

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

Celebrate

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

Every Month

FEBRUARY 27, 2022
EIGHTH 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:

“When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have to speak up...”

-Congressman John 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 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

Hymn Suite based on Nicaea, Erhalt uns Herr, and Old 100th
Charles Semowich, carillonneur

Ennis Fruhauf

ORGAN

Offertory
Where All is Peace

H. Leslie Adams

Kimo Smith

Christopher Creaghan, organist

CHOIR MUSIC

Lift Every Voice and Sing
We Shall Overcome

Original arrangements

Sing Harlem! Choir, Mama Foundation for the Arts

Ahmaya Knoelle Higginsen, director

Greg Kelly, pianist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Bruce Lamb

✚CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Charles King

One: Something drew us together this morning.

All: Something we can't name but which we experience in worship.

One: Some holy mystery we call God.

All: Some sacred calling we hear in the life of Jesus.

One: Some indescribable hope we feel when we gather in the Spirit.

**All: May our experience of the Divine transform our doubts and fears
and prepare us to love the world as we gather together in worship.**

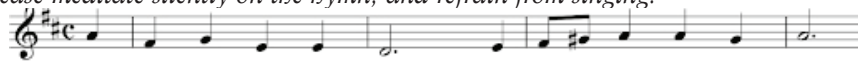
✚INVOCATION

✚OPENING HYMN

How Good, Lord, To Be Here

Swabia

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



1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2. How good, Lord, to be here, Your beau - ty to be - hold
3. Ful - fill - er of the past And hope... of things to be,
4. Be - fore we taste of death, We see... your king - dom come;
5. Ho good, Lord, to be here! Yet we... may not re - main;



Your face and gar - ments, like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
Where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.
We hail your bo - dy glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
We long to hold the vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
But since you bid us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

✚All who are able, please stand

LISTENING

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

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lamb

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

†WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Ask, Seek, Knock

Nancy Raabe

Ask and it shall be given. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door shall be opened for you, for this is the kingdom of God. A new commandment have I given to you, that you love one another just I love you. For this is how people know that you are my disciples, by the way you show God's love. Ask and it shall be given. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door shall be opened for you, for this is the kingdom of God. Ask! Seek! Ask and the door shall be opened for you, for this is the kingdom of God.

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

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Lamb

Thalia Violet Giles

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. King

Exodus 34:29-35

(page 81 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 74

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Mowsley

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Martha Wiggins

Luke 9:28-36

(pages 69 & 70 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

†*All who are able, please stand*

Say Something!

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. King

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

Desireé Baxter

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Last Words of David

Randall Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia. Amen.

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

Rev. Lamb

Today we celebrate the work of our Black Lives Matter chapter, which affirms the humanity of all and works tirelessly for a world where all Black lives are no longer systematically targeted.

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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

SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Tom

POSTLUDE

March in D

Alexander Guilmant

Special thanks to our congregational leaders: Rev. Charles King, Martha Wiggins & Desireé Baxter

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹Adapted from <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/transfiguration-sunday-c-february-27/>

†All who are able, please stand

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 - 02/27/2022

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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