

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

READY TO THRIVE
Lessons from Luke



JULY 17, 2022
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER 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:

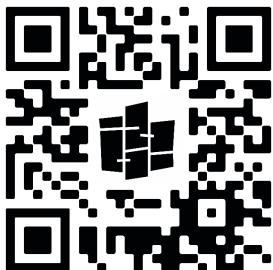
“You never lose by loving. You always lose by holding back.”
- *Barbara De Angelis*

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

In order for our faith community to flourish in upcoming seasons of change, we have to be ready. With the installation of a new senior minister, we will face opportunities and challenges that could bring out the best in us, if we are prepared. We must discipline ourselves to grow up in maturity, grow out in compassion, and grow down with deep roots. This summer we will study the Gospel of Luke, searching for ways to enrich our soul soil, so that we might not merely survive, but thrive “like a tree planted by streams of water.” Each week we will ask ourselves, “Are we ready?”

Whats happening at Riverside?

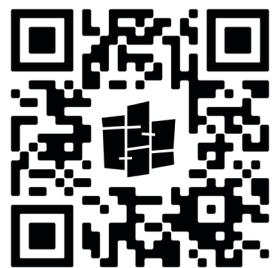
Learn about the events and activities of the Life of Our Community by opening your camera and scanning the code below.



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

Carillon
Suite

*Jan Wagenaar
Anton Van Ooik*

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Suite Gothique, Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann

Choral – Menuet – Prière à Notre-Dame

Alan Montgomery, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lynn Casteel-Harper

One: Rise up Oh God, be our help!

All: Redeem us for the sake of Your loving kindness.

One: With the strength of Your armor we face the future with confidence.

All: We resist all hate around and within us.

One: One day, with Your help, we will be united with all Your creation.

All: Let our one day begin on this day.

Let us worship together in spirit and in truth.

+INVOCATION

+All who are able, please stand

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN 327
O Word of God Incarnate

Munich

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION
In a moment of silence, offer your own prayers of confession.

Min. Richard X III

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO

He's Got The Whole World In His Hands

Kendra Petuch, soprano

Margaret Bond

LISTENING

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

PSALTER LESSON¹

Dr. Carla Dubose-Simons
Alexander Simons

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

(pg. 529 in the Old Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

+HYMN 313
Come Down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:1-11

(pg. 111 in the New Testament)

Michael Thomas

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

1 <https://yptheology.org/inclusive-psalter/>

+All who are able, please stand

CANDIDATE INTRODUCTION

Rev. Dr. Andrea White

SERMON

We are God's Great Hope

Rev. Adriene Thorne

PRAYER FOR THE COMMITTEE, THE CANDIDATE, AND THE CHURCH

Following each petition, please join in the following responses:

One: God of wisdom and discernment,

All: hear our prayer

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Rev. Thorne

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.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Michael Livingston

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Dr. Pamela Davis

† *All who are able, please stand*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

To God Be The Glory

Roger M. Holland II

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life, an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!

+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. Bruce Lamb

Today we celebrate the dedication of our Riverside Church Community as we enter into a new season of our Parish Life together with curiosity, grace and love.

SENDING

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

+RECESSATIONAL HYMN 398

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit²

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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+All who are able, please stand

BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Allegro Assai Vivace, from Sonata I

Felix Mendelssohn

Christopher Creaghan, organist

Special thanks to our congregational leaders Rev. Dr. Andrea White, Dr. Emily Anderson, Alexander Simons, Dr. Carla Dubose Simons, Michael Thomas, and Dr. Pamela Davis

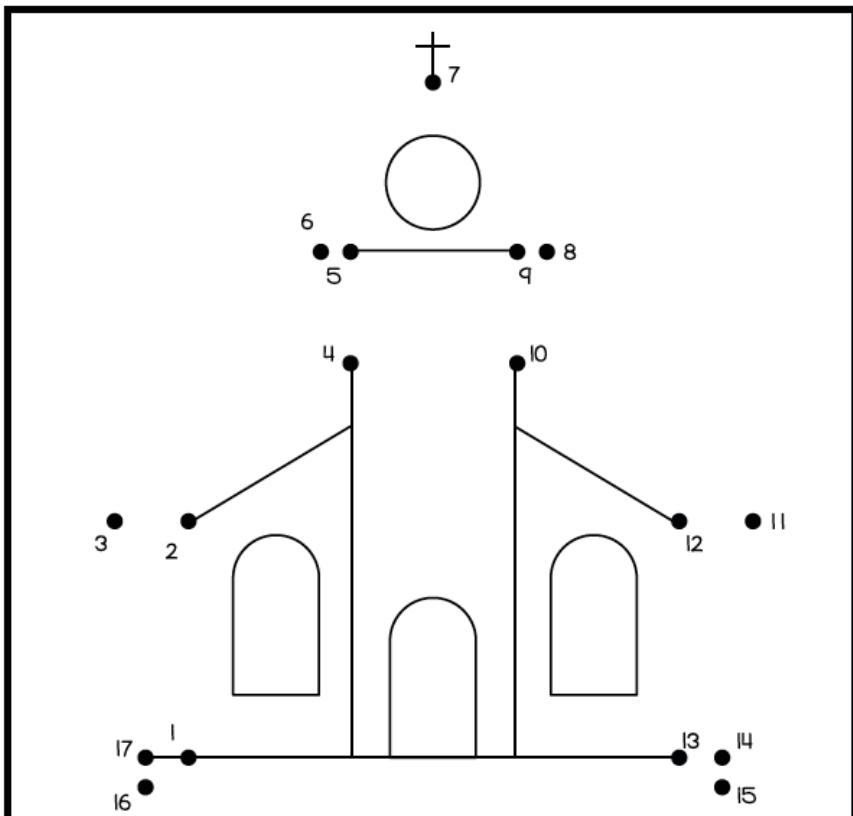
All who are able, please stand



The Reverend Adriene Thorne is Senior Minister of First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, NY. She has over twenty years of service to the church as youth minister, pastoral care minister, executive minister and senior pastor. She earned her Master of Divinity from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA and she holds a Certificate in Pastoral Care from Blanton-Peale Institute in New York City. She is also a certified life coach and disaster chaplain. Following a twenty-year career in the performing arts, healing and the arts are essential to her ministry.

CONNECT the DOTS

Colossians 1 describes Jesus as the head of the church. Connect the dots to form one kind of church building. Inside, write the names of or draw some people from your faith family you want to pray to Jesus for.



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WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Colossians 1 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

C U H L S O Y H E C A E P A V
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Y P P F C C C R C O T R A U N
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EARTH
TOGETHER

HEAD
CHURCH
FULLNESS
RECONCILE
PEACE
HOLY

SECURE
MYSTERY
HOPE
GOSPEL
REJOICE
SUFFERING

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 - 07/17/2022

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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