

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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NOVEMBER 21, 2021
TWENTY-SIXTH 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:

“It may sound strange to speak of community as discipline, but without discipline community becomes a ‘soft’ word, referring more to a safe, homey, and exclusive place than to the space where new life can be received and brought to its fullness. Wherever true community presents itself, discipline is crucial.”

-Henri Nouwen

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

Variations on Coronation

Festal Variations on Jesus Shall Reign

Sinfonia from Cantata No. 29 'We Thank Thee, Lord'

Albert Gerken

John Courter

J.S. Bach, arr. Bob van Wely

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Pièce d'Orgue (BWV 572)

J. S. Bach

Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Lee Sartain

One: Come, let us worship at the footstool of the Lord.

All: We come to worship Jesus Christ, the One who is, who was, and is to come.

One: Our Alpha and Omega, who rules over us with justice and care.

All: Our faithful One, whose mercy never fails.

One: Let us go to the dwelling place.

All: Yes, let us worship the Lord!

✠INVOCATION

✠OPENING HYMN 552

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

Give Thanks, O Christian People¹

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

LISTENING

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

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Min. Richard X III

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

✠WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

I'm Gonna Sing/Over My Head

Spiritual arr. Terry D. Taylor

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says "sing" and obey the Spirit of the Lord. Over my head, there is music in the air. God's love reaches everywhere. I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says "shout" and obey the Spirit of the Lord. There is music everywhere.

*The Rising Voices Choir
Matthew Hommez, director
Yuliya Basis, accompanist*

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Livingston

Elyse Augustine Brown
Athena Corinne Brown
Onuoha Deborah Obianuju

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

†HYMN 400

Please meditate silently on the hymn and refrain from singing.

Pues Si Vivimos/When We Are Living²

Somos Del Señor

Verses 1 & 2 in Spanish, 1 & 2 in English

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Dyana Jean

2 Samuel 23:1-7

(page 267 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Storm is Passing Over

arr. Barbara W. Baker

Have courage my soul and let us carry on. Though the night is dark, and I am far from home. Thanks be to God the morning light appears. The storm is passing over Hallelu!

*The Rising Voices Choir
Matthew Hommez, director
Yuliya Basis, accompanist*

GOSPEL LESSON

Lee Sartain

John 18:33-37

(page 113 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

“The Discipline of Community”

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Min. X

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

Lee Sartain

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Thanks Be To God (from 'Elijah')

Felix Mendelssohn

Thanks be to God, who laveth the thirsty land! The waters gather, they rush along; they are lifting their voices! The stormy billows are high; their fury is mighty. But the Lord is above them, and almighty!

Nancy Wertsch, conductor

✦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

Min. X

Today we celebrate the mission of our Faith Formation Ministry, which serves to nourish and grow the faith of everyone seeking to know God, explore faith, ask challenging questions about life, and grow closer to God and one another.

✦CLOSING HYMN 555

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

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket Alle Gott

SENDING

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

✦BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God, from Cantata No. 79

J. S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Lee Sartain & Dyana Jean

Liturgical Resources for Today:

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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

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 - 11/21/2021

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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