

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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JANUARY 29, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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:

“Let us pray dangerously.

Let us throw ourselves from the top of the tower,
let us risk a descent to the darkest region of the abyss,
let us put our head in the lion’s mouth
and direct our feet to the entrance of the dragon’s cave.”

-Regina Sara Ryan

A question for reflection:

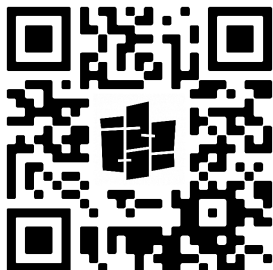
What is your dangerous prayer for Riverside Church? For the world?

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 Epiphany, 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 Epiphany until the beginning of Lent.

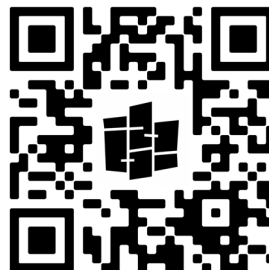
Whats happening at Riverside?

Learn about the events and activities of the Life of Our Community by opening your camera and scanning the code below. You can find a printed calendar listed in the back of your bulletin!



Give by your phone

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GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Psalm-Meditation
O Worship the King

*Edward Lee Cobb
Herman Teygeler*

Charles Semowich, Carillonneur

ORGAN

From *Arcadian Idyll, Op. 52*
Musette
Solitude

Edwin Lemare

STRING ENSEMBLE

Turkish March

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Riverside Community String Ensemble
Kristina Giles, director*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of heaven and earth, we call out your name!

All: You are the Alpha and Omega of all creation.

One: Give us this day our daily bread.

All: A gift of forgiveness to be shared throughout nations.

One: You are the breath of life that invigorates your kingdom.

All: As siblings in Christ, let us breathe in your Holy Spirit and worship.

† INVOCATION

† *All who are able, please stand*

† **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**
O Day of Rest and Gladness

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

1. O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2. On thee, at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
 3. To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n - ly man - na falls;
 4. New gra - ces ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,
 O balm of care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
 on thee, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
 to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trump - et calls,
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spi - rits of the blest.
 on thee the high and low - ly through a - ges joined in tune,
 on thee, our Lord vic - tor - ious, the Spi - rit sent from heav'n;
 where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and rad - iant beams,
 To Ho - ly Ghost be prais - es, to Fa - ther, and to Son;
 sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God Tri - une.
 and thus on thee, most glo - rious, a tri - ple light was giv'n.
 and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul re - fresh - ing streams.
 the church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Appalachian Lord's Prayer

Rick Sowash

Beloved God, beyond the mountains, hallowed be thy name. Thy kindom¹ come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation. Deliver us we pray, from evil, for thine is the kindom*, the power of the morning, the sunset glory, now and forever. Amen.

¹"Kin-dom" instead of "Kingdom" is consistent with Jesus' teachings about being "kin" with God, that is, being in the family of God as "kinfolk," a term and a concept which Appalachian persons cherish. - Rick Sowash

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LISTENING

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

PSALTER LESSON

Ruth Riddles

Psalm 20:7

(pg. 499 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer, Jacq Gregg, Rainer Engelken,
Micah Niang, Rev. Jim Keat

Matthew 6:7-34

(pg. 6 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Praying Dangerously

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

Rev. Meisenheimer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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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.

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

Jeremiah Drake

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let Their Celestial Concerts All Unite

George Frederick Handel

Let their celestial concerts unite, ever to sound his praise in the endless morn of light.

†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. Casteel Harper

Today we celebrate the work of our Small Group Ministries, which provide educational and spiritual growth opportunities for people in our church and in the community.

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SENDING

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

† **RECESSIONAL HYMN 391**
Take My Life, and Let It Be

Hendon

† **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Thorne

POSTLUDE

Dialogue sur les Mixtures

Jean Langlais

Christopher Creaghan, Organist

Special thanks to our congregational leaders Ruth Riddles, Jacq Gregg, Micah Niang, Rainer Engelken

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TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, January 29

Fresh Start | 8:30 AM | Online

Open Bible Study | 9:30 AM | 330 MLK

Beginner Biblical Hebrew I | 9:30 AM | 314 MLK & Online

Church Nursery Open | 10:30 AM

Limitless - Children & Youth Service | 10:30 AM | 9T

Sunday Morning Worship | 11:00 AM Prelude begins at 10:30 AM | Nave & Online

Virtual Coffee Hour | After Worship | 318 MLK & Online

Coffee Hour | After Worship | South Hall Lobby

Theatre of the Oppressed | 1:00 PM | Multipurpose Room

Riverside Poetry Group | 1:00 PM | 323 MLK

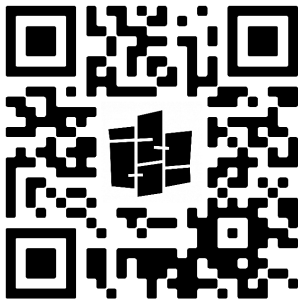
Theatre of the Oppressed | 1:00 PM | 15T

Intermediate Biblical Hebrew | 1:00 PM | 314 MLK & Online

Youth Afternoon Game Day | 1:30 PM | Youth Room

Riverside Choir Benefit Cabaret | 2:00 PM | 9T

Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital | 3:00 PM



Visit trcnyc.org/LOC or scan the QR code to find out more about all the programs and events happening in the life of our community.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

Monday, January 30

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Tuesday, January 31

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Wednesday, February 1

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Beginner Biblical Hebrew II | 5:00 PM | Online

Grace Notes | 7:00 PM | Online

Thursday, January 26

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Tower League | 2:00 PM | Online

Writing Social Media & Justice | 6:30 PM | Online

Friday, January 27

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Young Adults Bowling Night | 7:00 PM | Bolero Times Square

COMING SOON

Sunday, February 5

Lunch and Learn with Dr. Willie Jennings | 1:00 pm | 9T

Sunday, February 12

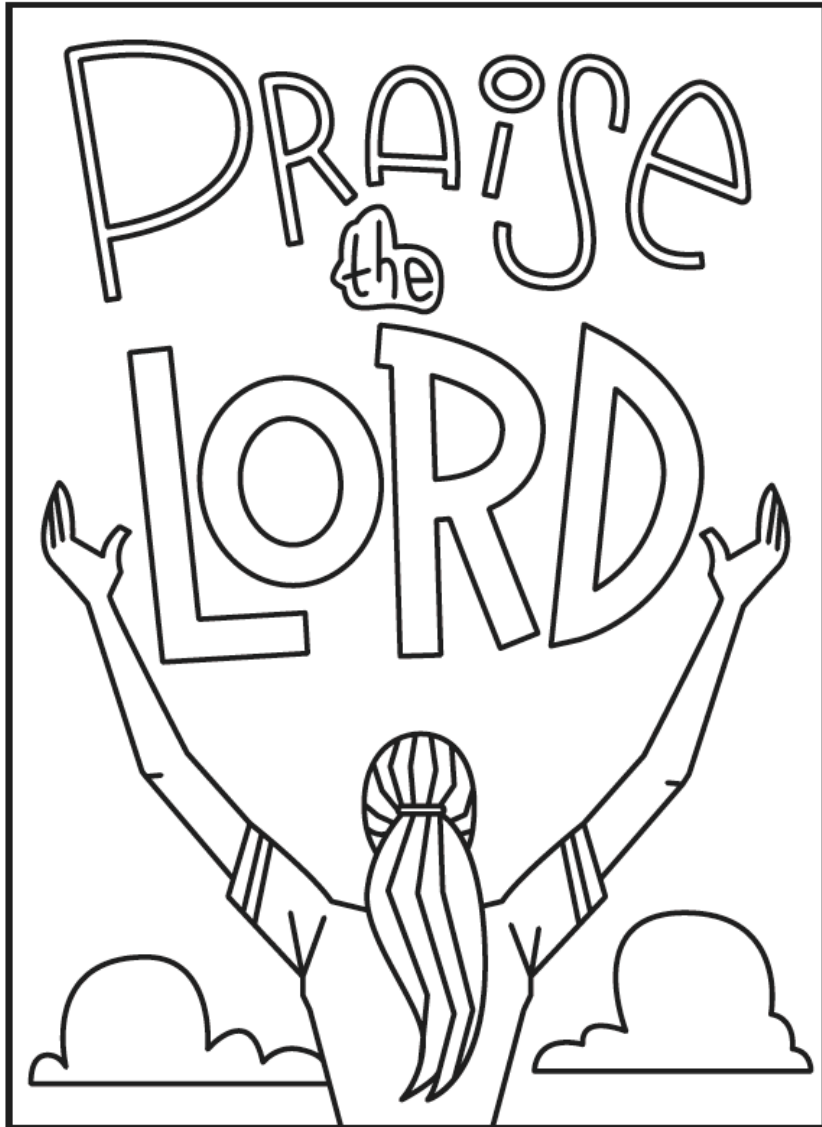
A Lecture and Musical Performance in Celebration of Black History Month | 12:30 pm | 9T

Tuesday, February 28

Maestro Hector Olivera at the Organ | 7:00 pm | Nave

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Isaiah 63:7-9, Psalm 148, Matthew 2:13-23.



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

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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

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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 - 1/29/2023

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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