

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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OCTOBER 10, 2021
TWENTIETH 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:

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

-Matthew 11:28-30

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

Fantasia on 'Te Deum Laudamus'
Prelude

Albert de Klerk
Sean Duffy

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Adoration
Air on the G String (BWV 1048)

Florence B. Price
Johann Sebastian Bach

Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Jim Keat

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

One: Come, enter into worship with gratitude!

All: Let us worship with gladness and joy.

One: Let every fear rest, every cry be heard.

All: Lift every song of praise to the world.

One: May God's loving grace inspire our hearts as we listen.

All: Open our ears to hear God's magnificent word.
With gratitude, let us worship together in Christ!

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN 263

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

LISTENING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Phil Tom

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

Glenn Burleigh

Jesus is a Rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land. Jesus is a Rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm. I would not be a sinner. I'll tell you the reason why. I'm afraid my Lord might call my name, and I wouldn't be ready to die. I would not be a back slider. Has He ever made a way when you didn't have a dime? Has He ever stepped in just right on time? Has He ever picked you up when you were down? Has He ever placed your feet on solid ground? Then you know He is a Rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm. I'm a witness, He's a Rock of Ages in a weary land. He is a shelter in a time of storm.

The Riverside Inspirational Choir
Nedra Olds-Neal, director
Matt King, piano

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Meisenheimer & Rev. Bruce Lamb

Christian Jordan Lockhart
Irene Delmore Chiles

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

PSALTER LESSON

Rev. Tom

Psalm 11

(page 494 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 357

Please meditate silently on the hymn and refrain from singing.

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Maryton

GOSPEL LESSON

Mojúbàolú Okome

Matthew 11:2-19; 28-30

(pages 11 & 12 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Keri Day

Rest for the Stressed

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Keat

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.

CHORAL 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

David Vaughn & Lisa Hinds

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Psalm 150

César Franck

O praise ye the lord, praise God in this temple. Praise ye the lord in the firmament of great power. Sing praises for God's might, and the greatness of God's wonders. O praise God according to God's majesty. Praise the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Praise the Lord with the lute and the harp. Praise the lord with the timbrel and the dance. O praise God with the organ and instrument of strings. Praise God upon the loud cymbals, praise God upon the high sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord! Alleluia.

Cynthia Powell , conductor

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. Lamb

Today we celebrate the dedication of our Senior Minister Search Committee, which is entrusted with the responsibility of prayerfully selecting a pastoral candidate.

CLOSING HYMN 343

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

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Showalter

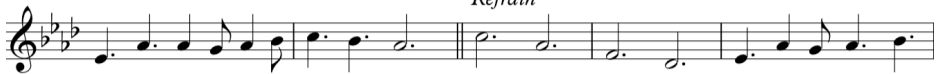


What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms; I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



all a - larms, Lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

Dr. Day

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D

Healey Willan

Cynthia Powell, organist

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Mojúbàolú Okome, David Vaughn, & Lisa Hinds



Keri Day is an Associate Professor of Constructive Theology and African American Religion at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ. She earned an M.A. in Religion and Ethics from Yale University Divinity School and received her Ph.D. in Religion from Vanderbilt University. Her academic research focuses on how African American theology and black religious thought address global economics, especially among women of the African Diaspora. Her articles and

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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 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 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 - 10/10/2021

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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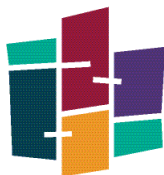
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