

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 19, 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:

"Too many people spend money they haven't earned to buy things they don't want to impress people they don't like."

-Will Rogers

A question for reflection:

How do you find contentment in your life?

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(For more art information please visit page 9)

ASL Interpreter

Terrona Evans and Sheldon Price

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

Pastel in Bronze
Christ Whose Glory
Passacaglia

Albert Gerken
arr. Beverly Buchanan
Eddy Marien

Lynnli Wang, *carillonneur*

ORCHESTRA

Finale from *New World Symphony*

Antonín Dvořák

Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles
Charles Dickerson, *Conductor and Founder*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

CALL TO WORSHIP

standing as able

Lukas de Leon

One: Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life—

***All:* The life we have been given by God.**

One: The life we share with one another in community,

***All:* The life that Jesus gives in abundance.**

One: Let us be grateful for the joy of life,

***All:* And let us worship God!**

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

INVOCATION

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 376

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Jim Keat

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

GLORIA PATRI



LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Michael Barnes

Luke 16:27-30 (*Pew Bible page 80*)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING

Tawanna Huguley

1 Timothy 6:6-19 (*Pew Bible page 210*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler

SOLO

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

arr. Margaret Bonds

He's got the whole world in His hand.

*He's got the wood and the waters in His hand,
He's got the sun and the moon right in His hand,
He's got the whole world in His hand.*

*He's got the birds and the bees right in His hand,
He's got the beasts of the field right in His hand,
He's got the whole world in His hand.*

*He's got you and me right in His hand,
He's got everybody in His hand,
He's got the whole world in His hand.*

Kendra Berensten, soprano

SERMON

Awakening and Anchoring

Rev. Tim Dalton

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

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

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. Tim Dalton

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copeland

*Come fathers and mothers,
Come sisters and brothers,
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers, don't you feel determined
To meet within the walls of Zion?
We'll shout and go round
The walls of Zion.*

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

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Rev. Derrick T. Jordan

Today we celebrate the work of our Congregational Care Team, which works with Parish Care to provide care and support to fellow congregants.

SENDING

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN 386

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O For A World

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BENEDICTION

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Rev. Tim Dalton

POSTLUDE

Preludeum from Holberg Suite

Edvard Grieg

Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles
Charles Dickerson, *Conductor and Founder*

COVER ART INFORMATION

The cover painting depicts a road that curves away from us on our left and into a mysterious valley filled with abstract trees and a low hill beyond in a stylized, vertical landscape.

The painting is created almost entirely with patches of vibrant colors applied with visible vertical strokes. Areas of unpainted canvas create white patches, especially on and around the path directly in front of us.

As pathways often symbolize life, we all journey without knowing where the road will lead.

Faith is the awakening and anchoring to a God, worthy of our trust, who provides for us and leads us to new possibilities.

GUEST ARTISTS

Inner City Orchestra of Los Angeles

Established in 2009, the Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles (ICYOLA) is a California 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to transforming young lives in Inner City Los Angeles through exceptional music education. We introduce youth to outstanding music from various traditions and create opportunities for them to perform in distinguished venues across our community. Our program cultivates musical excellence while fostering essential life skills: problem-solving, critical thinking, self-reliance, confidence, discipline, and meaningful ambition.

Charles “Chuck” Dickerson III

Charles “Chuck” Dickerson III is the Founder, Executive Director, and Conductor of the Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles. Over his 50 plus years of conducting, he has directed performances of many of the greatest orchestral and choral works throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. He has prepared choruses for concerts with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the Hollywood Bowl Orchestras, including the Phil's 2012 performance of the Mahler Eighth Symphony and performances of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with Maestro Gustavo Dudamel conducting.

Chuck also holds important compositional and arranging credits. His best-known work is “I Have A Dream,” a choral and orchestral setting of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s landmark speech. The work was performed for the unveiling ceremonies of the King Memorial on the National Mall in Washington DC, and at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles for Los Angeles County's official celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the speech. He has also arranged and conducted orchestral performances of the music of Duke Ellington, Stevie Wonder, Motown, and others.

He holds a Master of Music Degree with a focus in conducting from California State University, Los Angeles, and degrees from Howard University (B.S.) and American University (J.D.). He has studied with esteemed Conductors Gustav Meier, Daniel Lewis, and Kenneth Kiesler. He also serves as Director of Music at Rolling Hills United Methodist Church, and as adjunct faculty at California State University, Dominguez Hills and La Sierra University. He formerly served as Music Director and Conductor of the Southeast Symphony (2004-2011), and has held important public and civic leadership positions in Washington DC and Los Angeles. Chuck is married, has two adult children, and is an avid baseball fan.

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE - YOU ARE INVITED

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Breakfast <i>(available for purchase)</i>	South Hall	8:30 AM
Open Bible Study	9T & 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
Men's Class	Multipurpose Room	1:30 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE - YOU ARE INVITED

MONDAY, JULY 20

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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TUESDAY, JULY 21

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Building Committee Meeting	Online	7:00 PM
Summer Organ Series: Renée Anne Louprette	Nave & Online	7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Midweek Bible Study	Online	12:30 PM
Organizing for Mental Healthcare in NYC	Online	7:00 PM

THURSDAY, JULY 23

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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FRIDAY, JULY 24

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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SATURDAY, JULY 25

Stop the Deed Theft	Assembly Hall	1:00 PM
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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

Stories of Shared Resilience: Exploring the history of New York City's Chinatown

Sunday, July 26

1:00 PM

Informal Congregational Meeting

Sunday, August 2

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

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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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Senior Minister



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



Rev. Charlene A. Wingate
Ministerial Staff

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