

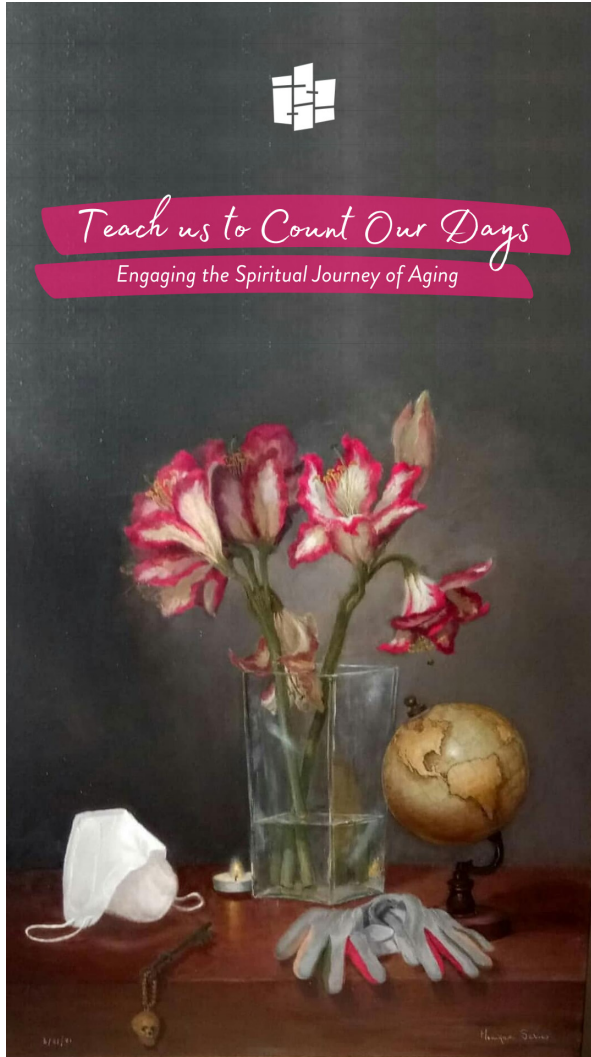
The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



Teach us to Count Our Days

Engaging the Spiritual Journey of Aging



MAY 22, 2022
SIXTH 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.
As you prepare your heart and mind for worship, consider this quote:

“Age puzzles me. I thought it was a quiet time. My seventies were interesting, and fairly serene, but my eighties are passionate. I grow more intense as I age. To my own surprise I burst out with hot conviction.”

Florida Scott-Maxwell, The Measure of My Days

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

Be Thou My Vision

Return through your Goodness, O God

Quodlibet on Brother James' Air, Mit Freuden Zart and St. James

arr. Gerald Martindale

Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. Clifford Ball

Ennis Fruhauf

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Salut d'Amour

Alan Montgomery, organist

Edward Elgar

STRING ENSEMBLE

Presto & Menuetto, from String Quartet no. 1

Franz Joseph Haydn

The Riverside Youth String Ensemble

Kristina Giles, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

✚CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Livingston

One: Let the Creator be home among us.

All: In our hearts, may God be welcome.

One: May God's love shape our every thought.

All: May our words be words of life and our actions lead to God's justice.

One: May God's Spirit lead us.

All: May God's peace dwell within us all. Let us worship.

¹ Adapted from <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-6c-may-22-2022/>

✚*All who are able, please stand*

†INVOCATION

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 495
We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

LISTENING

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

Teach Us to Count our Days: A Responsive Prayer Charlene Wingate
Ancient of Days, teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.
Consecrate our passing years that our experiences may turn into wisdom.

When we are tempted to worship at the “fountain of youth,” call us back to your living waters.
Forgive us when we discount ourselves and others based on age, ability, or appearance.

From Generation to Generation, You are Our God.
Thank you for mentors, grandparents, and other sages who show us the way of love, faith, and justice.

Your goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives.
Help us to nurture Beloved Community by welcoming the gifts of people at every age and stage of life.

Rock of Ages, teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.
Help us to create a world where we all can live out our days with respect, security, and dignity. Amen.

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ANTHEM

Love Bade Me Welcome

David Hurd

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
 Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
 From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
 If I lacked anything.

“A guest,” I answered, “worthy to be here”:
 Love said, “You shall be he.”
“I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
 I cannot look on thee.”
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
 “Who made the eyes but I?”

“Truth, Lord; but I have marred them; let my shame
 Go where it doth deserve.”
“And know you not,” says Love, “who bore the blame?”
 “My dear, then I will serve.”
“You must sit down,” says Love, “and taste my meat.”
 So I did sit and eat.

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Monique Serres

Job 42: 12-17

(pg. 488 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 339

Slane

Be Thou My Vision

EPISTLE LESSON

Howard Sanders

James 1:1-8

(pg. 228 in the New Testament)

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All: Thanks be to God.

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SERMON

Jennifer Jones Austin

Saved for the Kingdom's Sake

RESPONDING

We respond to the hearing of God's word through prayer,

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Livingston

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

Martha Wiggins

†*All who are able, please stand*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let the People Praise Thee, O God

William Mathias

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for thou shalt judge the folk righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase and God, even our own God, shall give us great blessing. God shall bless us and all the ends of the world shall fear him. God be merciful unto us and bless us and shew us the light of her countenance and be merciful unto us, that thy way may be known upon earth thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God: Yea, let all the people praise thee. Glory to the Creator and to the Son and the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end, Amen.

† 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

Charlene Wingate

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Church Council, Commissions and Committees as they begin a new year of dreaming, planning, and discerning the many ways that we might be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

SENDING

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

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 443

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Aurelia

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Carillon Sortie

Christopher Creaghan, organist

Henri Mulet

Special thanks to our congregational leaders Monique Serres, Howard Sanders, and Martha Wiggins.

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A fourth-generation leader of faith and social justice, **Jennifer Jones Austin** fights for equity. As CEO of the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (FPWA), an anti-poverty, policy and advocacy organization with 170 member agencies and faith partners, she has led and secured monumental changes in social policy to strengthen and empower the disenfranchised and marginalized. Jennifer brings to her work a profound understanding of the link between race, poverty, law and social policy in America, and the role religion plays.

Prior to joining FPWA, Ms. Jones Austin served as Senior Vice President of the United Way of New York City; the City of New York's first Family Services Coordinator; Deputy Commissioner for the NYC Administration for Children's Services; Civil Rights Deputy Bureau Chief for Attorney General Eliot Spitzer; and Vice President for LearnNow/Eison Schools, Inc. Ms. Jones Austin chairs the NYC Racial Justice Commission, the first of its kind in the nation created to develop ballot proposals to revise the City's charter to dismantle structural racism in government functions and ensure equity for Black, indigenous and other persons of color.

She has chaired several other influential boards and commissions, including the Mayoral Transition for Bill de Blasio, the NYC Procurement Policy Board, the NYC Board of Correction, where she presided over the promulgation of rules to end solitary confinement; the NYS Supermarket Commission; and the Community Engagement for Brooklyn District Attorney Gonzalez's Justice 2020 Initiative. She was a lead advisor for the NYPD Reform and Reinvention Collaborative. She currently serves as Vice Chair of the Board of National Action Network; member of the Feerick

Center for Social Justice Advisory Board; member of the Center for Law, Brain and Behavior Advisory Board at Harvard University; and member of the COVID-19 “Roll Up Your Sleeves” Task Force created to ensure vaccine information and equitable access in Black and Brown communities.

She also is the scholar in residence at Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary Center for Racial Reconciliation (CRR). Jennifer co-hosts WBLS’ “Open Line”, guest hosts weekly the nationally syndicated radio program, “Keep’n It Real with Rev. Al Sharpton”, and appears frequently on the cable show, “Brooklyn Savvy”. She is a returning guest and contributor on the “Karen Hunter Show”. Jennifer Jones Austin is the author of *Consider It Pure Joy*. Described as “a story that if not lived would make for a great novel”, it is the harrowing account of her year-long battle with a sudden, life threatening illness, and the power of faith and community to transform desperation into joy. She is the editor of *God in The Ghetto: A Prophetic Word Revisited*, the re-release of her father, William Augustus Jones Jr.’s seminal work deconstructing the “System” of racism, capitalism and militarism all working in concert to continually oppress people of color.

Jennifer is a graduate of the Fordham University School of Law, the New York University Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, and Rutgers University. A recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including two honorary doctorates, she considers the four honors bestowed upon her by her three alma maters especially significant. Jennifer has two children and resides in Brooklyn, New York with her husband.

Painter **Monique Serres** is an active member of The Riverside Church, including the Tower League. Monique joined the church in 1990, but has been involved since 1971. A native of Port-au-Prince, Monique is a graduate of Fashion Institute of Technology (Textile Design, Interior Design) and a life-member of the Art Students League. Her work has been exhibited in museums and galleries both in New York City and internationally, including West Side Arts Coalition, Cork gallery Lincoln Center, Hudson Guild Gallery, Marina Tsevetaeva Museum, Moscow, Russia; Royal Canberra Show, Australia. The featured image in Riverside's Older Adult Series is Monique's "Still life on the pandemic," which speaks to the fragility and sacredness of life and the need to love and protect our neighbors during the pandemic.



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 VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR 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 9T 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

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 - 05/22/2022

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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