDAY, JULY 13

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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, JULY 14

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Nominating Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
Education Commission Meeting	Online	7:00 PM
Summer Organ Series: Christopher Houlihan	Nave & Online	7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Midweek Bible Study	Online	12:30 PM

THURSDAY, JULY 16

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Stewardship Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
Budget & Planning Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

FRIDAY, JULY 17

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

Voting Rights Act: Fault Lines of the American Experiment and the Politics of Redemption With Dr. Andrea White	Sunday, July 19	9:30 AM
Summer Organ Series: Renée Anne Louprette	Tuesday, July 21	7:00 PM
Organizing for Mental Healthcare in NYC	Wednesday, July 22	7:00 PM
Stop the Deed Theft	Saturday, July 25	1:00 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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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.

PROGRAM AND SUPPORT STAFF

Paul Byssainthe, Jr.
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