

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
SIXTEENTH 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:

“Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.”

Francis of Assisi

A question to reflect on:

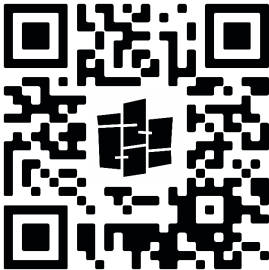
What prophetic action do you hope the church will take?

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the green paraments and clergy stoles that represent new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

Whats happening at Riverside?

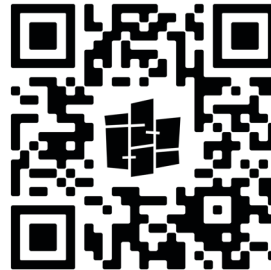
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GATHERING

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

CARILLON

Passacaglia
Alleluia

*Eddy Mariën
Alice Gomez*

Lynnli Wang, assistant carillonneur

ORGAN

String Quartet No. 1, Op. 11
I. Andante Cantabile
Wondrous Love

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, arr. R. Goss-Custard

Dale Wood

Alan Montgomery, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Happy are those whose hope and help are in the Lord our God,

All: Creator of heaven and earth, the seas, moon, and stars.

One: God is our warrior of justice for the oppressed.

All: Our provider who offers freedom from hunger and fear.

One: May God's Spirit guide us to make room in our hearts,

All: As we join together in reverence of Christ. Let us worship.

†INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand*

† **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 479**
Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Lauda Anima

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Charlene Wingate

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Take My Life, That I May Be

Scott Perkins

Take my life that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee. Amen.

LISTENING

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Fred Davie

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

(pg. 736 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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†HYMN

Within Your Shelter, Loving God¹

Caithness



1. With - in Your shel - ter, lov - ing God, My ref - uge and my tower,
2. Be - cause I trust in You a - lone, No e - vil shall come near.
3. Your ho - ly an - gels bear me up And keep my feet se - cure.
4. As of - ten as I call to You, You kind - ly hear my prayer.
5. All those who know Your name on earth Shall life a - bun - dant know.



I safe - ly walk by day and night Be - neath Your guid - ing power.
The strong de - fend - er of my home, With You I have no fear.
Though fierce and an - gry foes as - sail, In You my way is sure.
In times of trou - ble and dis - tress I rest in Your own care.
On all a - bid - ing in Your love Your sav - ing grace be - stow.

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16

(pg. 548 in the Old Testament)

Rev. Wingate

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Courage to Be!

Rev. Kevin VanHook

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

Rev. Livingston

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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. Fred Davie

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Clarence Anderson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion

Malcom Boyle

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto Thee shall the vow be perform'd in Jerusalem. Thou that hearest the prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come. Blessed is the one whom Thou choosest and receivest unto Thee. They shall dwell in Thy courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of Thy house, e'en of Thy holy temple. Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on Thee. Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace because they trust in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Let the people praise Thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth bring forth its increase: and God shall give us great blessing.

†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. Wingate

Today we celebrate the work of our Faith Passage Confirmation Ministry, which gathers youth and their mentors for a time of spiritual development and discernment to prepare them to publicly confirm their faith at The Riverside Church.

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SENDING

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

† **RECESSIONAL HYMN 343**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

† **BENEDICTIONS**

Blessing of Rev. Michael Livingston

Blessing of The Riverside Church

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace;

The Lord make His face to shine upon you, the Lord be gracious unto you. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C

Henry Smart

Christopher Creaghan, organist

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Special thanks to our congregational leaders Rev. Fred Davie, and Clarence Anderson

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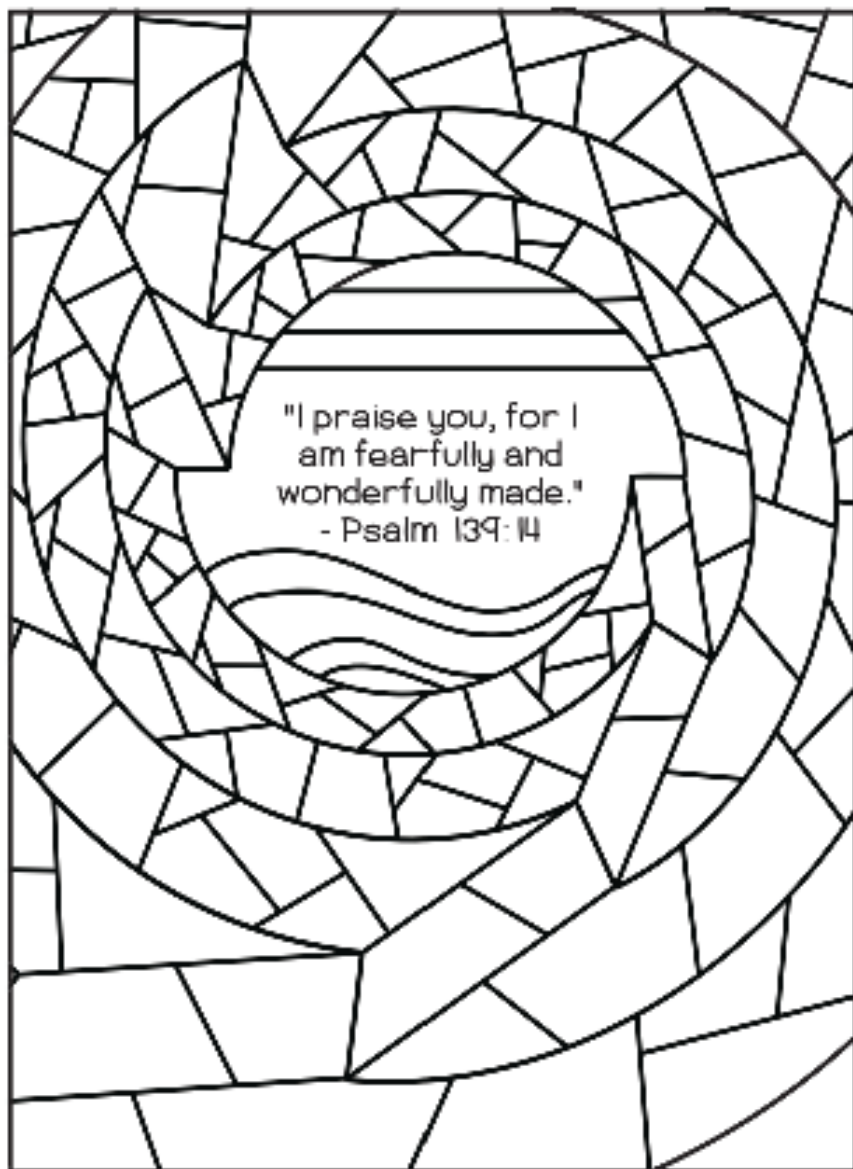


Rev. Kevin W. VanHook, II, is a dynamic preacher, community activist, and transformative leader called by God to proclaim Biblical truth, advance social justice, and transform communities. Often described as an energetic servant-leader deeply committed to pursuing innovative approaches to spiritual and social transformation, Rev. VanHook currently serves as the Executive Director of Episcopal Charities of New York (ECNY) where he leads a community of one hundred transformative outreach programs that serve over 1 million New Yorkers each year. In that role, he has spearheaded efforts to successfully launch and scale ECNY's first three internally-run programs and secured the highest fundraising year in the organization's history within his first twelve months on post. During his time at ECNY, Rev. VanHook has continued to play a key role congregational worship life by preaching in many of the leading pulpits throughout New York and the nation. Prior to leading ECNY, he served as the Minister of Justice, Advocacy, and Change at the historic Riverside Church in the City of New York, where he led the church's twenty-two active social justice ministry initiatives by designing innovative programs focused on pursuing justice. Additionally, he has led and served as the Executive Officer of a groundbreaking continuing education program at Princeton Theological Seminary, the Minister to Youth and Young Adults of a thriving multilingual congregation in New Jersey, and as an Air Force officer leading several multidisciplinary teams on high-profile projects and programs in the space industry.

Originally from Waco, Texas, Rev. VanHook is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy (where he served as the Cadet Wing Commander, the highest-ranking position in the student-body, and received the school's highest honor), the University of Denver, and Princeton Theological Seminary, where he was distinguished as one of the most gifted preachers in his graduating class as the recipient of the Kenyon J. Wildrick Award for Excellence in Homiletics. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. from Pepperdine University, where his research focuses on the intersection of faith, justice, and social transformation. To this end, Rev. VanHook has a successful track record of building dynamic teams of leaders within faith communities that successfully work to make multiple transformative, justice-centered impacts at both the local and national levels in fresh and creative ways. Rev. VanHook currently resides in New Jersey with his wife, Vicki, and their two children, Olivia and Cooper.

I AM STILL
WITH YOU





"I praise you, for I
am fearfully and
wonderfully made."
- Psalm 139:14

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

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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.

PARKING - 09/25/2022

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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