

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 6, 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:

"We're all pieces of God and we all have that little God-light inside us."

- Dolly Parton

A question for reflection:

Who is still waiting to hear "you belong here" and how can you say it?

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ASL Interpreters

M.Lisa Lockley and Avery Gordon

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 on “The King’s Majesty”
Prelude and Fugue in E-flat: Prelude
Prelude Op. 3, No. 2

Milford H. Myhre
J. S. Bach, arr. Gert Oldenbeuving
Sergei Rachmaninoff, arr. Richard von Grabow

Cao Linh Pham, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Tiento Grégorien
Scherzo
Fanfare

George Baker
Peter Melville Smith
John Cook

Stephen Tharp, *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler

CALL TO WORSHIP

standing as able

Micah Niang

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul for all that is around me.

One: For all the mercies and gracious moments provided every day.

All: For Christ's steadfast love that surrounds us in every way.

One: Let us bless the Lord throughout all time and location.

All: Together, let us worship the One who blesses us daily.

INVOCATION

standing as able

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 276

remain standing

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

LISTENING

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Amen Igbinosun

Luke 1:46-55 (*Pew Bible page 57*)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Audrey Cox St. Clair

Ruth 4:1-22 (*Pew Bible page 243*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this lone world's light;

Lay down, O wear - y one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter; thirs - ty one, stoop down, and drink, and live."
Look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;

I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - lived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

SERMON

Moabite Lives Matter

Rev. Tim Dalton

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. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether

Harold W. Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
for when humbly, in your name,
two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Touch we now Thy garment's hem.*

*As the brethren used to gather
in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father
break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
So knit thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of Thee,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may true disciples true.
Alleluia, alleluia!
we will serve Thee faithfully,
We will serve Thee faithfully.*

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

Dr. Jillian Langford

Today we celebrate the work of our Children and Families Ministries, which provide a worshipful space for children and families to engage the stories of our faith through the lens of love and justice.

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	Orlando Lagforega
Kathia Almeida	Gavin Landry
Mace Anderson	Carol Lee
Dr. Colleen Birchett	Margaret Madden
Jewel Bletcher	Nivia Maldonaldo
Caed Brawner	Ayana Matthis, Christina
Lorraine Burchall	Cooke, and the child they
Loring Bush	were fostering
Valda Campbell	Mark Meredith
Linda Chu	Juanita Merritt
David Coleman	Nancy Mosley
Jim Dager and John Souza	Joyce Norris
Kara Dago-Clark	Dolores O'Connor
Lourdes Davila-Rojas	Nickie Palmer
Morrell Dooley and family	Megan Pell
Darryl Eatmon	Celena Pena's Grandmother
Leslie Forshey	Janice and Aunt Joy
Karissa Garner & her son,	Joan Ricketts
Isaac Cooke & mother,	Ann Rocker
Maria Garner	Danielle Scott
Bernard George	Angela Sosa
Sharan Harper	George Theodore
Winston Huang	Janet Wise Thomas
Taniqua Huguley-Chaplin	Libby Turnock
and son, Caycen Chaplin	Antonietta Valdez
Giau Huynh	
Millicent James	We mourn with the family of:
Tom Jarosz	
George Johnson	Brenda Clark, who died this
Jordan Konicki	past week.
Lee Kopf	
Lisa Kremer	

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.

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

SOLO

Et Exultavit

J.S. Bach

And my spirit has rejoiced in God my savior.

Jennifer Borghi, *soprano*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

***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 477

standing as able

Ye, Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

BENEDICTION

remain standing

Rev. Tim Dalton

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Stephen Tharp

Stephen Tharp, *organist*



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.

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE - YOU ARE INVITED

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Breakfast (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	8:30 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
Practicing Sabbath	South Hall	12:30 PM
Prayer List Cards Table Signing	South Hall Lobby	12:30 PM
Carillon Recital	Riverside Neighborhood	1:30 PM
Social Services Committee Meeting	Online	2:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE - YOU ARE INVITED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Nominating Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
Education Commission Meeting	Online	7:00 PM
Palestine Circle Student Meeting	411 MLK	7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Midweek Bible Study	Online	12:30 PM
Dinner Church	9T Library, 9T Kitchen	5:00 PM
After 9/11: A Documentary and Discussion	The Riverside Theater	7:00 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Beloved Earth Community	Online	1:00 PM
Palestine Circle Ministry Meeting	9T	1:00 PM

COMING SOON

Author Presentation: <i>The Unsettled</i> with Ayana Mathis	Sunday, September 13	9:30 AM
Adjourned Annual Meeting	Sunday, September 13	1:00 PM
The Anti-Apartheid Movement Then and Now: South Africa and Palestine/Israel	Sunday, September 13	3:00 PM
Homecoming Sunday	Sunday, September 20	11:00 AM
Festival of Lay Ministries	Sunday, September 27	1:30 PM

SERVICE PROGRAM FOR OLDER PEOPLE

The 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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Minister for Congregational
Care and Older Adults



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Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner
Minister of Justice, Advocacy,
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Rev. Charlene A. Wingate
Ministerial Staff

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