

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JULY 31, 2022  
EIGHTH 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:

“The present is life - all else is either memory or imagination.”

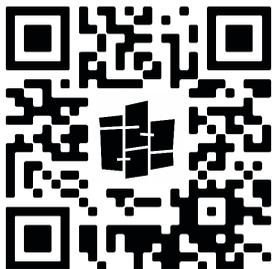
*-Abhijit Naskar*

## 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?

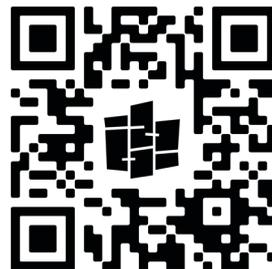
Learn about the events and activities of the Life of Our Community by opening your camera and scanning the code below.



### 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

Prelude and Toccata

Prelude on “McKee” (In Christ there is no East or West)

*Addie de Jong*

*Charles Semowich*

*Charles Semowich, carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Sonata in G

I. Allegro Maestoso

*Edward Elgar*

We All Believe In One God

*Syafiqah 'Adha*

*Alan Montgomery, organist*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

### †CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

**All: God has redeemed us from trouble.**

One: God gathers us from all the lands, from the north, south, east and west.

**All: Let those who are wise give heed to these things and consider the steadfast love of the Lord. Let us worship.**

### †INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand*

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 391  
Take My Life

*Hendon*

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

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

†WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**SOLO**

Psalm 23

*Charles Gounod*

*Nicholas Hay, Tenor*

**LISTENING**

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

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Karissa Garner

**Malachi 3:1-12**

*(pg. 889 in the Old Testament)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

†HYMN 452

**O Day of God, Draw Nigh**

*St. Michael*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Rev. Meisenheimer

**Luke 12:13-21**

*(pg. 74 in the New Testament)*

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Get To Livin'

Lee Sartain

†*All who are able, please stand*

## RESPONDING

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

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Casteel Harper

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.**

### †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

Frances Connell

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

#### Laudate Dominum

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Proulx*

Praise the Lord, all you nations; praise the Lord, all you peoples. For the loving-kindness of the Lord toward us is great, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever, and for generations of generations. Amen. (Psalm 117)

†*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. Meisenheimer

*Today we celebrate the ministry of the Theatre of the Oppressed, which uses interactive drama as an educational means of engaging and empowering participants to confront and address oppressive situations that challenge their everyday lives.*

*SENDING*

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

**†RECESSIONAL HYMN 440**

**In Christ There Is No East or West**

*McKee*

**†BENEDICTION**

Lee Sartain

**POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune

*Frederick Swann*

*Alan Montgomery, organist*

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders Karissa Garner & Frances Connell*

*1 Inspired by Psalm 107*

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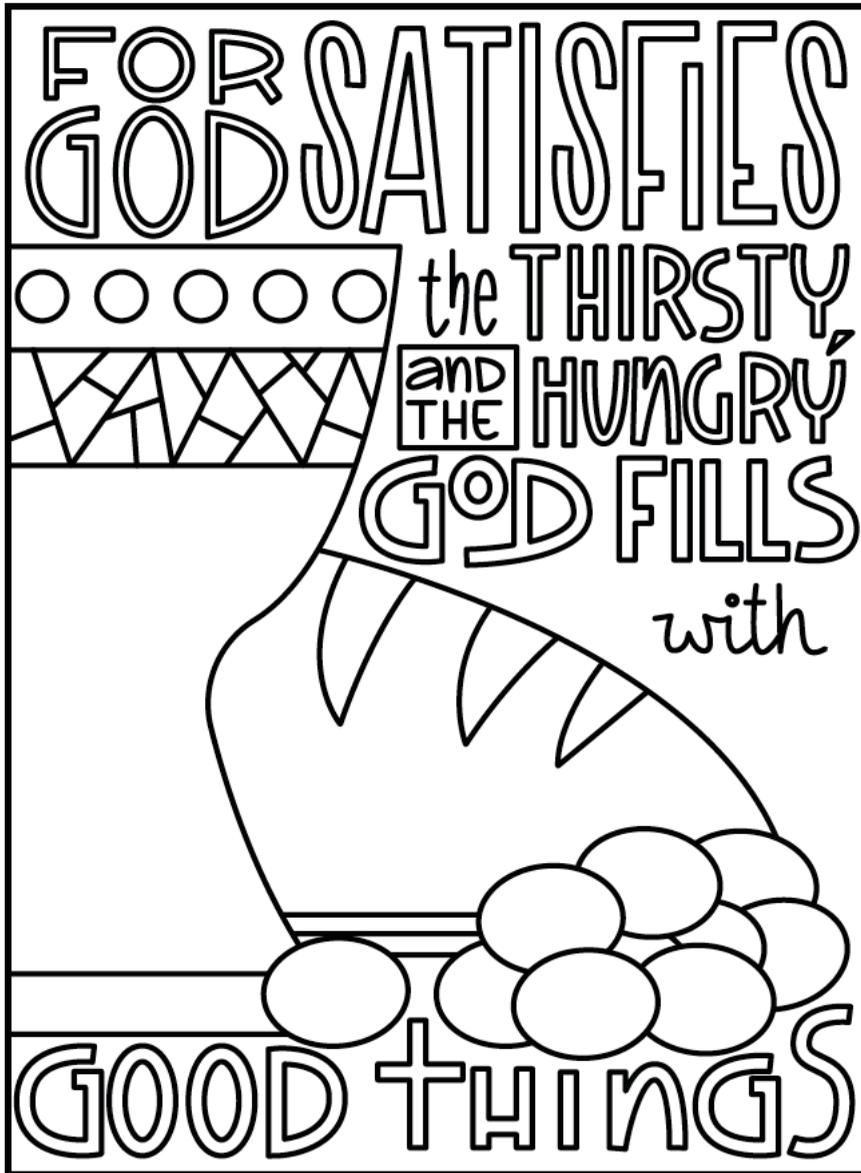


**Lee Sartain** recently concluded his service to Riverside Church on the Senior Minister Search Committee, and is actively involved with the Real Estate Assessment Subcommittee of the Riverside Development Committee.

Lee spent 15 years in senior leadership at North Carolina State University and Union Theological Seminary--last serving as Strategic Advisor for Finance and New Partnerships at Union. In North Carolina, he also served as a Commissioned Pastor of a Presbyterian (PCUSA) new worshipping community, East Raleigh Fellowship, as well as in interim ministry at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, both in Raleigh. Lee has served on the board of the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists. As a seminary student, he served as a consultant on a Lilly Endowment funded initiative focused on congregational vitality and financial wellness with the Episcopal Church Foundation. Lee holds degrees in religious studies from North Carolina State University and social ethics from Union Theological Seminary and is currently completing a degree in finance at Harvard University.

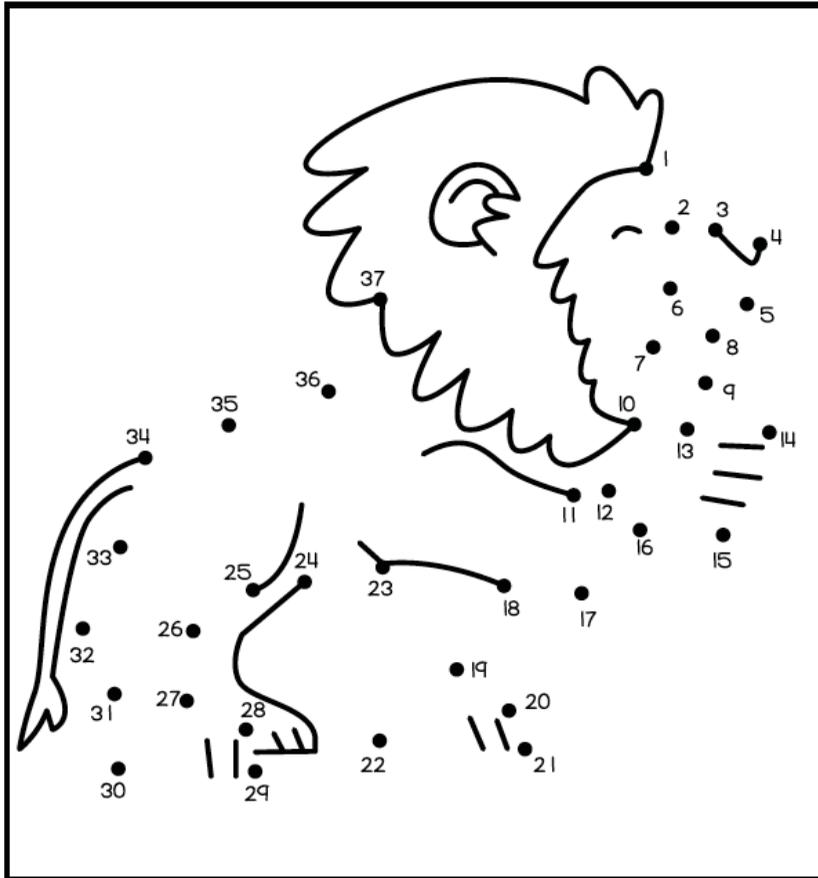
# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Hosea 11:1-11, Psalm 107:1-9, 43, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21.



# CONNECT the DOTS

Hosea 11 describes God as a lion who is a strong protector toward its children. Connect the dots to form a lion.



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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](http://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](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 - 07/31/2022

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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