

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



OCTOBER 23, 2022
TWENTIETH 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:

“This whole ugly story is about power. Who has it, and who does not. Who wields it with wisdom. Who can’t seem to help using it to dehumanize, belittle, abuse, and cross every boundary of decency. It’s about the awful treatment female athletes — even some of the best in the world — must endure as they push for viability and respect.”

-Kurt Streeter on the abuse of women athletes in the National Women’s Soccer League

A question to reflect on:

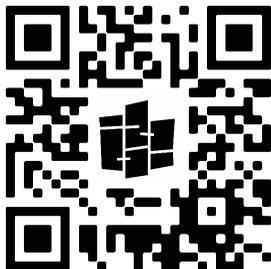
In scripture, church, and/or life, what ugly truths need naming?

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?

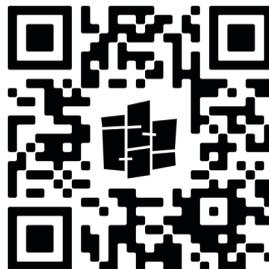
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GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Help Us accept Each Other (Baronita)
Quotations of African American Spirituals
Kyrie

*arr. Lynnli Wang
Ellen Dickinson
Alice Gomez*

Lynnli Wang, assistant carillonneur

HANDBELLS

The River
When in Our Music God is Glorified

*arr. Anna Laura Page
arr. Arnold B. Sherman*

*The Riverside Ringers
Daniel Potter, director*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Adriene Thorne

One: Let us gather to honor our merciful God.

All: The One who provides us with unconditional love.

One: Despite our transgressions, God's love never fails.

All: With grace and mercy let us prevail.

One: Restore in us the joy of Your salvation.

**All: Teach us to sustain a willing spirit as we seek to listen to Your Word.
Let us worship.**

†INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand*

† OPENING HYMN

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here²

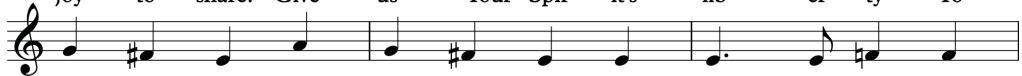
Melita



1. Great God, Your love has called us here As we, by love, for
2. We come with self - in - flict - ed pains Of bro - ken trust and
3. Great God, in Christ You call our name And then re - ceive us
4. Then take the towel, and break the bread, And hum - ble us, and
5. Great God, in Christ You set us free You life to live, Your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear, Though
cho - sen wrong, Half - free, half-bound by in - ner chains, By
as Your own Not through some mer - it, right, or claim But
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed And
joy to share. Give us Your Spir - it's lib - er - ty To



married, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
so - cial forc - es swept a - long. By powers and sys - tems
by Your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse Your
show how grand - ly love in - tends To work till all cre -
turn from guilt and dull de - spair And of - fer all that



heart and mind Your call to hear, Your love to find.
close con - fined Yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat And find You kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, To fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do While love is mak - ing all things new.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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ANTHEM

Didn' My Lord Deliver Daniel

arr. Nancy Wertsch

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man. He delivered Daniel from the lion's den, Jonah from the belly of the whale, and the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace and why not every man. The wind blow east, the wind blow west it blow like judgement day and every poor soul that never did pray be glad to pray that day. I set my foot on the gospel ship and the ship begin for to sail. It landed me over on Canaan's shore and I'll never come back no more.

Nancy Wertsch, conductor

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Jim Keat

Matthew 21: 33-41

(pg. 24 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 400

Pues Si Vivimos /When We Are Living³

Somos Del Señor

Verses 1 & 2 in Spanish, 1 & 2 in English

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HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9

(pg. 284 in the *Old Testament*)

Jean Schmidt

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Ugly Truths

Rev. Thorne

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

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.

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CHORAL AMEN

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Jocelyn Perry

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Grant Us Thy Peace

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant us thy peace, Almighty Lord, thou source of every blessing. Feeble and frail, trust we thy word, all things in thee possessing. In thee is our hope and safety.

✦ 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 Sharing & Densford Funds, which offer grants to ministries around the world, so that all people may know safety, have access to education, clean drinking water, and live each day knowing their worth in God's beloved community.

SENDING

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

✦ *All who are able, please stand*

†HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other⁴

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein



1. Help us ac - cept each o - ther As Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life
 3. Let your ac - cept - ance change us, So that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,



Teach us as sis - ter, bro - ther, Each per - son to em - brace.
 We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;
 Who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, For right - eous - ness and bread,



Be pre - sent, Lord, a - mong us And bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some,
 To prac - tice Your ac - cep - tance Un - til we know by heart
 We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:



We are our - selves ac - cept - ed And meant to love and live.
 To love them as we find them Or as they may be - come.
 The ta - ble of for - give - ness And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 Re - new us with Your Spi - rit; Lord, free us, make us one!

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†BENEDICTION

Rev. Thorne

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G

John Weaver

Christopher Creaghan, organist

¹*Inspired by Psalm 51*

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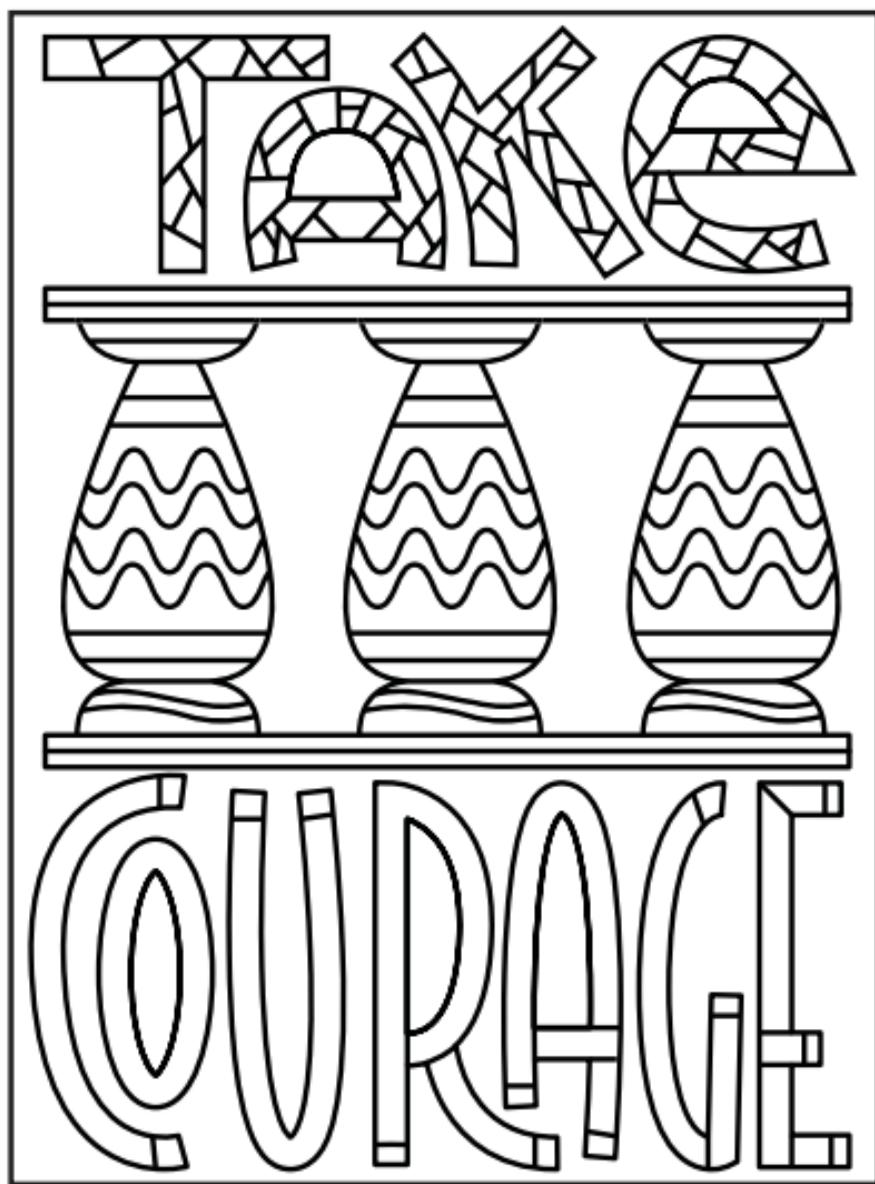
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ABOUT RIVERSIDE

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. Adriene Thorne, 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.

CHURCH NURSERY OPEN

Babies and toddlers are not too young to start learning about God's love for them. The nursery is open every Sunday from 10:30-12:30 during worship staffed by trained nursery workers. For location please see an usher or security guard.

PARKING - 10/23/2022

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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