

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



AUGUST 16, 2020
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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:


“If we seek transformation, we must “above all love each other deeply, because,” as Peter writes, “love covers a multitude of sins.” (I Peter 4:8)

-Rev. Charles King

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

Free Variations on “St. James”

Charles Semowich

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Nocturne, from “Shylock”

Gabriel Fauré, arr. Virgil Fox

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Minister Charlene Wingate

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of mercy, God of love! Come into this worship!

All: Let the glory of God fill our homes!

One: Give our hearts a fresh anointing.

All: Through God’s love may we transform.

One: Grant us wisdom to guide our way.

All: Come into our hearts and minds today!

OPENING HYMN 276¹

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.**

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)**

INVOCATION

Dr. Colleen Birchett

LISTENING

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

EPISTLE LESSON

Micah Niang

Romans 12:1-8

(pages 161 & 162 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Charles King

The Courage to be Transformed

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Kevin VanHook

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

Dr. Birchett

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Minister Wingate

OFFERTORY SOLO

Is There Anybody Here?

Spiritual, arr. Roland M. Carter

Is there anybody here who loves my Jesus? Anybody here who loves my Lord?
there anybody here who loves my Jesus? Anybody here who loves my Lord? I
want to know if you love my Jesus. I want to know if you love my Lord. When
I was blind and could not see, King Jesus brought the light to me, and every
star refuse to shine, I know King Jesus will be mine! O children, this world is a
wilderness of woe, so let us all to glory go. Yes, religion is like a blooming rose,
and none but those that feel it knows that none but the righteous shall see God.
If there's anybody here who loves my Jesus? Say amen if you love my Lord! I
want to know if you love my Jesus. I want to know if you love my Lord.

Karen McVoy, 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 Wingate

Today we celebrate the work of the Freedom School, which partners with the Children's Defense Fund to provide an enriching summer experience of literacy and social justice for sixty children from our community.

CLOSING HYMN 386²

O for a World

Azmon

**O for a world where everyone
Respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done
With justice and with praise.**

**O for a world where goods are shared
And misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared,
Equality achieved.**

**We welcome one world family
And struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity
And gives our vision voice.**

**The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
The foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong,
Who perishes will rise.**

**O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more,
And all but love will cease.**

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

Rev. King

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Frederick Swann

Special thanks to our congregational leader: Dr. Birchett & Micah Niang

Liturgical Resources for Today:

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Rev. Charles King is one of the founders and serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Housing Works, a community-based non-profit organization established in 1990, to provide housing for homeless people living with AIDS and HIV. Today, most known for its chain of thrift stores and used bookstore care, Housing Works serves over 15,000 of the most marginalized New Yorkers, operating four health centers, nearly 800 units of permanent and transitional

housing, behavioral health services, including syringe exchange and overdose prevention, vocational opportunity, legal services and relentless advocacy.

Charles holds both a Master of Divinity and a Juris Doctorate from Yale University. He was ordained at Immanuel Missionary Baptist Church in New Haven, Connecticut, where he served as the Assistant Pastor for three years in the mid-1980's. He started attending Riverside more than three years ago and serves as co-chair of the Riverside Development Committee. Over the years, Charles has helped to parent four boys, Jimmy, Shaquille, Yojancer, and Emilio, all now young men who consider him to be their father and who are his greatest joy.

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

RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST

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LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

For announcements of programs and events at The Riverside Church, please visit **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** 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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