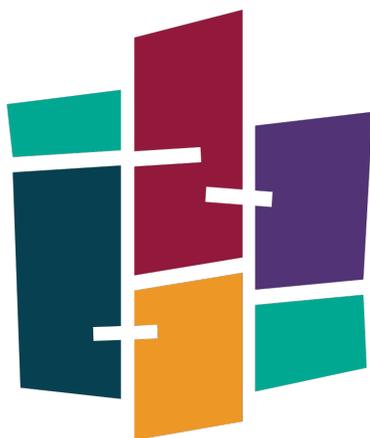


The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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JANUARY 23, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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:

A lot of us have felt stuck during this pandemic. Being slapped in the face now with the prospect of more long, dark, isolated, and restricted months ahead feels like the proverbial straw breaking our collective back. And yet, we are learning from this pandemic that what feels like a pause button has actually been a catalyst for change. It might feel like we've been going nowhere, but all along we have been collectively considering in profound ways who we are and who we want to be, what is and is not working.

-Martha Tatarmic, St. George's Anglican Church, St. Catharines, Ontario

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the season of Epiphany, as signified by white paraments and clergy stoles, symbolizing joy in the light of Christ's birth.

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

How Brightly Shines the Morningstar *settings by John Courter and Ludo Geloen*
Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Aria and Fugue *Healey Willan*
Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

CALL TO WORSHIP

Min. Richard X III

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**All: Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

**All: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

One: As we gather in worship, revive our souls, and make us wise.

**All: As we gather in worship, enlighten our eyes to your glorious
handiwork. Let us worship.**

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN 434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

LISTENING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Harper

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Let the Heaven Light Shine on Me

Moses Hogan

Let the light from heaven shine on me. Let it shine on me. Let the heav'n light shine on me, for low is the way to the upper bright world. Let the heav'n light shine on me.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Min. X III

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

(pages 436 & 437 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

Michael Winger

GOSPEL LESSON

Camille Massey

Luke 4:14-21

(page 61 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Michael Livingston

Today

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Harper

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

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Eugene Melino

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me

Edward Elgar

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; God hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord that God might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth its bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations.

Nancy Wertsch, conductor

THE DOXOLOGY

**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. Harper

Today we celebrate the work of our Latino Ministry, which brings political, cultural and spiritual issues of our Latinx members and neighbors before our Riverside congregation.

CLOSING HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2. My gra - cious Sav - ior and my God, as -
 3. Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that
 4. Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be

great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries ev - er
 sists me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease Is mu - sic in the
 ev - er, ev - er giv'n By all the saints in

ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 earth a - broad the ho - nors of your name.
 sin - ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
 ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Paeon

Peter Hurford

Special thanks to our congregational leader: Camille Massey & Eugene Melino

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.

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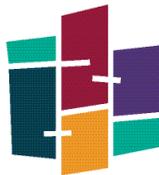
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