

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



APRIL 24, 2022  
CREATION SUNDAY  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

# WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

WORSHIP is at the center of the life of The Riverside Church.

“Restoration is imperative for healing the earth, but reciprocity is imperative for long-lasting, successful restoration. Like other mindful practices, ecological restoration can be viewed as an act of reciprocity in which humans exercise their caregiving responsibility for the ecosystems that sustain them. We restore the land, and the land restores us.”

*Robin Wall Kimmerer*

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## 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 Eastertide, a period of 50 days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ until Pentecost. The liturgical color of Eastertide is white, which symbolizes the hope of the resurrection, as well as the purity and newness that comes from victory over sin and death, as signified by the paraments and clergy stoles.

### **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

For the Beauty of the Earth

Earth and All Stars

Prelude and Fugue on “How Wondrous are thy Works”

*Charles Semowich, carillonneur*

*arr. Betty Buchanan*

*David Johnson*

*Ronald Barnes*

### HANDBELLS

Prisms

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

*William A. Payn*

*arr. Janet Linker and Jane McFadden*

*The Combined Choirs of the Annual English Handbell Festival*

*William Payn, conductor*

*Alan Montgomery, organist*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Bruce Lamb

### †CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Rev. Charles King

One: Christ is our strength and our salvation.

**All: He has risen from death so we may live.**

One: Christ is the pillar that gives us light,

**All: our foundational rock who is marvelous in our eyes.**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us worship the risen Lord with praise!**

<sup>1</sup> Inspired by Psalm 118

†All who are able, please stand

† INVOCATION

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 288  
I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*Ellacombe*

*LISTENING*

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lamb

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

**Now the Green Blade Rises**

*arr. Kevin McChesney*

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth  
green. In the grave they laid him, Love who had been slain, thinking that he never would  
awake again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again like wheat that  
springeth green. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, Jesus who for three days in the  
grave had lain; quick from the dead the risen One is seen: Love is come again like wheat that  
springeth green.

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**PSALTER**  
**Psalm 47**

Doug Miller

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**†HYMN**

**Touch the Earth Lightly<sup>2</sup>**

*Tenderness*

1. Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,  
2. We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,  
3. Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,  
4. God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,  
nour - ish the life of the world in our care:  
a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,  
wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,  
God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,  
gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,  
we who would fos - ter clouds of di - sas - ter,  
health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,  
teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,  
trust for the chi - dren to - mor - row will bear.  
God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!  
re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.  
us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us one.

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## HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Dana Minaya

Genesis 1:26-31; 2:7

(pg. 1 *in the Old Testament*)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Karyn Bigelow

### RESPONDING

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

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lamb

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. King

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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## INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Irwin Reese

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

#### **Fairest Lord Jesus**

*David McKinley Williams*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God to earth come down, Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown. Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling starry host; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels heaven can boast.

### † AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY

*The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize the offering of our whole selves to God.*

**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 ministry of Riverside's Beloved Earth Community, which knows that protecting the earth starts with us; one individual, one group, one congregation at a time. We can be the change that starts us on a path to sustainability.*

### SENDING

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

### † RECESSIONAL HYMN 487

**When Morning Gilds the Skies**

*Laudes Domini*

### † BENEDICTION

Rev. Lamb

### POSTLUDE

Fanfare

*Jacques-Nicholas Lemmens*

*Alan Montgomery, organist*

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders Rev. Charles King, BL, Christian Gateru, Dana Minaya & Doug Miller*

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Karyn Bigelow is a Co-Executive Director of Creation Justice Ministries. She has served as the policy advisor and project manager as well as policy analyst and research analyst at Bread for the World, focusing on the intersections of climate change, food security and racial equity. She is a steering committee member of the American Baptist Churches' Creation Justice Network and on the Leadership Committee of the Pan African Young Adult Network. She earned her Master in Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, where she sat on the Board of Directors, and her undergraduate degree in social relations and policy from Michigan State University. She is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Global Food Security and Nutrition focusing her studies and research on sustainability. She has published numerous articles on topics such as environmental racism and climate change. She holds a certificate in beekeeping.



## **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](http://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](http://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](http://trcnyc.org/AfterTheAmen) to listen now.

## **RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST**

Are you receiving our weekly emails? Check your junk folder and add [communications@trcnyc.org](mailto:communications@trcnyc.org) to your "safe sender list" or visit [trcnyc.org/email](http://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](http://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 2022 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](http://trcnyc.org/CarillonRecitals) for the complete schedule.

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PARKING - 04/24/2022

Parking is available in the garage below the building. Present this bulletin to the attendant before 11:00 p.m. for a reduced rate of \$5.00.

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