



THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

AUGUST 8, 2021
ELEVENTH 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:

“Bread for myself is a material question. Bread for my neighbor is a spiritual one.”

-Nikolai Berdyaev

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.

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833.833.4035.



GATHERING

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

CARILLON

To God be the Glory

arr. Lee Cobb

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Andante Religioso - Allegretto, from Sonata IV

Felix Mendelssohn

Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Jim Keat

One: Out of the depths I cry to you, O God.

All: We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus.

One: Hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

All: We thirst for you, O God.

One: In your words, I hope. My soul waits for you, God.

**All: Feed our hunger and quench our thirst with your eternal love.
Let us gather to worship in your holy name.**

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN 326

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

Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart

Morecambe

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.**

**Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;
All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength and mind?
I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!**

**Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.**

**Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.**

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Meighan Corbett

1 Kings 19:4-8

(page 326 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Martha Wiggins

John 6:35, 41-51

(page 98 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Freeman L. Palmer

Necessary Consumption

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, deliver us from evil.

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Livingston

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Meighan Corbett

OFFERTORY SOLO

Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth

Felix Mendelssobn

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Maker's realm. Joy on their head shall be for everlasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away for ever. (from *Elijah*)

Erik Rasmussen, tenor

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 work of our Small Group Ministries, which provide educational and spiritual growth opportunities for people in our church and in the community.

CLOSING HYMN 435

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

We All Are One in Mission

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvogelein

We all are one in mission,

We all are one in call,

Our varied gifts united

By Christ, the Lord of all.

A single, great commission

Compels us from above

To plan and work together

That all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service

To witness in God's name.

Our ministries are different,

Our purpose is the same:

To touch the lives of others

By God's surprising grace

So every folk and nation

May feel God's warm embrace.

We all behold one vision,
A stark reality:
The steward of salvation
Was nailed upon a tree.
Yet resurrected Justice
Gives rise that we may share
Free reconciliation
And hope amid despair.
Now let us be united

And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
For God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G

Théodore Dubois

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Martha Wiggins, Meighan Corbett

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹*Adapted from <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-11-august-8/>*



Rev. Freeman L. Palmer serves as Conference Minister for the Central Atlantic Conference United Church of Church. Rev Palmer began this call in February 2019 after serving nine years as Associate Conference Minister, Congregational Development for the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ. Originally from Washington DC, Rev. Palmer is a second career minister, attending Seminary after a fifteen-year career as a broadcasting executive with CBS

Inc. Rev. Palmer's educational background includes a BA in Economics from Swarthmore College, an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Master's in Divinity with Honors from New York Theological Seminary. A longtime member of the Inspirational Choir, Rev. Palmer was ordained at Riverside in 2004 to his first call as an Associate Minister at Middle Collegiate Church in Manhattan. After living twenty years in Jersey City, Rev. Palmer relocated with his spouse Donald, an ordained ELCA minister, to Baltimore MD, where they welcomed their seven-month-old puppy Pooh.

A prayer that Rev. Palmer offers daily is Psalm 143:10, "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your Good Spirit lead me on level ground (NIV)."

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.

PARKING - 8/08/2021

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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