

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



OCTOBER 9, 2022
EIGHTEENTH 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:

“We cannot break the Ten Commandments. We can only break ourselves against them – or else, by keeping them, rise through them to the fulness of freedom under God. God means us to be free. With divine daring, [God] gave us the power of choice.” -*Cecil B. DeMille*

“Say what you will about the ten commandments, you must always come back to the pleasant fact that there are only ten of them.” -*H. L. Mencken*

A question to reflect on:

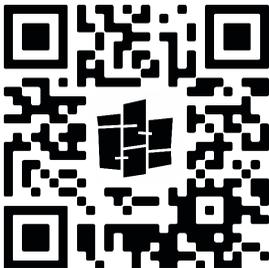
If God had given the 10 Permissions instead of the 10 Commandments, what might they say?

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?

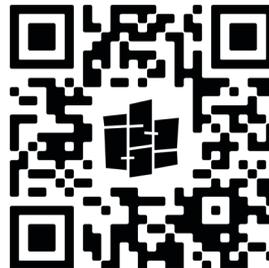
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Or text TRCNYCGIVE to 833.833.4035.





GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Fantasy on 'We Praise God'

Albert de Klerk

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Cantabile Symphonique
My Lord, What a Morning

Camille Saint-Saëns, arr. Virgil Fox
Robert Lau

Alan Montgomery, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

All: Lift your voice, sing, and praise!

One: For a mighty God has blessed this day.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: God calls us to be in integrity and order.

All: May we fulfill God's will, God's way.

Come, let us hear from God today as we worship!

†INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand*

† **OPENING HYMN 461**
God Is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Charlene Wingate

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

My Lord, What A Morning

arr. Allison Sniffen

My Lord, what a morning, My Lord, what a morning, Oh My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall. Done quit all my worldly ways. Join that heavenly band. Oh! My Lord what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

*The Riverside Inspirational Choir
Nedra Olds-Neal, director
Branch Woodman, tenor
Matt King, piano*

LISTENING

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Bernita Dorch

Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

(pg. 65 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

† *All who are able, please stand*

†HYMN

God's Law is Perfect and Gives Life¹

Kingsfold



1. God's law is per - fect and gives life, Re - vives the wear - y soul;
2. The fear of God is al - ways clean, En - dur - ing as the sun;
3. Your ser - vant finds en - light - en - ment By means of them, O Lord;
4. Lord, keep me from pre - sump - tuous sins; Let them not rule my soul;



God's tes - ti - mo - nies all are sure, Wis - dom for all to hold.
The judge - ments of the Lord are true And right - eous, e - very one.
And in the keep - ing of Your law, There is a great re - ward.
Then I shall not com - mit great wrongs, I shall be sound and whole.



The sta - tutes of the Lord are just And give the heart de - light;
And e - ven more to be de - sired Than gold, the fin - est gold,
But who can tell how of - ten they Of - fend un - know - ing - ly?
Let all my words and all my thoughts, My Lord, Re - deem - er, Might,



God's pre - cepts are di - rect and pure And give the eyes clear sight.
And sweet - er than the hon - ey - comb, The words God spoke of old.
From all my se - cret faults, O Lord, I ask You to cleanse me.
Find fa - vor now, and al - ways win Ac - cept - ance in Your sight.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:17

(pg. 5 in the New Testament)

Rev. Meisenheimer

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Yum

Rev. Adriene Thorne

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

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RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern

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.

CHORAL AMEN

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Northern

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Annie Meredith

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Eleanor Whitsett

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly Thine! May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee pure, warm and changless be, a living fire! While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from Thee aside. When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Saviour, then in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

Nancy Wertsch, conductor

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†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 Latino Ministry, which brings political, cultural and spiritual issues of our Latinx members and neighbors before our Riverside congregation

SENDING

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

†CLOSING HYMN

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Showalter



What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms; I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



all a - larms, Lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

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†BENEDICTION

Rev. Thorne

POSTLUDE

Carillon, Opus 31, No. 21

Louis Vierne

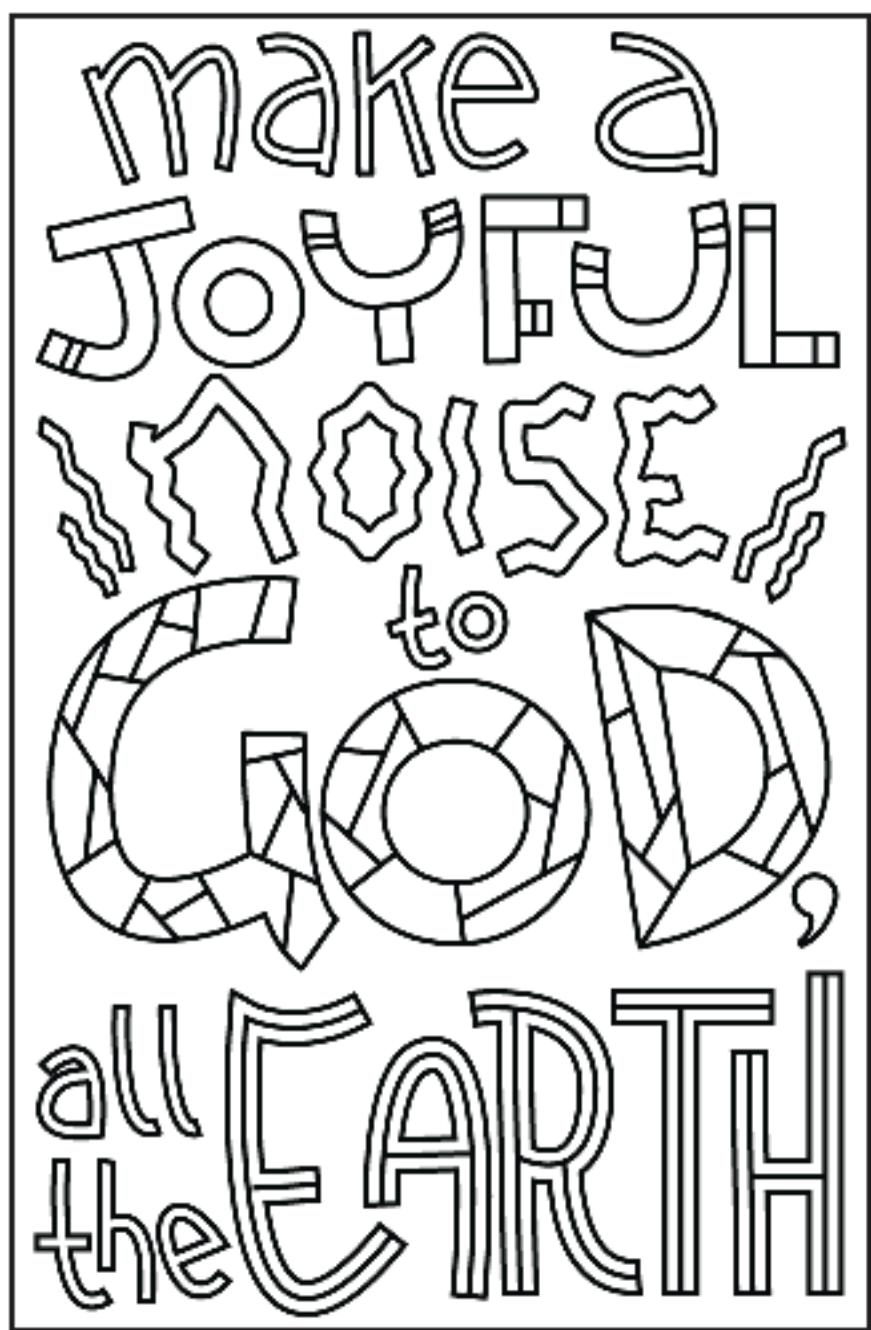
Christopher Creaghan, organist

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Special thanks to our congregational leaders Bernita Dorch & Annie Meredith

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COLOR IN THE WORDS



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, Psalm 66:1-2, Luke 17:11-14.



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. 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 - 10/09/2022

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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