

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

WORSHIP is at the center of the life of The Riverside Church.

As you prepare yourself for Worship, we invite you to reflect quietly on these words:


“What’s the problem with being ‘not racist’? It is a claim that signifies neutrality: “I am not a racist, but neither am I aggressively against racism.” But there is no neutrality in the racism struggle. The opposite of “racist” isn’t “not racist.” It is “antiracist.”

-Ibram X. Kendi

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the green paraments and clergy stoles that represent new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

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GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Prelude on "Leoni"

arr. Betty Buchanan

Charles, Semowich, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Prelude in D Major (BWV 532)

J. S. Bach

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Jim Keat

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

One: Almighty God, You know our every thought.

All: You know us better than we know ourselves!

One: You meet us in every place.

All: We can not flee from your divine spirit.

One: Examine our hearts and lead us in the everlasting way.

All: Let Your spirit flow freely into this worship today!

OPENING HYMN 488

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

The God of Abraham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days,
The God of Love!
The Lord, the great I Am,
By earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before Your holy name,
Forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free,
High surging where it will;
In prophet's word You spoke of old
And You speak still.
Established is Your law,
And changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart,
On sea, or land.

You have eternal life
Implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay,
While ages roll.
We praise You, living God!
We praise Your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought,
And still the same!

INVOCATION

Minister Derrick Jordan

LISTENING

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

EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Harper

Romans 8:12-25

(pages 158 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Pam Davis

Genesis 28:10-16

(pages 25 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Keat

In This Place?

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Harper

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

RESPONDING

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy 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.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Phil Tom

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Meighan Corbett

OFFERTORY SOLO

Alleluia, from “Exsultate, Jubilate”

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Jasmine Ismail, soprano

THE DOXOLOGY

**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 & DEDICATION

Minister Jordan

Today we celebrate the work of our Black Lives Matter chapter, which affirms the humanity of all and works tirelessly for a world where all Black lives are no longer systematically targeted.

CLOSING HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations²

Houston-Jennings

**For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing
Of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word.
Lead us forward into freedom;
From despair your world release,
That, redeemed from war and hatred,
All may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living,
Let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race, or schooling,
Dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life’s brief span.**

**You, Creator God, have written
Your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness
Bring the life of Christ to mind,
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find.**

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

Rev. Keat

POSTLUDE

Carillon

Herbert Murrill

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Rev. Tom, Meighan Corbett, Pam Davis

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹*Inspired by Psalm 139*

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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. Michael Livingston, Interim Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Senior Minister Emeritus

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LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

For announcements of programs and events at The Riverside Church, please visit [**trcnyc.org/Events**](http://trcnyc.org/Events) for more information and to download a copy.

WORSHIP ONLINE & ALL WEEK LONG

If you need more Riverside worship throughout the week, visit [**trcnyc.org/DigitalDiscipleship**](http://trcnyc.org/DigitalDiscipleship) to watch the Sunday morning Livestream, videos of the sermon and the choirs, and more. Be sure to watch The Word Made Fresh, our weekly video Bible Study, and catch up on Be Still and Go, our devotional podcast.

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