

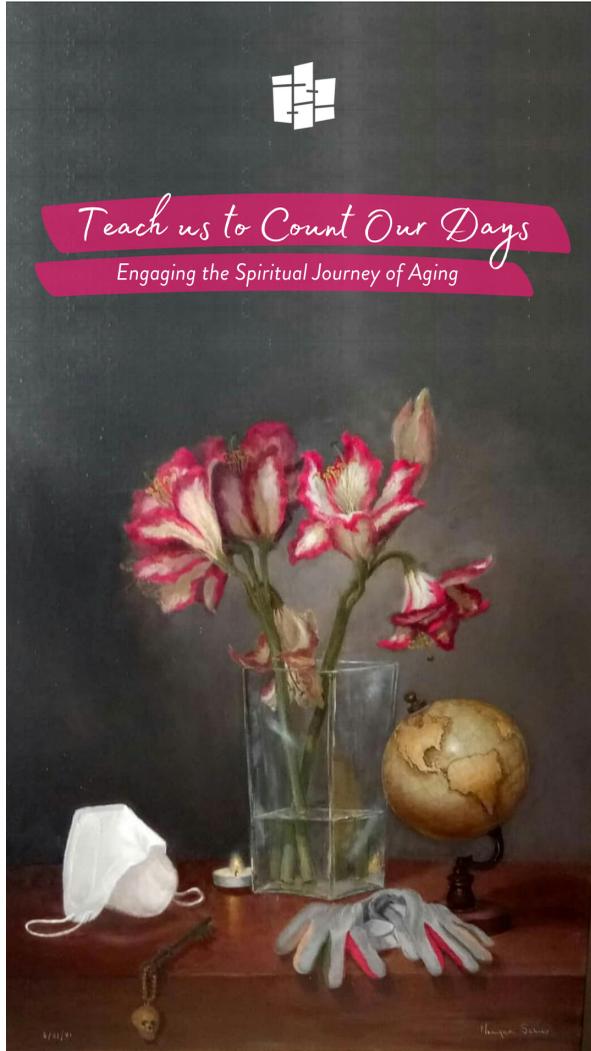
The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



Teach us to Count Our Days

Engaging the Spiritual Journey of Aging



JUNE 5, 2022
PENTECOST

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:

“Lots of Christians hope to transcend ethnic division by erasing ethnicity. “I don’t see color,” some will say. But Acts sees in color and values ethnic difference. Acts imagines unity that embraces diversity rather than bleaching it out. The miracle of Pentecost is not that one language brings everyone together. It is not that everyone learns English Aramaic. It is that all the people hear the gospel in their own languages.”

Greg Carey

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

Today is Pentecost, the day when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and followers of Christ while they were in Jerusalem. The liturgical color of Pentecost is red, which symbolizes the joy and fire of the Holy Spirit.

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

Spiraculum Vitae (Breath of Life)
Pealing Fire (Veni Creator Spiritus)
Let us Break Bread Together

*Mitchell Stecker
Libby Larson
arr. Janet Dundor*

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God (BuxWV 199)
Veni Creator Spiritus
Improvisation on Veni Creator Spiritus

*Dietrich Buxtehude
Andrew Carter
Alfred V. Fedak*

Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

† *All who are able, please stand*

†CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Min. Charlene Wingate

One: Divine Teacher, whirl around us with your wisdom,

All: Divine Comforter, encircle us with the peace that comes only from you.

One: As the Holy Winds fill our lives with dreams, empower us to live God's hope in this world.

All: As the Holy Fire fills our hearts with visions, empower us to create a world of justice and peace.

One: May the Spirit of the Divine move us to know the love of God.

**All: With God's love embolden us to inact our faith for justice.
Let us worship.**

†INVOCATION

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 129

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Ebenezer

LISTENING

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

¹ Resource adapted from Worship Ways: <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-sunday-c-june-5/>

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Teach Us to Count our Days: A Responsive Prayer

Rev. Lynn Casteel-Harper

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.

ANTHEM

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

William L. Dawson

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. Jordan river is chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul; there ain't but one train upon this track, it runs to heaven and right back.

Russell Saint John, baritone

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Min. Wingate

Genesis 11: 1-9

(pg. 9 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

†HYMN

O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us

St. Clement

1. O Breath of Life, come sweep - ing through us, re - vive your
 2. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us, till hum - bly
 3. O Breath of Love, come breathe with - in us, re - new - ing
 4. O Heart of Christ, once bro - ken for us, 'tis there we
 church with life and pow'r; O Breath of Life, come
 we con - fess our need; then in your ten - der -
 thought and will and heart; come, Love of Christ, a -
 find our strength and rest; our bro - ken, con - trite
 cleanse, re - new us, and fit your church to meet this hour.
 ness re - make us, re - vive, re - store, for this we plead.
 fresh to win us, re - vive your church in ev' - ry part.
 hearts now so - lace, and let your wait - ing church be blest.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Linda Lewis

Acts 2:1-21

(pg. 119 in the New Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

Not this...Pentecost

RESPONDING

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Mace Anderson

†All who are able, please stand

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come Thou Holy Paraclete

David Hurd

Come, thou Holy Paraclete, and from thy celestial seat, send thy light and brilliancy. Carer for the poor, draw near; giver of all gifts, be here; come, the soul's true radiancy.

Come, of comforters the best, of the soul the sweetest guest, come in toil refreshingly: thou in labor, rest most sweet, thou art shadow from the heat, comfort in adversity.

O thou light, most pure and blest, shine within the inmost breast of thy faithful company. Where thou art not, man hath nought; every holy deed and thought comes from thy divinity.

What is soiled, make thou pure, what is wounded, work its cure; what is parched, fructify, what is rigid gently bend, what is frozen warmly tend; straighten what goes erringly.

Fill thy faithful, who confide in thy power to guard and guide, with thy sevenfold mystery. Here thy grace and virtue send; grant salvation in the end, and in heaven felicity. Amen. Alleluia.

†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

Min. Wingate

Today we celebrate Riverside's communications ministry. We all encounter God in different ways as we continue to find new digital ways to connect with God and with one another through Zoom calls, podcasts, videos, and social media. Riverside's communications ministry connects with over 25,000 people across the country and around the world.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Livingston, Rev. Casteel-Harper & Min. Wingate

Following each petition, please join in the following responses:

One: God of love,

All: hear our prayer.

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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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

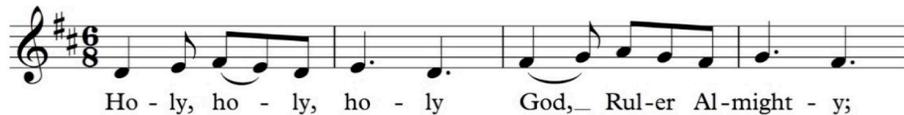
One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

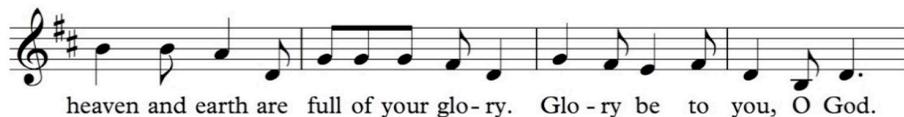
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

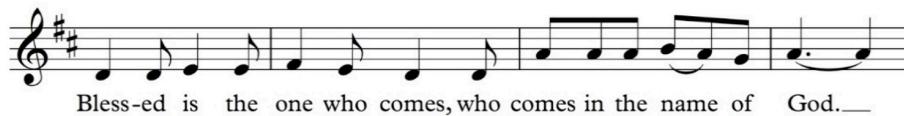
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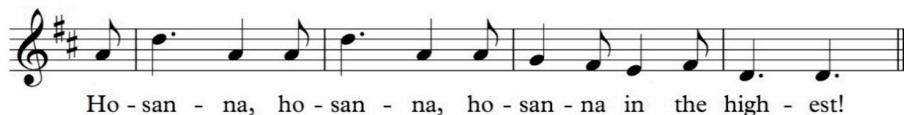
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul-er Al-might - y;



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.---

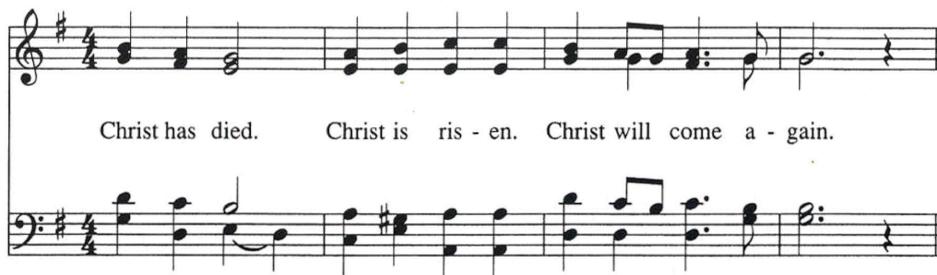


Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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

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

Communion

Alexandre Guilmant

CHOIR

Peace I Leave You

Amy Beach

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Peace I leave with you.

†PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Livingston

SENDING

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

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Choral Varié sur le thème du Veni Creator

Maurice Duruflé

Alan Montgomery, organist

Special thanks to our congregational leaders Linda Lewis & Mace Anderson

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.

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 - 06/05/2022

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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