

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:

“Living longer is about loving longer, learning longer, teaching longer, connecting longer, if we figure out the supports and infrastructure to make all of that possible -- and it is completely within reach.”

- Ai-jen Poo

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Paul Koch

Charles, Semowich, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Communion, from "Six Paraphrases Grégoriennes"

Denis Bédard

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Praise God!

All: Sing to God a new song!

One: For God takes pleasure in the people.

All: God adorns the humble with victory!

One: Let the faithful exult in glory.

All: Let us sing for joy on our couches as we praise God together!

OPENING HYMN 504

Draw us in the Spirit's tether

Union Seminary

**Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
For when humbly in Thy name,
Two or three are met together
Thou are 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, helpless, giving
We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will serve Thee faithfully.**

INVOCATION

Rev. Livingston

LISTENING

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Jim Keat

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

EPISTLE SCRIPTURE

Victoria Anderson

James 5:1-11

(page 230 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Ai-jen Poo

Honoring Essential Labor

RESPONDING

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Sumati Devadutt

OFFERTORY SOLO

If With All Your Hearts, from "Elijah"

Felix Mendelssohn

Ye people, rend your hearts and not your garments for your transgressions: even as Elijah hath sealed the heavens through the word of God. I therefore say to ye: forsake your idols, return to God; for He is slow to anger, and merciful, and kind, and gracious, and repenteth Him of the evil.

'If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me, ye shall ever surely find Me.' Thus saith our God. Oh! that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence!

Erik Rasmussen, tenor

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

Rev. Kevin VanHook

"Today we celebrate the work of Live Justice Now, Riverside's ongoing initiative of our Mission & Social Justice ministries as we take action in response to the great need for truth, justice, and compassion in our world."

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. VanHook

Following our petition, please join in the following response

One: God, our hope in our time of need.

All: Hear our prayer.

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Livingston

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.

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!

CLOSING HYMN 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Sortie, from "Suite Liturgique"

Denis Bédard

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Victoria Anderson
& Sumati Devadutt*

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹#A-717132 Inspired by Psalm 149



Ai-jen Poo is an award-winning organizer, social innovator, author, and a leading voice in the women's movement. She is the Executive Director of the National Domestic Workers Alliance, Director of Caring Across Generations, Co-Founder of SuperMajority and Trustee of the Ford Foundation. Ai-jen is a nationally recognized expert on elder and family care, the future of work, gender equality, immigration, narrative change, and

grassroots organizing. She is the author of the celebrated book, *The Age of Dignity: Preparing for the Elder Boom in a Changing America*. Follow her at @aijenpoo.

She has been recognized among Fortune's 50 World's Greatest Leaders and Time's 100 Most Influential People in the World, and she has been the recipient of countless awards, including a 2014 MacArthur "Genius" Award. Ai-jen has been a featured speaker at TEDWomen, Aspen Ideas Festival, Cannes Lions Festival of Creativity, Skoll World Forum, and the Obama Foundation Inaugural Summit. She has made TV appearances on Nightline, MSNBC, and Morning Joe, and her writing has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *TIME*, *Maire Claire*, *Glamour*, *Cosmopolitan* and *CNN.com* among others. Ai-jen has been an influential voice in the #MeToo movement and attended the 2018 Golden Globe Awards with Meryl Streep as part of the launch of #TimesUp.

In 12 short years, with the help of more than 70 local affiliate organizations and chapters and over 200,000 members, the National Domestic Workers Alliance has passed Domestic Worker Bills of Rights in 9 states and the city of Seattle, and brought over 2 million home care workers under minimum wage protections. In 2011, Ai-jen launched Caring Across Generations to unite American families in a campaign to achieve bold solutions to the nation's crumbling care infrastructure. The campaign has catalyzed groundbreaking policy change in states including the nation's first family caregiver benefit in Hawai'i, and the first long-term care social insurance fund in Washington State.

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

Are you receiving our weekly emails? Check your junk folder, add us to your “safe sender list,” or visit [**trcnyc.org/Email**](http://trcnyc.org/Email) to sign up. We want to make sure that you know all the latest news and events at The Riverside Church!

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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