

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



NOVEMBER 20, 2022
TWENTY-FOURTH 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:

“If you can’t believe that, believe what you see—these works. The person who trusts me will not only do what I’m doing but even greater things, because I, on my way to the Father, am giving you the same work to do that I’ve been doing. You can count on it.”

-Jesus, John 14:12 (The Message)

A question for reflection:

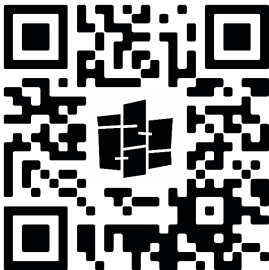
Today is Trans Day of Remembrance. What is your one-sentence prayer for our trans friends and siblings today?

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?

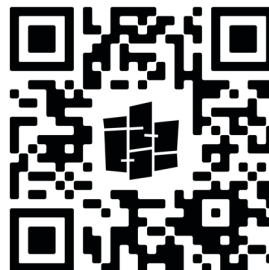
Learn about the events and activities of the Life of Our Community by opening your camera and scanning the code below.



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.





GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Variations for Carillon on "Coronation"
Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Es flog ein kleins waldvögelein)
Melody

*Albert Gerken
Traditional German
arr. Richard Giszczak*

Carla Staffaroni, assistant carillonneur

ORGAN

Nocturne, from 'Shylock'
Two hymn improvisations
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
Amazing Grace

*Gabriel Fauré, arr. Virgil Fox
Frederick Swann*

Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We worship a God of transforming possibilities.

All: We give thanks for the spirit of inclusivity.

One: God transforms our vision so that we might understand,

All: Who we are, who we can be, and who we will be in God's hands.

One: Today, we remember those slain for being different.

All: May God grant us the strength and courage to move forward with loving wisdom. Let us worship.

†INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand*

✠ **OPENING HYMN 552**

Give Thanks, O Christian People¹

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister Derrick Jordan

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

We Thank You, Lord

Ruth Elaine Schram

Thank you, Lord, for the blessings of friends and family, life and love. Autumn leaves of red and gold; for them all, we thank you, Lord. We thank you, Lord. Our blessings great and small; we thank you for them all. Thank you, Lord for the harvest grain, after summer's gentle rain. Autumn breezes blowing cold; for them all, we thank you, Lord. We thank you, Lord. Our blessings great and small; we thank you for them all.

The Riverside Rising Voices Choir

Come Be the Light

Mark Patterson

Come be the light, come be the joy, come be the hope the world needs to know. Come be the voice of kindness and truth, sharing the peace of Christ wherever you go. Praise God with a song of gladness ringing out to the skies above. Lift your light and let it shine so the world may know God's love. Come be daring as you strive to love one another. Come be bold, and be courageous in God's grace. With hands to serve and gifts to share, come show the world how Christ would care for all God's people, everywhere.

*The Riverside Youth Choir
Matthew Hommez, director
Yuliya Basis, accompanist*

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Thorne

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern & Pat Pell

✠ *All who are able, please stand*

*We welcome you with joy and friendship into the common life of The Riverside Church.
By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's love and
grace and be witnesses of our risen Savior.*



Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love:
The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:14

(pg. 4 in the New Testament)

Min. Jordan

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 401

When Will People Cease Their Fighting?

Rustington

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4

(pg. 663 in the Old Testament)

Rev. Dr. Nyle Fort

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†*All who are able, please stand*

SERMON

The Voices in our Head

Rev. Thorne

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING

We respond to the hearing of God's word through prayer, passing the peace, offering and monthly communion.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Trans Day of Remembrance

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

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

†*All who are able, please stand*

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Eugene Melino

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Thanks Be To God (from 'Elijah')

Felix Mendelssohn

Thanks be to God, who laveth the thirsty land! The waters gather, they rush along; they are lifting their voices! The stormy billows are high; their fury is mighty. But the Lord is above them, and almighty!

†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

Min. Jordan

Today we celebrate the work of our Budget and Planning Committee, which reviews, advises and monitors our budgetary activities to support our financial health.

SENDING

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

†CLOSING HYMN 555

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket Alle Gott

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Thorne

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Frederick Swann

Alan Montgomery, organist

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Special thanks to our congregational leader Eugene Melino and Pat Pell

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In Memoriam

Frederick Swann

July 30, 1931- November 13, 2022

The prelude and postlude in today's service honor Frederick Swann, former organist of the Riverside Church, who died peacefully at his home in Palm Desert, California. He was 91.

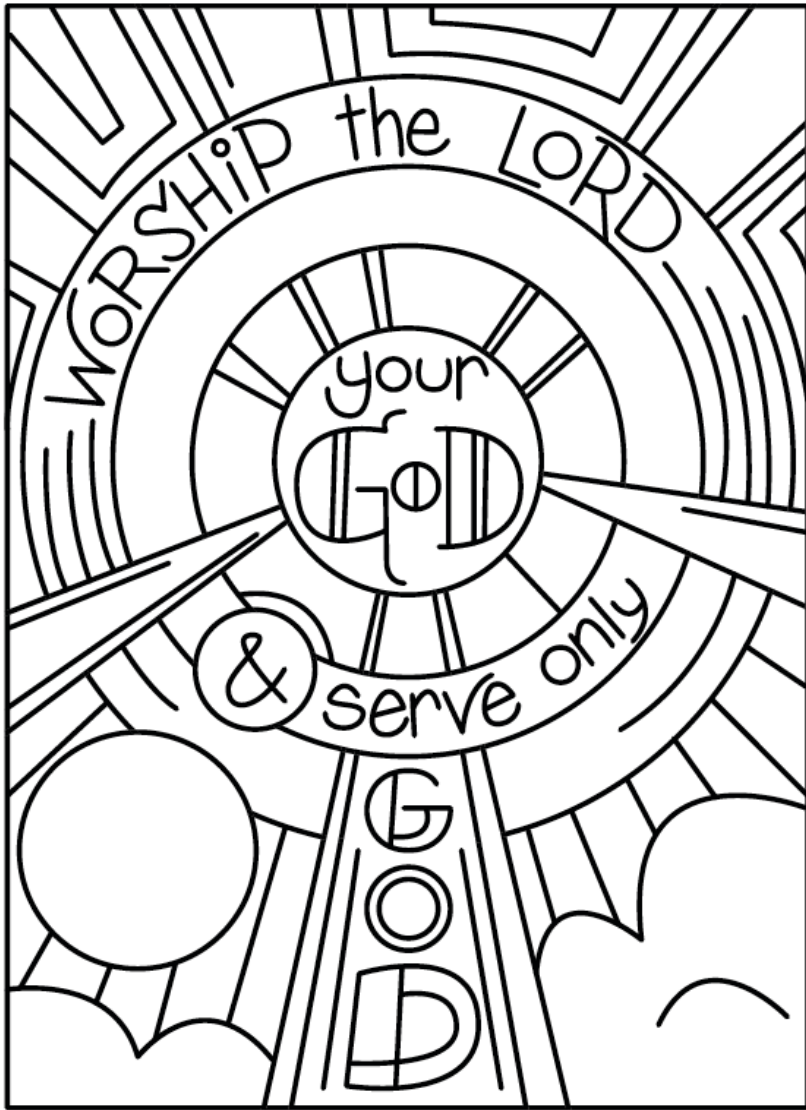
From 1953-1982 he served at Riverside in succession as Assistant Organist, Organist, and Director of Music. He was enormously influential to generations of organists and church musicians through his many appointments, which include being Organ Department Chair at Manhattan School of Music; faculty member of the School of Sacred Music at Union Theological Seminary; Director of Music at The Crystal Cathedral (now Christ Cathedral) in Garden Grove, California, from 1982-1998; and President of the American Guild of Organists from 2002-2008.

We who hear the magnificent sound of the Riverside Church organ owe a debt of gratitude to his leadership and guidance. Although the organ was originally commissioned under the direction of Virgil Fox, Fred Swann was also on staff at the time of the installation of the organ in the mid-1950's. In the succeeding years as Director of Music he oversaw a complete redesign of the organ console and supervised the organ's expansion and tonal development. As such, he and those he worked with are responsible for the renowned instrument we hear today.

His legacy endures with the annual Candlelight Carol Festival which he created and which has become an established tradition of the Riverside Church. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered for his personal warmth and collegial support to all who met him.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Deuteronomy 26, Psalm 91, Luke 4.



WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Psalm 91 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

F A I V D R O L Q C I R D F C
F A S E H U L G O I O L W B S
M X A Z J E S Z R E S C U E L
H A L L E M H I A T S U R T E
H F V P D W E L L I N G V G G
D R A U G E L I O N J K B V N
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V O R R T T T F U H Z I W H J
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E Q P P E O M S O P E A T N S
D O Z B U W L F S H Q Y X T E

SHELTER
ALMIGHTY
LORD
REFUGE
FORTRESS
TRUST

DWELLING
TENT
ANGELS
GUARD
LION
SERPENT

LOVE
DELMER
PROTECT
ANSWER
RESCUE
SALVATION

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 - 11/20//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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