

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



AUGUST 7, 2022
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
COMMUNION

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 verse:

From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

Luke 12:48

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

Pescador de hombres

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Chorale Partita V - All My Hope On God Is Founded

Cesáreo Gabaráin, arr. Carol Anne Taylor

Lowell Mason, arr. Richard Giszczak

John R. Knox

Carla Staffaroni, guest carillonneur

ORGAN

Suite Liturgique

I. Entrée II. Offertoire III. Communion

Denis Bédard

Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

†CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Creator resides in the midst of creation, calling us to this community.

All: Together we seek the Holy One, our help and shield.

One: The heavens declare God's righteousness for the Holy One is judge.

All: Our actions reveal our heart's desire, let us act the way God loves.

One: Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor the Holy One.

All: The Holy One can show us the salvation of God.

Come, let us worship as one!

†INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand*

✠OPENING HYMN 371
Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

LISTENING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

Nancy Wertsch

Juan Jose Ibarra, baritone

Psalter

Roberta Patterson

Psalms 33:12-22²

(pg. 507 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

✠HYMN 383

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Olivet

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

Luke 12:32-40

(pg. 75 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

Are You Ready?

✠ *All who are able, please stand*

RESPONDING

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Meighan Corbett

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ave Verum

Edward Elgar

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for humankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death! O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

†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

Rev. Meisenheimer

Today we celebrate the work of the Freedom School, which partners with the Children's Defense Fund to provide an enriching summer experience of literacy and social justice for children from our community.

† *All who are able, please stand*

†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, Rev. Meisenheimer

Following each petition, please join in the following responses:

One: God of love,

All: hear our prayer.

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.

†*All who are able, please stand*

SANCTUS

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!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

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, from Six Paraphrases

Denis Bédard

HYMN 510

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Quebec

✚PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Meisenheimer

Compassionate God, you have met us in the bread and cup at your table. As we go from this place may we receive strength to walk with all your children in peace, and witness to the truth of your reconciliation and love. Amen.

SENDING

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

✚CLOSING HYMN 399

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek

✚BENEDICTION

Rev. Livingston

POSTLUDE

Suite Liturgique
IV. Sortie

Denis Bédard

Christopher Creaghan, organist

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders Roberta Patterson and Meghan Corbett
Special thanks to the Worship Commission for serving as Communion Stewards today*

¹ Inspired by Psalm 50

² <https://yptheology.org/inclusive-psalter/>

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-10, Luke 12:32-40.



UNSCRAMBLE IT

What message of justice does God ask Isaiah to preach? Unscramble the words to find out!

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N L E R A O T O D O G O D ' K E E S

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T J C E U S I ' C R U E E S H E T

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O P D S E R P E S ' E F E D N D T E H

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P H O R A N ' D A L E P R O F E H T

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D O W N I

 DOODLE AREA

Draw a picture of someone you want to pray for.



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 - 07/07/2022

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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