

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



AUGUST 21, 2022
ELEVENTH 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 these quotes:

“I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be.” - *Martin Luther King Jr.*

“The bottom line is, Jesus is all about our unbending. Our standing tall, our finding voices that we can praise the God that facilitates and celebrates our freedom. May we become unbenders as well. Rooted in traditions that begin and end in love.” – *Debie Thomas*

A question to reflect on:

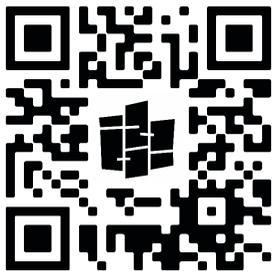
How has Jesus surprised you lately?

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?

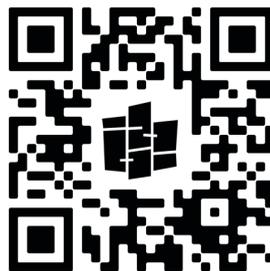
Learn about the events and activities of the Life of Our Community by opening your camera and scanning the code below.



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

Suite
Passacaglia and Fugue in the Old Style

*Camil Van Hulse
Georg Koppl*

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Siciliano, from Flute Sonata No. 2 (BWV 1031)
Fugue in G Minor (BWV 578)
When In Our Music God is Glorified

*Johann Sebastian Bach
J. S. Bach
McNeil Robinson*

Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Bruce Lamb

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jim Keat

One: A mighty fortress is our God!

All: Our rock and shield when we need refuge.

One: In God we trust with all of our worries.

All: God is the Healer of diseases and the Forgiver of all sin.

One: Let us set free the world's many distractions.

All: Let us be free to receive God's command to fulfill.

Let us Worship God together!

†INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand*

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 380
O Christ, the Healer

Erhalt Uns, Herr

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Colleen Birchett

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO

Deep River

arr. J. Rosamond Johnson

Jonathan Guss, baritone

LISTENING

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Keat

Jeremiah 1:4-10

(pg. 698 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 436

We Are Your People

Whitfield

GOSPEL LESSON

German Soto

Luke 13:10-17

(pg. 76 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ready to Thrive...Freedom

Rev. Lamb

†*All who are able, please stand*

SERMONIC SELECTION
I Will Trust in the Lord

Spiritual

David Vaughn, tenor

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Birchett

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

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

Rev. Keat

†*All who are able, please stand*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Arise My Soul Arise

Dale Wood

Arise my soul, arise! Stretch forth to things eternal, and haste thee to the feet of thy Redeemer God. Though hid from mortal eyes, God dwells in light supernal, yet worship in spirit and in truth. God's banquet of love awaits thee above; Behold the marriage festal of the Lamb is come! Rejoice, my soul, rejoice, to heav'n lift up thy voice. Alleluia alleluia! List to the harps of heav'n! Hark to the song victorious, the never-ending anthem sounding through the sky. To mortals is not given, to chant its strains all glorious; yet sing my soul and praise the One who reigns on high. Who bought with his blood the ransomed of God; to him be everlasting pow'r and victory. And let the great Amen resound through heav'n again. Alleluia, alleluia.

† 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. Dr. Birchett

Today we celebrate the ministry of the Ordination Committee which prayerfully nurtures God's call to ordained ministry within those who are in their care.

SENDING

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

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Lamb

POSTLUDE

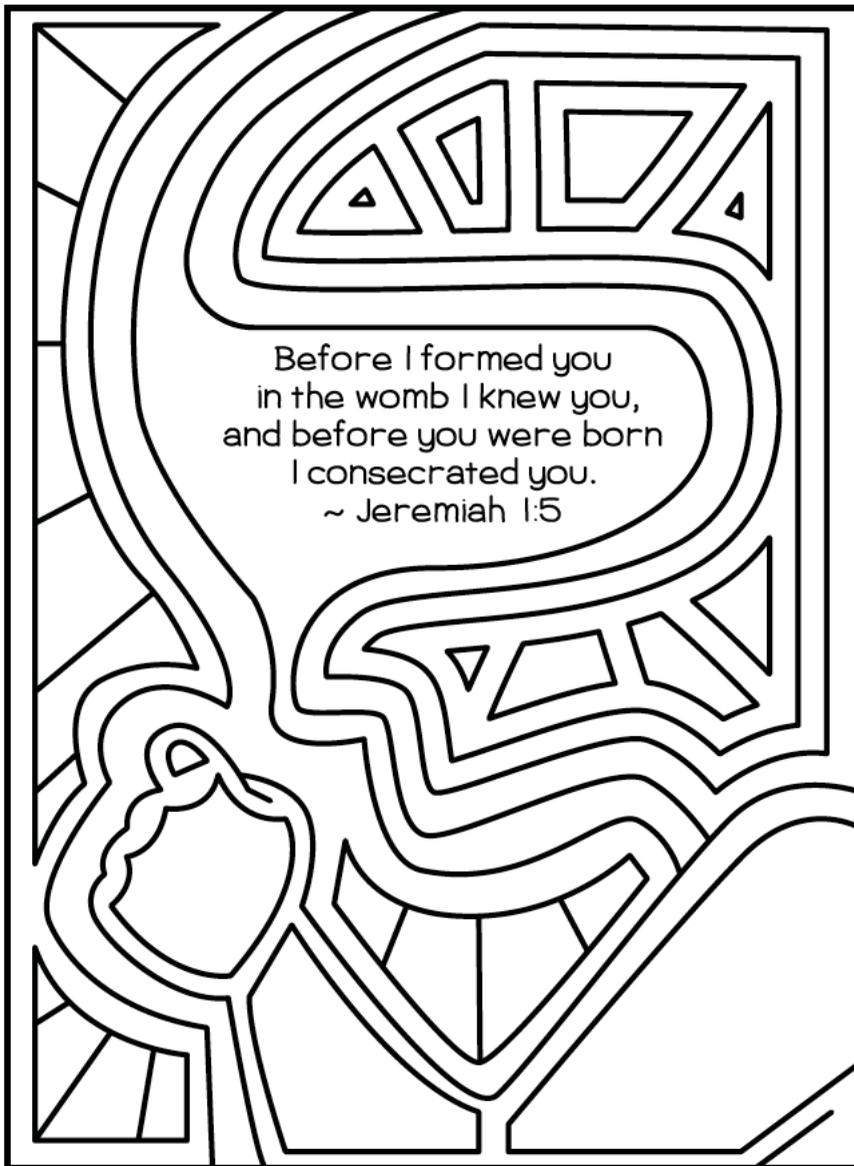
Toccata in G Major

Theodore Dubois

Christopher Creaghan, organist

Special thanks to our congregational leader German Soto

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Before I formed you
in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born
I consecrated you.
~ Jeremiah 1:5



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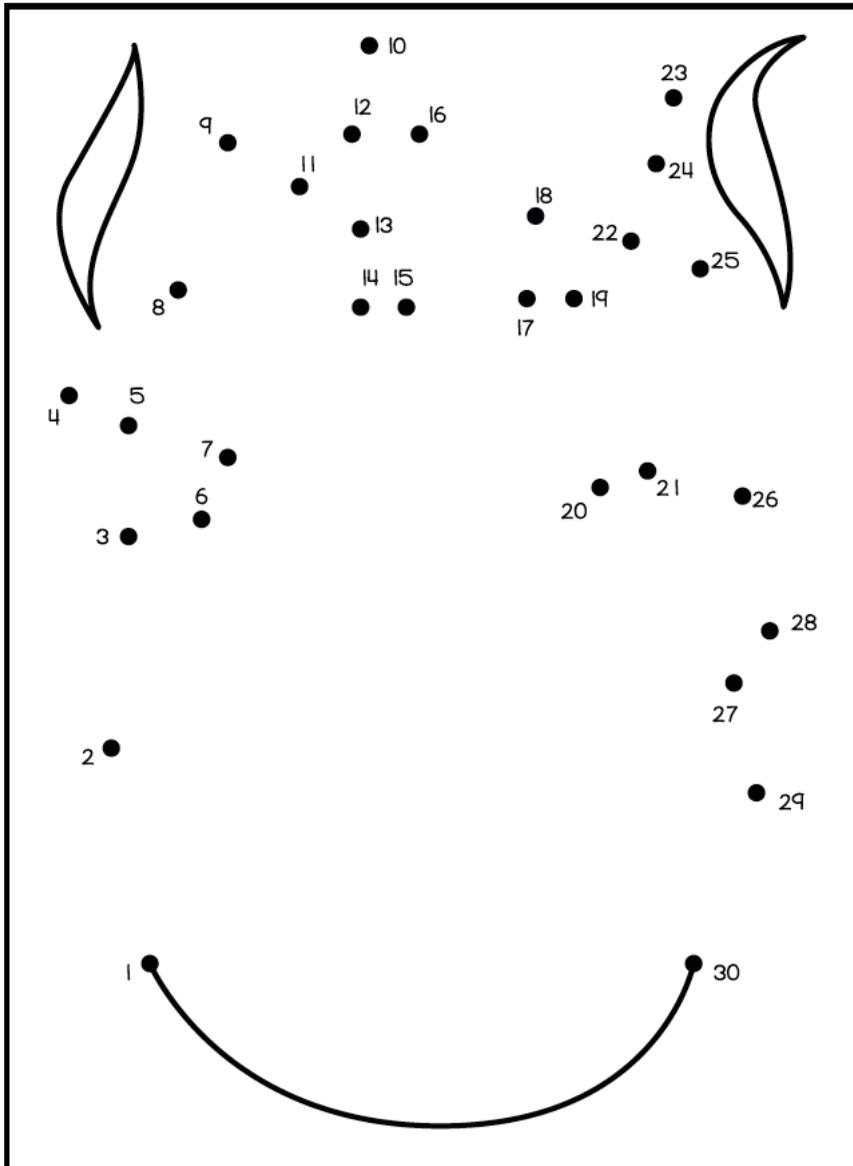
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17.



CONNECT the DOTS

Hebrews 12 compares God to a powerful fire. Connect the dots to form flames. Inside, write or draw a way you see God's power in your life!





DRAW IT

Luke 13 tells the amazing story of Jesus healing a woman who had been bent over for eighteen years! She was freed from her struggle and able to stand up, walk, and praise God! Draw how you imagine this woman looked when Jesus healed her.



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 - 08/21/2022

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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