THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



THANKSGIVING SERVICE
NOVEMBER 26, 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.

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Cover Art : Koloman Moser, Marigolds, 1909, oil on canvas

The artwork represents life and vitality, growth and renewal, the beauty found in everyday things, and giving thanks for the abundance that surrounds us.

GATHERING

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God.

ORGAN
Nun Danket Alle Gott, Op. 65, No. 59 — Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Nathaniel Gumbs, *organist*

WELCOME — Rev. Adriene Thorne

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able* — Irene King

One: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

All: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

One: For the Lord is a great God, And a great King above all gods.

All: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

One: For God is our God;

All: we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

INVOCATION *standing as able* Rev. Adriene Thorne

OPENING HYMN 559 *remain standing*
We Gather Together KREMSER

LISTENING

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

CHRISTIAN NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Irene King
PHILLIPPIANS 4:6 *(Pew Bible page 198)*

One: The Word of God for the People of God
All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING David King
LUKE 17:11-19 *(Pew Bible page 80)*

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

THANKSGIVING REFLECTIONS Riverside Clergy & Congregation

RESPONDING

We respond to the hearing of God's word through prayer, passing the peace, offering, and monthly communion.

OFFERING INVITATION

Dr. Jillian Langford

The Thanksgiving Offering is dedicated to our Food Pantry Ministry to support their ongoing service of providing food for our neighbors in need.

OFFERTORY

Dank Sei Dir Herr — George Frideric Handel

Thanks be to you, Lord,
Thanks be to you, Lord.
Under your guardianship you have led your people,
Israel, through the sea.
Thanks be to you.
You have led your people under your guardianship.

Like a flock they passed through, Lord,
Your hand protected them, in your goodness you gave them salvation.
Thanks be to you, thanks be to you, Lord,.
Under your guardianship you have led your people,
Israel, through the sea.

Kendra Berensten, *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* Dr. Jillian Langford

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Riverside Clergy

Following each petition, please join in the following responses:

One: You give; we receive,
All: and we are thankful.

PRAYER LIST

Yvonne Allen
Kathia Almeida
Dr. Colleen Birchett
Valda Campbell
Linda Chu
Lourdes Davila-Rojas
Morrell Dooley and family
R.M. Dzierzynski
Leslie Forshey
Jason Garcia
Karissa Garner & her son,
Isaac Cooke & mother,
Maria Garner
Bernard George
Sharan Harper
Carol Harrichand
David Hemans
Winston Huang
Taniqua Huguley-Chaplin
and son, Caycen Chaplin
Tom Jarosz
Debra Jenkins
George Johnson
Lisa Kremer
Orlando Lagforega
Gavin Landry
Ayana Mathis, Christina Cooke,
and the child they were fostering
Juanita Merritt
Dana Minaya
Nancy Mosley
Karen Mott
Joyce Norris
Dolores O'Connor
Nickie Palmer
Megan Pell
Celena Pena's Grandmother
Janice and Aunt Joy
Ida Peterson
Sandra Ramos
Joan Ricketts
Ann Rocker
Sandra Sage
Isabella Soto
Shirley Sutherland
Lady T
George Theodore
Libby Turnock
Henry Williams
Janet Wise Thomas

We grieve with:

Lorraine Muir and family in the death of her cousin, Harriette Muir-McQueen

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Dr. Jillian Langford

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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
Nearer, My God to Thee — Arr. Tom Trenney

Kendra Berensten, *soprano*

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Dr. Jillian Langford

All: **God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

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

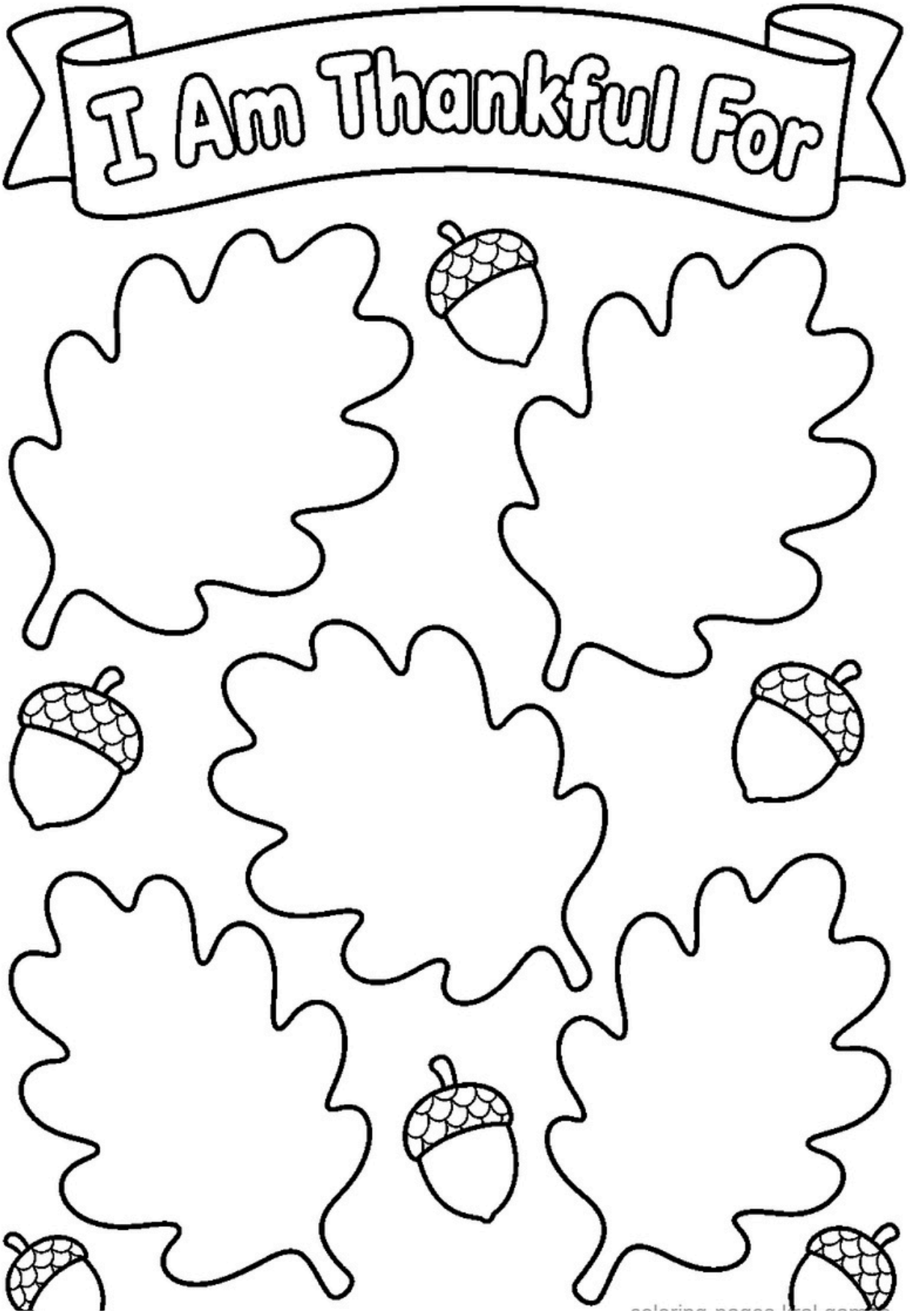
BENEDICTION

Rev. Adriene Thorne

CLOSING HYMN #555
Now Thank We All Our God — NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

POSTLUDE
Toccata on Amazing Grace — J. Christopher Pardini

Dr. Nathaniel Gumbs, *organist*


I Am Thankful For

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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