

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 2, 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:

“If you want to enrage Christian nationalists, Jesus will show the way. Stand up for the oppressed, welcome the stranger, love your enemy, fight poverty and injustice, resist violence, and choose compassion. Or just ask them which Jesus teachings justify their politics.”

- John Fugelsang, Separation of Church and Hate

A question for reflection:

What is your first memory of Jesus? How has that memory shaped your life?

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Cover Art Hilma af Klint (Swedish, 1862–1944). The Ten Largest, No. 5–8, Adulthood. 1907.

(For more art information please visit page 16)

ASL Interpreters

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

Amazing Grace
On the San Antonio River
Sing Praise to God

arr. Ronald Barnes
Ronald Barnes
arr. Beverly Buchanan

Lynnli Wang, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Toccata on Amazing Grace

J. Christopher Pardini

Dr. Nathaniel Gumbs, *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler

CALL TO WORSHIP

standing as able

Dahlia Rivadeneyra

One: We lift our eyes to the hills, where does our help come from?

All: Our help comes from God, Creator of heaven and earth.

One: The One who keeps us neither slumbers nor sleeps.

All: By day and by night, God watches over our lives.

One: From this moment and forevermore, God's presence goes before us.

All: With hope in our hearts, let us worship the God who keeps us.

INVOCATION

standing as able

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 464

remain standing

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

LISTENING

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

HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

Laura Miraz

Luke 17:16-19 (*Pew Bible page 80*)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHRISTIAN NEW TESTAMENT READING

Jacqueline Gregg

2 Timothy 2:8-15 (*Pew Bible page 212*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Adriene Thorne

SOLO

God Is a God

Arr. Wendell P. Whalum

*God is a God. He don't never change.
God is a God an' He always will be God.
I'm a telling you God is a God. He don't never change.
God is a God an' He always will be God.*

*Oh glory Hallelujah, and glory to His name.
He came and touched my soul one day
An' I'll never feel the same, an' that's cause
God is a God. He don't never change.
God is a God an' He always will be God.*

Nate Mattingly, *baritone*

SERMON

Remember Jesus, Re-Member Church

Dr. Jillian Langford

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

Rev. Adriene Thorne

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Virgil Thompson

*My Shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back
When I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.*

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*The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be mine abode,
And all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest
(While others go and come),
No more a stranger or a guest,
But like a child at home.*

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. Jim Keat

*Today, we celebrate the Senior Minister Committee, which is entrusted with the responsibility of
prayerfully supporting our Senior Minister.*

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

PRAYER LIST

Yvonne Allen	Mace Anderson
Kathia Almeida	Dr. Colleen Birchett
Lorraine Burchall	Margaret Madden
Loring Bush	Juanita Merritt
Valda Campbell	Nancy Mosley
Linda Chu	Joyce Norris
Jim Dager and John Souza	Dolores O'Connor
Kara Dago-Clark	Mary Jo Page
Lourdes Davila-Rojas	Nickie Palmer
Morrell Dooley and family	Megan Pell
Leslie Forshey	Celena Pena's Grandmother
Karissa Garner & her son,	Janice and Aunt Joy
Isaac Cooke & mother,	Joan Ricketts
Maria Garner	Ann Rocker
Bernard George	Danielle Scott
Sharan Harper	John Seabrook, Jr.
Winston Huang	Shirley Sutherland
Taniqua Huguley-Chaplin	Janet Wise Thomas
and son, Caycen Chaplin	Libby Turnock
Tom Jarosz	
George Johnson	We grieve with the family of
Lee Kopf	Jeremiah Drake in the death of
Lisa Kremer	his grandmother, Emma Lou
Orlando Lagforega	Drake.

We continue to grieve with the family of Rev. Jonathan Favors-Grimes on the death of his grandmother, Brenda Carter Favors.

We also continue to grieve with the family of Dion Clark.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

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. Amen.

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



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

HYMN 383

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

OLIVET

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler

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 485

standing as able

To God Be The Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

BENEDICTION

remain standing

Dr. Jillian Langford

POSTLUDE

Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho

Fela Sowande

Dr. Nathaniel Gumbs, *organist*



SERMON NOTES

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE - WE INVITE YOU

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Breakfast <i>(available for purchase)</i>	South Hall	8:30 AM
The Seekers Book Study	323 MLK & Online	9:00 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
Informal Congregational Meeting	South Hall & Online	1:00 PM
Carillon Recital	Riverside Neighborhood	1:30 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE - WE INVITE YOU

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Personnel & Salary Committee Meeting	Online	6:00 PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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COMING SOON

Stories of Shared Resilience: Exploring the history of New York City's Chinatown	Sunday, August 9	1:00 PM
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Theatre of the Oppressed	Saturday, August 22	1:00 PM
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COVER ART INFORMATION

Hilma af Klint was a Swedish artist and mystic whose paintings were the first Western abstract art known to the current art community. A considerable body of her abstract work predates the first purely abstract compositions by Kandinsky. Featuring soft swirling shapes and pastel colors, No. 5-8 symbolizes the spiritual and physical maturity of human life in adulthood.



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.

The logo for the Service Program for Older People (SPOP) features the letters 'SPOP' in a large, serif font. The 'SP' is in a dark grey color, and the 'OP' is in a bright orange color.

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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