



THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

JULY 18, 2021
EIGHTH 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:

“We cannot perceive ourselves equal
until we see each other through divine vision.”

-Bishop Yvette Flunder

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.

GATHERING

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

CARILLON

With Grateful Hearts

John Gouvens

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

Christopher Johnson, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Minister Charlene Wingate

One: We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters.

All: The One who shows us the way and refreshes our souls.

One: Though all manner of evil befalls us, we shall not embrace fear,

All: For Christ, our Shepherd is always with us.

One: Goodness and mercy will always be near

All: Let us share by welcoming all as we worship together.

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN 417

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Regent Square

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
And our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call You,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Your wonted lovingkindness
Hear Your people as they pray.
And Your fullest benediction
Shed within its walls always.**

**Here bestow to all Your servants
What they ask of You to gain,
What they gain from You forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Your glory
Evermore with You to reign.
Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,**

**Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run.**

Meghann Vaughn, mezzo-soprano

LISTENING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Livingston

In a moment of silence, offer your own prayers of confession.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

EPISTLE LESSON

Minister Wingate

Ephesians 2:14-19

(page 192 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Bishop Yvette Flunder

Unity is Holy Work

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Livingston

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 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, but deliver us from evil.

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister Wingate

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

David Orcutt

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Mack Wilberg

My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is His name; In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways, and leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death thy presence is my stay; one word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

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 our Membership Ministry, which is dedicated to accompanying our church members and prospective members on their spiritual journeys.

CLOSING HYMN 412

Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds

Forest Green

Eternal God, whose power upholds

Both flower and flaming star,

To whom there is no here nor there,

No time, no near nor far,

No alien race, no foreign shore,

No child unsought, unknown:

O send us forth, Thy prophets true,

To make all lands Thine own!

O God of love, whose Spirit wakes

In every human breast,

Whom love, and love alone, can know,

In whom all hearts find rest:

Help us to spread Thy gracious reign

Till greed and hate shall cease,

And kindness dwell in human hearts,

And all the earth find peace!

O God of truth, whom science seeks
And reverent souls adore,
Who lightest every earnest mind
Of every clime and shore:
Dispel the gloom of error's night,
Of ignorance and fear,
Until true wisdom from above
Shall make life's pathway clear!

O God of beauty, oft revealed
In dreams of human art,
In speech that flows to melody,
In holiness of heart:
Teach us to turn from sinfulness
That shuts our hearts to Thee,
Till all shall know the loveliness
Of lives made fair and free!

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Christopher Tambling

Special thanks to our congregational leader: David Orcutt

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹*Inspired by Psalm 23*



Rev. Dr. Yvette Flunder, a San Francisco native, has served her call through prophetic action and ministry for justice for over thirty years. This call to “blend proclamation, worship, service and advocacy on behalf of those most marginalized in church and in society” led to the founding of the City of Refuge United Church of Christ in 1991. In 2003, Rev. Dr. Flunder was consecrated Presiding Bishop of The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, a multi-denominational coalition of over 100 primarily African

American Christian leaders and laity.. Rev. Dr. Flunder is on the Board of Starr King School for the Ministry and DEMOS and has taught at many theological schools. She is a graduate of the Certificate of Ministry and Master of Arts programs at PSR, and received her Doctor of Ministry from San Francisco Theological Seminary. She is also an award winning gospel music artist and author of *Where the Edge Gathers: A Theology of Homiletic and Radical Inclusion*.

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/lifeofthecommunity**](http://trcnyc.org/lifeofthecommunity) for more information.

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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