



The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

For such a time as *this*

JANUARY 24, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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:

“Paul echoes Jesus’ conviction that the time is drawing near: the time of final judgment. His call to repentance is a call to live a life counter to the culture’s everyday expectations—expectations that have changed little in two millennia. He calls the Corinthians to let their relationship to God overshadow and govern their relationships to money, to property, to one another, and to the world at large. Now as then, such a repentance leads to the new freedom, the true freedom of a life aligned with God’s priorities and not the world’s.”

-Brian Maas

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 Epiphany, as signified by green paraments and clergy stoles, symbolizing the Holy Spirit, hope, and eternal life.

GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Great Day

Adolphus Hailstork

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Aria and Fugue

Healey Willan

Amazing Grace

Dale Wood

Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Amanda Meisenheimer

One: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

All: My hope is from God.

One: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

All: God is my fortress, I shall not be shaken.

One: On God rests my deliverance and my honor.

All: My mighty rock and refuge is in God. Let us trust in God as we worship together.

OPENING HYMN 434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

Today we all are called to be Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free, Make plowshare out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace
our fast, To serve the poor and homeless first, Our ease and
comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth Ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth, Responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud, We sow not peace but strife,
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud That threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down As in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town To cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore An earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for A harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God Act out the living Word,
And walk the road the saints have trod Till all have seen and
heard. As stewards of the earth may we Give thanks in one
accord To God who calls us all to be Disciples of the Lord.

INVOCATION

LISTENING

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

EPISTLE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Carol Fouke-Mpoyo

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

(page 170 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Phil Tom

Mark 1:14-20

(page 35 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

For Such A Time As This

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tom

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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. Tom

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Michael Ellis

OFFERTORY SOLO

How Great O Lord

Julius Benedict

How great O lord is thy goodness, which thou hast laid upon me. Thou hast shewn me the path of life, and inclined my heart to thee, to walk in thy way; thy way is the way of pleasantness, and all thy paths are peace.

Jeremy Leung, baritone

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. Tom

Today we celebrate the work of our Latino Ministry, which brings political, cultural and spiritual issues of our Latinx members and neighbors before our Riverside congregation.

CLOSING HYMN 377

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Pescador De Hombres

**You have come up to the lakeshore,
Looking neither for wise nor for wealthy.
You only wanted that I should follow.**

Refrain:

**Señor, me has mirado a los ojos
Y sonriendo has dicho mi nombre;
En la arena he dejado mi barca;
junto a ti buscare otro mar.**

*(O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me,
And, while smiling, have called out my name,
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,
Now with You I will seek other seas.)*

**You know that I own so little,
In my boat there's no money nor weapons,
You'll only find there my nets and labor. (Refrain)**

**You need the caring of my hands.
Through my tiredness, may others find resting.
You need a love that just goes on loving. (Refrain)**

**You, who have fished other oceans,
Ever longed for by souls that are waiting,
My dear and good friend, as thus You call me. (Refrain)**

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Paeon

Peter Hurford

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹*Psalm 62*

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Carol Fouke-Mpoyo & Michael Ellis

Featured on the cover left to right:

Kamala Harris United States senator from California, and the first African American, the first Asian American, and the third female vice presidential running mate on a major party ticket.

Debra White Plume Championed the rights of the Oglala Lakota in South Dakota and led protests at Wounded Knee and oil pipeline sites. “I’m Lakota, I’m a woman, and water is the domain of the women in our nation,”

Dr. Jill Biden Second lady from 2009 to 2017. Married to Joe Biden, the U.S. president-elect, who is set to be inaugurated on January 20, 2021, at which time she will become first lady.

Lucille and Ruby Bridges In 1960 Ruby and her mother Lucille braved a gauntlet of threats and racist slurs to escort Ruby to a formerly all-white school in New Orleans in what became a symbol of opposition to segregation.

Monica Roberts Transgender rights advocate, founding editor of TransGriot and cofounder of the National Transgender Advocacy Coalition. The first to provide nationwide coverage of homicides against trans women of color, combing news reports to find misgendered murder victims.

Anne Frank German-Dutch diarist of Jewish origin, she gained fame posthumously with the publication of *The Diary of a Young Girl*, in which she documents her life in hiding from 1942 to 1944, during the German occupation of the Netherlands in World War II.

Deidre Davis Butler A wheelchair user herself, Deidre helped draft the landmark Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and held government posts championing people with disabilities, especially those of color.

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/online**](http://trcnyc.org/online) 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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