

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

Celebrate

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

Every Month

FEBRUARY 20, 2022
SEVENTH 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:

I hear freedom calling
Calling me to answer
Gonna keep on keepin' on
I can feel it in my bones
I go to prepare a place for you
I go to prepare a place for you

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

Variations on 'O God our Help in Ages Past'
Once to Everyman and Nation

arr. John Knox
arr. Leen 't Hart

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Deep River
Choral

Augustus Hailstork
Joseph Jongen

Cynthia Powell, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

+CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern

One: O Holy One, where can we find you?

All: **We find you in your mercy, forgiveness and love.**

One: We find you at your generous table, sharing with all who have need.

All: **We find you in your liberating power to free those who are bound.**

One: Come let us worship the One whose justice is the only path to peace.

All: **The Just and Holy One is here.
In the midst of God's love, let us worship.**

+INVOCATION

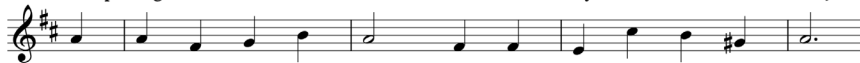
+OPENING HYMN

O God of Every Nation

Lancashire



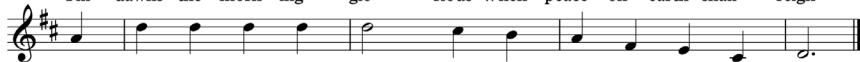
1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, Of ev - ery race and land,
2. From search for wealth and pow - er And scorn of truth and right,
3. Lord, strength-en those who la - bor That all may find re - lease
4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion Of days when war shall cease,



Re - deem the whole cre - a - tion With Your al - might - y hand;
From trust in bombs that show - er De - struc - tion through the night,
From fear of rat - tling sa - ber, From dread of war's in - crease;
When ha - tred and di - vi - sion Give way to love and peace,



Where hate and fear di - vide us And bit - ter threats are hurled,
From pride of race and sta - tion And blind - ness to Your way,
When hope and cour - age fal - ter, Your still small voice be heard;
Till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious When peace on earth shall reign



In love and mer - cy guide us And heal our strife - worn world.
De - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, E - ter - nal God, we pray.
With faith that none can al - ter, Your ser - vants un - der - gird.
And Christ shall rule vic - to - rious O'er all the world's do - main.

+All who are able, please stand

LISTENING

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

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister Charlene Wingate

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

✦ WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

arr. Charles S. Brown

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home. Swing low, sheet chariot, comin' for to carry me home. I looked over Jordan and what did I see, comin' for to carry me home? A band of angels comin' after me, comin' for to carry me home. I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down, comin' for to carry me home. But still my soul feels heavenly bound, comin' for to carry me home. If you get there before I do, comin' for to carry me home. Tell all my friends I'm comin' too, comin' for to carry me home. Oh, swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home. Oh, Glory. Swing, swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home, comin' for to carry me home.

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Livingston, Rev. Northern
& Hillary Puckett

We welcome you with joy and friendship into the common life of The Riverside Church. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's love and grace and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Minister Wingate

Genesis 45:3-11,15

(page 42 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Northern

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

(page 177 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

✦ *All who are able, please stand*

†HYMN

Commit Your Way To God The Lord

Guilsborough



1. Com - mit your way to God the Lord: your cause will
 2. Be still be - fore the Lord and wait, and do not
 3. Sal - va - tion comes from God a - lone: the faith - ful and
 4. Com - mit your way to God the Lord; to peace and



shine as bright as fire; de - light to do God's
 fret when wrong suc - ceeds; re - frain from an - ger,
 know their help is sure; to heav - en, all our
 5 truth and grace as - pire; then mer - cy shall be



ho - ly word and you shall find what you de - sire.
 turn from hate, for God will pun - ish e - vil deeds.
 needs are known, and in God's strength we are se - cure.
 your re - ward; God's prom - is - es, your heart's de - sire.

GOSPEL LESSON

Glenessa Gordon

Luke 6:27-38

(pages 64 & 65 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

STAND

SERMONIC SOLO STAND UP
CONTEMPORARY DANCE

Shari Gill
Johnny Chamness

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

Glenessa Gordon

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Beati Quorum Via

Charles V. Stanford

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord¹

†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

Minister Wingate

Today we celebrate the ministry of the Riverside Inspirational Choir, whose music has lifted our spirits and inspired a sustaining faith since 1981.

†CLOSING HYMN 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

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

†*All who are able, please stand*

SENDING

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

✚BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Toccata

David Hegarty

Special thanks to our congregational leader: Glenessa Gordon

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 - 02/20/2022

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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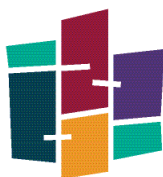
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