

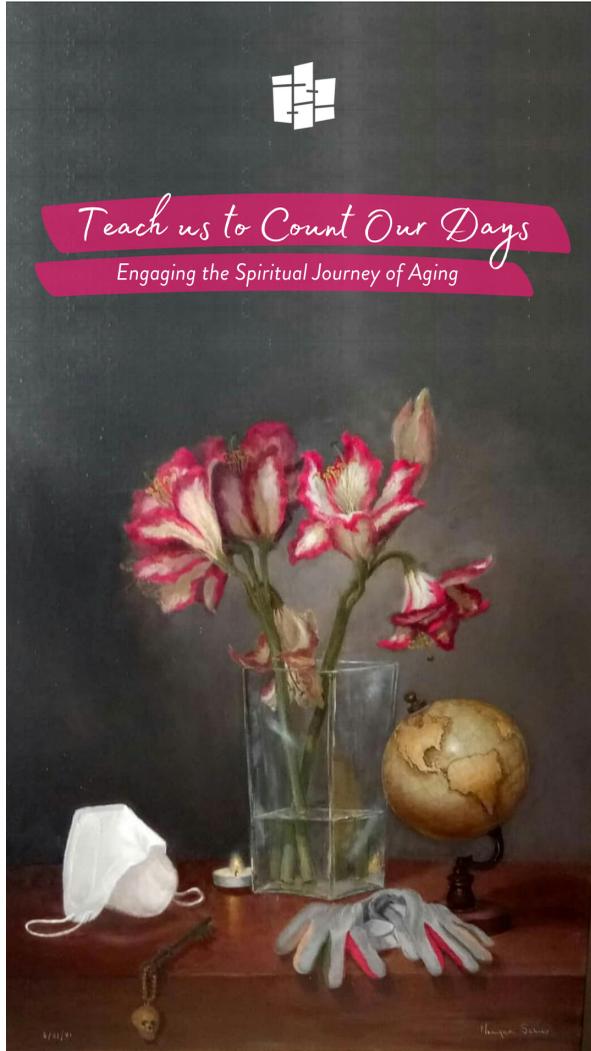
# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



*Teach us to Count Our Days*

*Engaging the Spiritual Journey of Aging*



MAY 29, 2022  
SEVENTH 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 verse:

O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek;  
you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear  
to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed,  
so that those from earth may strike terror no more.

Psalm 10:17-18

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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**

Christ is my Life  
Pie Jesu  
Those who Die, Never Forget

*Johann Pachelbel, arr. Henk Veldman  
Gabriel Fauré, arr. Roy Kroezen  
Alice Gomez*

*Charles Semowich, carillonneur*

### **HANDBELLS**

Contemplation  
Fantasy on “Hyfrydol”

*Cynthia Dobrinski  
Rowland Prichard arr. Cynthia Dobrinski*

*The Riverside Ringers  
Daniel Potter, director*

### **LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

Rev. Michael Livingston

**†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 151**  
**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

*Diademata*

**†***All who are able, please stand*

## †CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Rev. Livingston

One: In Christ, the God of heaven has made a home on earth.

**All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

One: Highest of all creation, Christ lives among the least.

**All: Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

One: Come now, all who thirst, and drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger, and be filled with good things.

**All: Come now, all who seek, and be warmed by the fire of love.**

**Come, Let us worship.**

## †INVOCATION

### ANTHEM

#### **Ride On, King Jesus**

*Nancy Wertsch*

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can-a hinder me. Ride on, King Jesus, Ride on! No man can-a hinder me. For He is King of kings, For He is Lord of lords, Jesus Christ the first and last, no man works like Him. King Jesus rides a milk-white horse. The river of Jordan He did cross. King Jesus rides in the middle of the air. He calls the saints from ev'rywhere.

### *LISTENING*

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

<sup>1</sup> From The Worship Sourcebook, Second Edition by Faith Alive Christian Resources

† *All who are able, please stand*

**Teach Us to Count our Days: A Responsive Prayer**

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

Ancient of Days, we who have been blessed with many years and much wisdom wail and weep for those whose lives have been stolen by racism, by hate, by toxic masculinity, by violence, all armed with weapons of war.

**Enough is enough. Let the Church say “No more” to the murder of innocents. Let the young and the old live out their days.**

For the lives lost in Buffalo, New York. We lament the loss of their wisdom, the beauty of their years. Lost to the futility of hate and arrogance.

**The blood of your people cries out for justice.**

For the life lost in Laguna Woods, California. We lament the intrusion of violent hatred into a place of worship.

**Our hearts are in anguish, how long, oh Lord, how long?**

For the children and teachers of Uvalde, Texas. We tear our clothes and wring our hands.

**Why, Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?**

You, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider our grief and take it in hand.

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

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.**

† **HYMN 404**

**Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

*Precious Lord*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**Matthew 6:7-13**

(pg. 6 in the New Testament)

Rosalyn Witter

One: This is the gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

† *All who are able, please stand*

## SERMON

Rev. David Beckmann

Hope in a Troubled Time

### 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

Patricia McClure

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### God Is Gone Up

*Gerald Finzi*

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: the Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies: Sing praise, sing praises out, unto our king sing praise seraphic wise! Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing, and let the king of glory enter in. Methinks I see heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, in flakes of glory down him to attend, and hear heart-cramping notes of melody surround his chariot as it did ascend; mixing their music, making every string more to enravish as they this tune sing.

†*All who are able, please stand*

**† 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. Jim Keat

*Today we celebrate the ministry of our Personnel & Salary Committee, which partners with our staff to create an organizational culture where every member of our staff team is valued for their contributions to our collective ministry and treated with dignity and respect.*

*SENDING*

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

**† RECESSIONAL HYMN 423**

**Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

*Duke Street*

**† BENEDICTION**

Rev. Livingston

**POSTLUDE**

Te Deum

*Alan Montgomery, organist*

*Jean Langlais*

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders Rosalyn Witter & Patricia McClure*

**†** *All who are able, please stand*



The **Rev. Dr. David Beckmann** has been leading faith-based advocacy with Congress for three decades. He was president of Bread for the World, a nationwide Christian movement to end hunger, and now serves as coordinator of the Circle of Protection, an advocacy coalition of church bodies and related organizations that include 100 million people. He is also Dean's Advisor for Political and Economic Justice at Virginia Theological Seminary. David was awarded the World Food Prize for his contribution through advocacy to the world's progress against hunger 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.

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 Tsevetseva 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/](http://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](http://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](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**

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.

## **SUMMER CHOIR AT RIVERSIDE**

Do you sing? Read music? Love choral music? If so, we invite you to sing with members of the Riverside Choir this summer! Rehearsals are on Sunday morning and you can join us for however many Sundays you wish. To apply please email Associate Organist Alan Montgomery at [amontgomery@trcnyc.org](mailto:amontgomery@trcnyc.org) with a brief cell phone recording of you singing one verse of your favorite hymn (don't worry about a perfect performance), and a brief description of your musical experience, and he will get back to you. We look forward to hearing from you!

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PARKING - 05/29/2022

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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