

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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NOVEMBER 14, 2021
TWENTY-FIFTH 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:

“We must fight our way to loving ourselves in a context that views too many of us as unworthy of love. And we must love our selves in order to love our neighbor. This is the command from Rabbi Jesus to his followers. We are compelled to do so, on the way to healing the world.”

-Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

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.



Following industry standard, Riverside has secured rapid onsite COVID testing services for the health and safety of performers singing together, allowing us to permit unmasked singing. All performers will remain masked at all other times, but will unmask for anthems and singing in the chancel.

GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Preludes

Matthias van den Gheyn¹

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Élévation Dom

Psalm Prelude No. 1

Paul Benoit

Herbert Howells

Cynthia Powell, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jim Keat

One: O wonderful God, your steadfast love never ceases.

All: Your mercies are endless without measure.

One: Every morning, you wake us with your love.

All: Great is your faithfulness. Great is your love!

One: We gather together to praise your great name.

All: May the gift of your love inspire us to love ourselves and one another fiercely. Let us worship and share in God's love.

✦ INVOCATION

✦ OPENING HYMN 155

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

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Darwall's 148th

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

ANTHEM

Jesus Promised

Timothy W. Carpenter

Oh how wonderful it is Jesus promised he'll take care of me! Oh how marvelous it is Jesus promised he'll take care of me! I don't have to worry about the things ahead. All I have to do is live right and believe in what he said. I can call him in the morning, I can call him in the middle of the night. And when I call him, he makes everything all right. It does not matter how big the problem may be! Jesus promised he'll take care of me!

Riverside Inspirational Choir

Nedra Olds-Neal, director

Matt King, piano

Tash Neal, bass

Jonathon Peretz, percussion

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 4:7-12

(page 241 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Samuel Coleman

†HYMN 452

Please meditate silently on the hymn and refrain from singing.

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

St. Michael

PSALTER LESSON

Psalms 139

(page 577 & 578 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

Take your mask off first!

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.

CHORAL AMEN

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Keat

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Dr. Emily Anderson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Praise God In God's Holiness

Wilfred J. Emery

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in Her holiness: Praise God in the firmament of Her power. Praise God in His noble acts: Praise God according to His excellent greatness. Praise God in the sound of the trumpet: Praise God on the lute and harp. Praise God in the cymbals and dances: Praise God on the strings and pipe. Praise God on the well tuned cymbals: Praise God on the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath: Praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

†THE DOXOLOGY

The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize the offering of our whole selves to God. 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 entire Music Ministry, which provides beautiful music for all our services, concerts and events, bringing glory to God through music.

†CLOSING HYMN 443

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

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Aurelia

SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Carillon, Opus 31, No. 21

Louis Vierne

Christopher Creaghan, organist

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Samuel Coleman
& Emily Anderson*

Liturgical Resources for Today:

'In honor of the 300th birthday of the Netherlands pre-eminent carillon composer.



The Rev. Jacqueline J. Lewis, Ph.D. is Senior Minister at Middle Collegiate Church, a 1,300-member multiethnic, welcoming, and inclusive congregation in New York City. She is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and earned her Ph.D. in Religion and Society/ Psychology and Religion at Drew University. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Dr. Lewis hosted “Just Faith,” an on-demand television program on MSNBC.com and is a frequent media commentator. Her books include *The Power of Stories: A Guide for Leaders in*

Multi-racial, Multi-cultural Congregations, Ten Strategies for Becoming a Multiracial Congregation, the children’s book, *You Are So Wonderful!* and her latest book *Fierce Love: A Bold Path to Ferocious Courage and Rule-Breaking Kindness That Can Heal the World*.

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

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.

JOIN OUR WEEKLY SERMON TALKBACK

Go deeper with the sermons from The Riverside Church every Sunday after worship for a sermon talkback as part of Virtual Coffee Hour. Visit trcnyc.org/VirtualCoffeeHour to join us online or go to 311 MLK to join us in person. If you are unable to join the live conversation you can listen to After the Amen, our weekly sermon talkback podcast, as Riverside clergy and congregants talk with Sunday's preacher about how their sermon resonates in our lives and in our world. Visit trcnyc.org/AfterTheAmen to listen now.

RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST

Are you receiving our weekly emails? Check your junk folder and add communications@trcnyc.org 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!

DOWNLOAD THE RIVERSIDE APP

Take Riverside with you, wherever you go. Text TRCNYC to 833.833.4035 or visit trcnyc.org/app to download the app and stay connected to all the videos, podcasts, and events from The Riverside Church.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CARILLON RECITALS

Fall and Winter 2021 Sunday afternoon carillon recitals take place most weeks at 3:00 p.m. and can be best heard outdoors listening from Sakura Park, immediately north of The Riverside Church at 122nd Street. Visit trcnyc.org/CarillonRecitals for the complete schedule.

PARKING - 11/14/2021

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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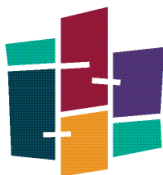
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