

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JULY 3, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
COMMUNION

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:

“won’t you celebrate with me
what i have shaped into
a kind of life? i had no model.
born in babylon
both nonwhite and woman
what did i see to be except myself?
i made it up
here on this bridge between
starshine and clay,
my one hand holding tight
my other hand; come celebrate
with me that everyday
something has tried to kill me
and has failed.”
Lucille Clifton

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 Ordinary Time or Time after Pentecost, a season in which we explore the mission of the church and use the color of green, symbolizing growth.

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

Break Thou the Bread of Life
Prelude on 'St. Anne'
On Chester

*William Sherwin, arr. Richard Giszczak
John Knox
Peter Olejar*

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Idylle – Reverie – Andantino
Give Me Jesus

*Edward MacDowell
arr. Marques Garrett*

Alan Montgomery, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

✚CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Meisenheimer

One: May a joyful sound to the Holy One. Let the earth rejoice.

All: How awesome are your works, O Sovereign Creator!

One: Creation groans under the pressure of war, environmental abuse, and communal disconnection.

All: We cry out to you, Present God, and you hear and respond.

One: You turn our mourning into movement and stir our souls to action and to rest.

All: Everlasting God, we will give thanks and praise you for you clothe us in joy and peace. Let us worship You together!

✚INVOCATION

¹ <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-4c-july-3/>

✚*All who are able, please stand*

†**OPENING HYMN 262**
God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

LISTENING

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

†**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

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

†**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

SOLO

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland

Russell Saint John, baritone

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Charles King

Isaiah 14: 3-12, 24-27

(pg. 643 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†**HYMN 276**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

GOSPEL LESSON

Robin Veenstra-Vanderwheele

Luke 10:1-11, 17-18

(pg. 71 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Minister Richard X III

A Song for Sheep

† *All who are able, please stand*

SERMONIC SELECTION
I Will Make the Darkness Light

Charles Price Jones

Irwin Reese, tenor

RESPONDING

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Robin Veenstra-Vanderwheele

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Morning Trumpet

arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

O, when shall I see Jesus, and reign with him above, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. And from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. Shout O glory, for I shall mount above the skies, when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning. When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. And with my blessed Jesus drink endless pleasures in, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. Shout O glory, for I shall mount above the skies when I hear that trumpet sound in the morning. Through grace I am determined to conquer though I die, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. And then away to Jesus on wings of love I'll fly, and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning. Shout O glory, for I shall mount above the skies. When I hear the trumpet sound in that morning!

†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. Meisenheimer

Today, we celebrate the work of Lift Every Voice and Vote, which educates our Congregation and the Community about the importance of the Census and the vote, and advocates for those who are underrepresented and underserved.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

† *All who are able, please stand*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Min. X III, Rev. Casteel-Harper, Rev. Meisenheimer &

Following each petition, please join in the following responses:

Rev. King

One: God of love,

All: hear our prayer.

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul - er Al - might - y;
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo - ry be to you, O God.
Bless - ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

✚ All who are able, please stand

CALL TO SUPPER

One: The body of Christ, broken for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the bread of life!

One: The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN

Meditation

Isadore Freed

HYMN 508

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Kingdom

✚PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Meisenheimer

Compassionate God, you have met us in the bread and cup at your table. As we go from this place may we receive strength to walk with all your children in peace, and witness to the truth of your reconciliation and love. Amen.

SENDING

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

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service²

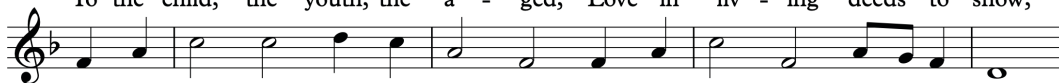
Beach Spring



1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser - vice Bore the weight of hu-man need,
2. Still Your chil - dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your love's re - veal-ing light,
4. Called from wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear name we go,



Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed,
Still the cap - tives long for free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great - ness, Dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
To the child, the youth, the a - ged, Love in liv - ing deeds to show;



We, Your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart,
As, O Lord, Your deep com - pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Ma - king known the needs and bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
Hope and health, good will and com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



Con - se - crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - ery gift that You im - part.
Use the love Your Spi - rit kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
Stir - ring us to tire-less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
That your ser - vants, Lord in free - dom May your mer - cy know and live.

✚BENEDICTION

Min. X III

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

Alan Montgomery, organist

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Special thanks to our congregational leaders Rev. Charles King & Robin Veenstra-Vanderwheele.

Special thanks to the Education Commission for serving as Communion Stewards today.

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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.

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.

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 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!

PARKING - 07/03/2022

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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