



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

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021  
SIXTEENTH 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:

“The more one respects Jesus, the more one must be brokenhearted, embarrassed, furious, or some combination thereof when one considers what we Christians have done with Jesus. That’s certainly true when it comes to calling Jesus Lord, something we Christians do a lot, often without the foggiest idea of what we mean.”

-Brian McLaren, *A Generous Orthodoxy*

**Green Storm**  
**Green Needle**  
**Brainstorm**  
**Brain Needle**

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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.

Or text TRCNYCGIVE to  
833.833.4035.



## GATHERING

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

### CARILLON

'Tis a Gift

*Douglas Gefvert*

*Charles Semowich, carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Simple Gifts

*arr. Robert Hebble*

Where All Is Peace

*arr. Kimo Smith*

*Christopher Creaghan, organist*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

*Rev. Michael Livingston*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Karissa Garner*

One: On this morning, as every morning,

**All: We are surrounded by God's grace.**

One: In these moments, as every moment,

**All: We are called by Jesus to embrace the cost of discipleship.**

One: Throughout this day, as every day,

**All: We are taught peace and hope by the Spirit.**

### INVOCATION

#### OPENING HYMN 391

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

#### Take My Life

*Hendon*

**Take my life, and let it be**

**Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.**

**Take my moments and my days;**

**Let them flow in ceaseless praise,**

**Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move**

**At the impulse of Thy love.**

**Take my feet, and let them be**

**Swift and beautiful for Thee,**

**Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing**

**Always, only, for my King.**

**Take my lips, and let them be**

**Filled with messages from Thee,**

**Filled with messages from Thee.**

Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose,  
Every power as Thou shalt choose.  
Take my will, and make it Thine;

It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour

At Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

### 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

### GOSPEL LESSON

David Vaughn

Mark 8:27-38

*(pages 43 & 44 in the New Testament)*

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Rev. Jim Keat

Who Do You Say That I Am?

### 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

Robbie Patterson

## OFFERTORY SOLO

Hold On Just A Little While Longer

*Cleophus Robinson Jr.*

Hold on just a little while longer, everything will be alright. Fight on just a little while longer. Pray on just a little while longer. Sing on just a little while longer.

*Irwin Reese, 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

Karissa Garner

*Today we celebrate the work of Riverside's Ushers, who have for more than 90 years provided hospitality to all who enter The Riverside Church.*

## CLOSING HYMN 288

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

**I Sing The Mighty Power of God**

*Ellacombe*

**I sing the mighty power of God**

**That made the mountains rise;**

**That spread the flowing seas abroad**

**And built the lofty skies.**

**I sing the wisdom that ordained**

**The sun to rule the day;**

**The moon shines full at God's command,**

**And all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord**

That filled the earth with food;  
God formed the creatures with a word  
And then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,  
Where'er I turn my eyes;  
If I survey the ground I tread,  
Or gaze upon the skies!

There's not a plant or flower below  
But makes Thy glories known;  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
By order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee  
Is ever in Thy care,  
And everywhere that we can be,  
Thou, God, art present there.

*SENDING*

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

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Livingston

**POSTLUDE**

Suite Liturgique  
*IV. Sortie*

*Denis Bédard*

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*Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Karissa Garner, David Vaughn & Robbie Patterson*

## **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 - 9/12/2021**

**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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