

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



AUGUST 14, 2022
TENTH 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:

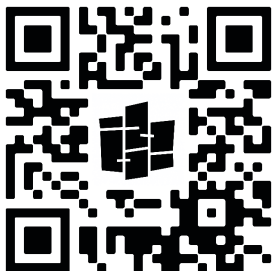
“If peace means keeping my mouth shut in the midst of injustice and evil, I don’t want it. If peace means being complacently adjusted to a deadening status quo, I don’t want peace [...] Jesus says in substance, I will not be content until justice, goodwill, brotherhood, love yes, the kingdom of God are established upon the earth. This is real peace. Peace is the presence of positive good.” - Martin Luther King, Jr., from sermon, “When Peace Becomes Obnoxious”

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?

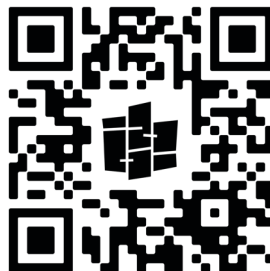
Learn about the events and activities of the Life of Our Community by opening your camera and scanning the code below.



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

Our God in Heaven

Chris Dubois

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Vater unser im Himmelreich

Georg Böhm

The Journey to the Great City

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Alan Montgomery, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Bruce Lamb

†CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: In a world uprooted at every turn, come beloved of God for replanting.

All: Our hope and weariness are mixed together, yet we come, trusting ancient promises.

One: The Holy One who led the people out of Egypt, yearns to lead us, too.

All: God will not rest until all are rerooted, restored, and renewed for rejoicing.

One: Let us be joined to God's song of justice, bearing beauty into the life of the world.

All: May our lives be formed for faithfulness by the One who is always faithful.

†INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand*

† **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 466**
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Jim Keat

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Lamb

Jazzmyn Starr Ramos

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATE

SOLO

The Holy City

Stephen Adams

Jack Cotterell, Tenor

LISTENING

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Derrick Biney-Amisshah

Isaiah 5:1-7

(pg. 634 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

† **HYMN 467**

How Great Thou Art

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GOSPEL LESSON

Laura Miraz

Luke 12:49-56

(pg. 75 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

† *All who are able, please stand*

SERMON

Ready or Not . . .

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lamb

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

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Alexa Donaphin

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Eric H. Thiman

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. To all life Thou givest, to both great and small; in all life Thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee. Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render, O help us to see: 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

✠*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. Keat

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Nominating Committee, which connects members of our congregation to each other and to areas of ministry in our community where they can use their gifts in service and love.

SENDING

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

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 268

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Holy Manna

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Casteel Harper

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D

Healey Willan

Alan Montgomery, organist

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders Laura Miraz, Derrick Biney-Amisshah,
and Alexa Donaphin*

1 <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-c-august-14-2022/>

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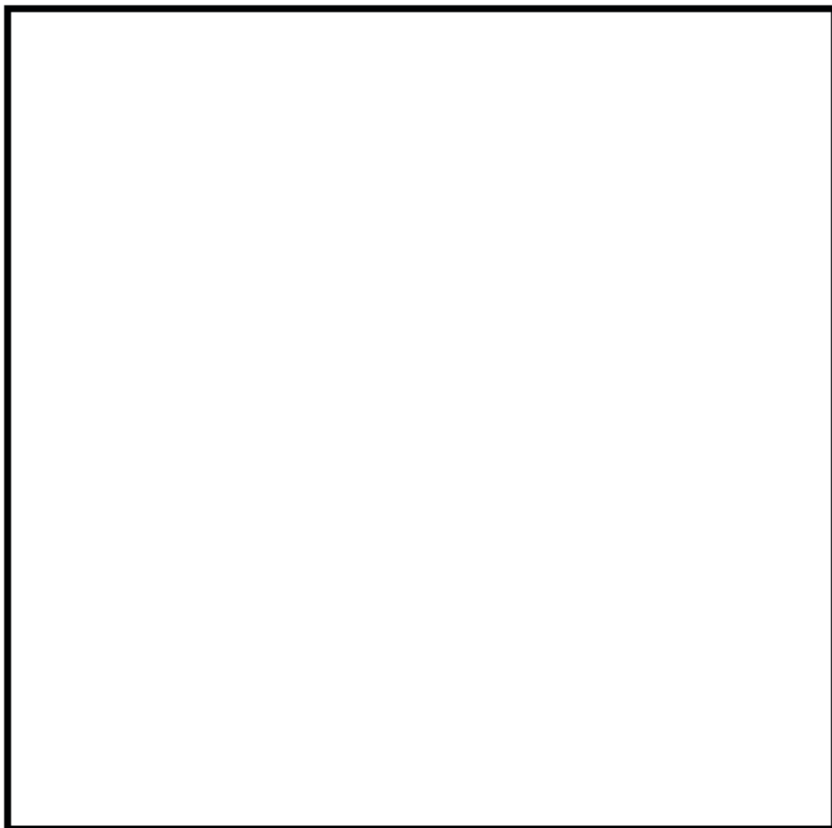
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56.



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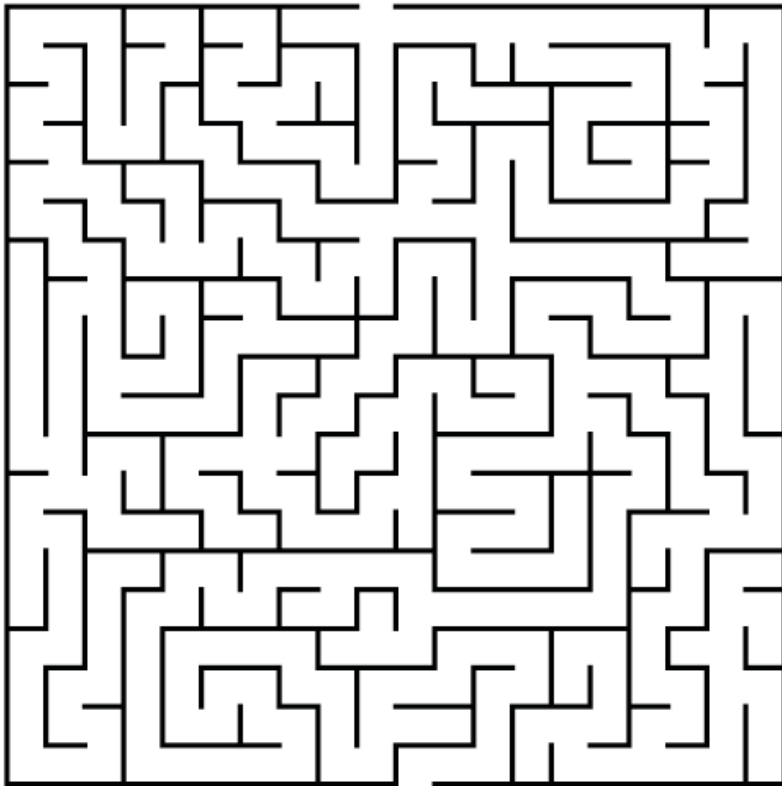
In Hebrews 11, we see a list of many inspiring people of faith who provide a model for us! Draw a picture of someone you know who shows strength, faith, and trust in God.



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SOLVE (the) MAZE

The life of faith is compared in Hebrews 12 to running a race with perseverance! Make your way through the road race of life!



WORDSEARCH

Try to find the words from Luke 12 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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FIRE
EARTH
BAPTISM
COMPLETION
PEACE
DIVISION

CROWD
FATHER
MOTHER
SON
DAUGHTER
CLOUD

RAIN
WIND
HEAT
SKY
TIME
JESUS

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 - 08/14/2022

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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