



THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

AUGUST 29, 2021
FOURTEENTH 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:

“The pursuit of equity is an attempt to restore value to humanity in all its forms.”
-Min. Charlene Wingate

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.

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.

Or text TRCNYCGIVE to
833.833.4035.



GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Jesus Christ, Our Savior

arr. Charles Semowich

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Psalm Prelude Set 1, No. 2¹

Herbert Howells

Cynthia Powell, guest organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Jim Keat

CALL TO WORSHIP²

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

One: O God, in deep gratitude we come to worship.

All: For you are the provider of all truth in our hearing.

One: Your throne is a throne of God that endures forever and ever.

All: Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity.

One: Your love is perfect, indiscriminate and unending.

**All: As your Beloved Community let us mirror your perfect love.
Come, let us worship together in love!**

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN 411

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

Arise Your Light is Come!

Festal Song

**Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's power will make us strong.**

LISTENING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Keat

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

EPISTLE LESSON

Stephen Pierre-Paul

James 1:17-27

(page 229 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Minister Charlene Wingate

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

(page 42 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Minister Wingate

An Equitable Christ

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Meisenheimer

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, deliver us from evil.

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Meisenheimer

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Lissa Dodington

OFFERTORY SOLO

Hear My Prayer

Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Max Spicke

Hear my prayer, O God, incline Thine ear! Thyself from my petition do not hide. Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee, Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide.

My heart is sorely pained within my breast, my soul with deathly terror is oppressed, trembling and fearfulness upon me fall, with horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear me call!

O for the wings, for the wings of a dove! Far away, far away would I rove! In the wilderness build me a nest, and remain there forever at rest.

Liz Lang, soprano

THE DOXOLOGY

Please meditate silently and refrain from singing.

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. Keat

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Nominating Committee, which connects members of our congregation to each other and to areas of ministry in our community where they can use their gifts in service and love.

CLOSING HYMN 466

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

O For A Thousand Tongues

Azmon

O for a thousand tongues to sing

My dear Redeemer's praise,

The glories of my God and King,

The triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,

That bids our sorrows cease;

'Tis music in the sinner's ears,

'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,

And sets the prisoner free;

Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,

Christ's blood availed for me.

**My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.**

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

Minister Wingate

POSTLUDE

Litanies

Jehan Alain

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Stephen Pierre-Paul & Lissa Dodington

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹*Psalm 37 vs. 11: "But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."*

²*Inspired by Psalm 45*

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/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 - 8/29/2021

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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