



**THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH**  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

AUGUST 1, 2021  
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

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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:

“I imagined Bathsheba in King David’s chambers. Here I was confronted by a woman frightened, trapped, and angry—angry at being negated and ignored. Angry at being told—by the author, by me, by you—not now, not here, hold on, wait. Here I was confronted by hard truths—hot, sweaty, uncomfortable truths—that called me to account. Here I was confronted by the Holy, the Holy that rips open these places of reckoning, these places of justice and acknowledgment, these places where, by the grace of God, the silenced are finally heard.”

- Teri McDowell Ott

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## 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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### Whats happening at Riverside?

Learn about the events and activities of the Life of Our Community by opening your camera and scanning the code below.



### Give by your phone

Make an offering using your smartphone by opening your camera and scanning the code below.

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833.833.4035.



## GATHERING

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

### CARILLON

Versets on "O Bread of Life from Heaven"

*John Knox*

*Charles Semowich, carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Arioso (BWV 156)

*J.S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox*

*Christopher Creaghan, organist*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

### CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>1</sup>

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

One: Have mercy on us, O God, for we know our transgressions.

**All: Wash us thoroughly from all iniquity.**

One: You desire truth in the inward being.

**All: Teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.**

One: Restore the joy of your salvation in our willing spirits.

**All: Come! Let us receive God's new and right spirit as we worship.**

### INVOCATION

#### OPENING HYMN 426

*Please meditate silently on the hymn and refrain from singing.*

**Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak**

*Canonbury*

**Lord, speak to me, that I may speak**

**In living echoes of Thy tone;**

**As Thou hast sought, so let me seek**

**Thine erring children lost and lone.**

**O lead me, Lord, that I may lead**

**The wandering and the wavering feet;**

**O feed me, Lord, that I may feed**

**Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.**

**O teach me, Lord, that I may teach**

**The precious things Thou dost impart;**

**And wing my words, that they may reach**

**The hidden depths of many a heart.**

**O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,**

**Until my very heart o'erflow**

**In kindling thought and glowing word,**

**Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.**

**O use me, Lord, use even me,**

**Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;**

**Until Thy blessed face I see,**

**Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.**

## LISTENING

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

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lee Sartain

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

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

#### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Marilyn Mitchell

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

*(page 285 in the Old Testament)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Hsien-yu Wang

Ephesians 4:1-16

*(pages 193 & 194 in the New Testament)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

Rev. Livingston

“You Are The...”

## RESPONDING

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

### INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Celia Lloyd

#### OFFERTORY SOLO

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

*Nancy Wertsch*

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. I am the way, the truth, and the light.

Eric Lindsey, bass

#### 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

Lee Sartain

*Today we celebrate the work of our Food Pantry Ministry, which opens our doors to the community Tuesday through Friday to provide food for our neighbors needing assistance.*

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Wang

*Following our petition, please join in the following response:*

One: O Merciful God,

**All: hear our prayer.**

## 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

Rev. Wang

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Harper

## 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.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## 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!**

*The ushers will distribute single serve cups containing both juice and a small wafer sealed in between the plastic film on the top. We will lower our masks briefly to take communion together, then replace our masks over our nose and mouth. For the safety of our staff and volunteers, we ask that you please hold onto your empty cups until the end of the service, and dispose of them safely in the trash cans provided as you exit the Nave.*

## CLOSING HYMN 399

**We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight**

*Dunlap's Creek*

**We walk by faith and not by sight;  
No gracious words we hear  
From Christ Who spoke as none e'er spoke;  
But we believe Him near.**

**We may not touch His hands and side,  
Nor follow where He trod;  
But in His promise we rejoice,  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
And may our faith abound  
To call on You when You are near  
And seek where You are found:**

**The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.**

**That, when our life of faith is done,  
In realms of clearer light  
We may behold You as You are,  
With full and endless sight.**

## SENDING

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

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

## POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

*Frederick Swann*<sup>2</sup>

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*Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Lee Sartain, Marilyn Mitchell & Celia Lloyd*

Liturgical Resources for Today:

<sup>1</sup>*Inspired by Psalm 51:1-12*

<sup>2</sup>*Former organist of the Riverside Church celebrating his 90th birthday*

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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

## **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/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.

## **PARKING - 08/01/2021**

**Parking is available** in the garage below the building. Present this bulletin to the attendant before 6:00 p.m. for a reduced rate of \$5.00.

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