

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



FEBRUARY 5, 2023
FIFTH 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:

“The way we treat people we strongly disagree with is a report card on what we’ve learned about love, compassion, and kindness.”

-Marc & Angel Chernoff

A question for reflection:

In God’s kingdom on earth, what does your best life look like?

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.

Black History Month is an opportunity to spend time enjoying the creativity, beauty, challenging history, and uplifting journey of people of African descent in America. Musical selections in today’s service includes a representation of organ and choral music by composers both past and present in the African American tradition.

What’s happening at Riverside?

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



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Make an offering using your smartphone by opening your camera and scanning the code below.

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GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand
Land of Rest
Lux Benigna

William Knapp, arr. Theophil Rusterholz
Anonymous Sacred Melody, arr. Percival Price
John Bacchus Dykes, arr. Theophil Rusterholz

Carla Staffaroni, Assistant Carillonneur

ORGAN

Adoration
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Florence Price
Don Lee White

Alan Montgomery, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Charlene Wingate

One: God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and untruths.

All: God calls us to peace and stability deep in our roots.

One: God embraces the bruised, the marginalized and excluded.

All: God replaces division with love so we can live united.

One: Like the dawn of each day, God is the light of our lives.

All: God is the one who makes all things new.

Let us worship God today, fresh and renewed!

✦INVOCATION

✦*All who are able, please stand*

†**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 361**
How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

LISTENING

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Charles King

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

No Hidin' Place

Moses Hogan

There's no hidin' place down here. Oh, I went to the rock to hide my face, the rock cried out, "No hidin' place." There's no hidin' place down here.

Oh, the rock cried, "I'm burnin' too, and I want to go to heaven as well as you."

Oh the sinner man he gambled and fell, and he wanted to go to heaven but he had to go to hell. There's no hidin' place down here.

David Jackson, Baritone

PSALTER LESSON

Minister Nordia Bennett

Psalm 37:16-18

(pg. 512 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†**HYMN 372**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I Want to Be a Christian

GOSPEL LESSON

Lakeisha Aquino

Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29

(pg. 6 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

†*All who are able, please stand*

SERMON

Jesus' Greatest Hits

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Derrick Biney Amissah

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Canon on *I Lift Up My Eyes*

David Hurd

I lift up my eyes to the hills: from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. Glory to the Creator, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

† 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. Dr. Colleen Birchett

Today we celebrate the work of our Black Lives Matter chapter, which affirms the humanity of all and works tirelessly for a world where all Black lives are no longer systematically targeted.

† *All who are able, please stand*

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff and Community Clergy

Following each petition, please join in the following responses:

One: God of compassion,

All: hear our prayer.

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Bruce Lamb

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

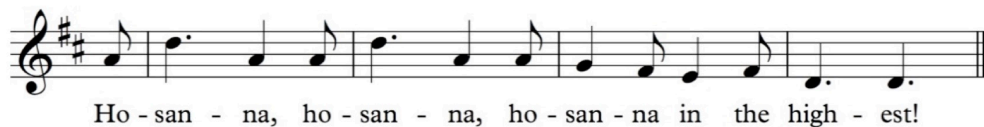
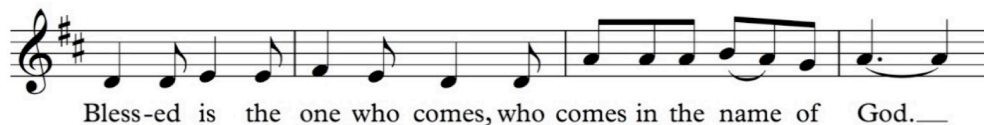
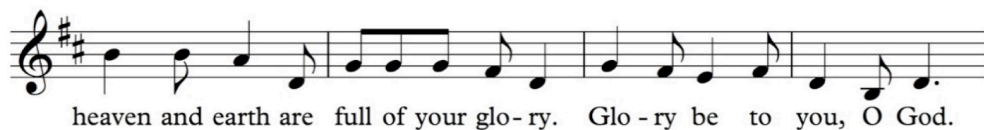
All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

†*All who are able, please stand*

SANCTUS



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

†All who are able, please stand

CALL TO SUPPER

One: The body of Christ, broken for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the bread of life!

One: The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN

Confesión

Agustín Barrios

CHOIR

Esto Les Digo

Kinley Lange

This I say to you, if two of you are put in accord here in, in the earth to ask anything in prayer, my Father which is in heaven, will give it to you. Because where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I, in the midst of them.

Catherine Tyrrell, Soprano

†HYMN 508

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Kingdom

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Min. Bennett

God of hope you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love, and help us to serve you and each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

†*All who are able, please stand*

SENDING

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

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Thorne

POSTLUDE

Fanfare & Chorale

Calvin Fuller

Alan Montgomery, Organist

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders Rev. Charles King, Lakeisha Aquino,
Derrick Biney Amissah*

*Additional Communion Stewards: Irene King, David Orcutt, Alexa Donaphin,
Michael Barnes, Nora Campbell, Joy Del Orbe*

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TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, February 5

Fresh Start | 8:30 AM | Online

Seekers Book Study Small Group | 9:00 AM | 321 MLK & 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

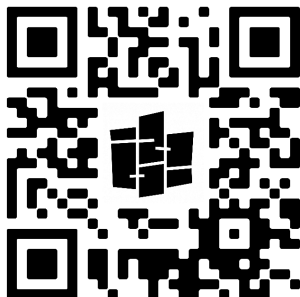
Theatre of the Oppressed | 1:00 PM | Multipurpose Room

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

Faith in Full Color: Faith Passage Confirmation | 1:00 PM | Youth Room

Lunch and Learn with Dr. Willie Jennings | 1:00 PM | 323 MLK

Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital | 3:00 PM



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THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

Monday, February 6

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Tuesday, February 7

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Wednesday, February 8

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM | Online

Beginner Biblical Hebrew II | 5:00 PM | Online

Young Adult Bible Study | 6:30 PM | 313 MLK & Online

Grace Notes | 7:00 PM | Online

Thursday, February 9

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM | Online

Tower League | 2:00 PM | Online

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

Friday, February 10

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Saturday, February 11

Riverside Book Club | 11:00 AM | Online

COMING SOON

Sunday, February 12

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

Sunday, February 19

A Book Discussion with Rev. Dr. Robert Polk | 1:00 PM | Assembly Hall & Zoom

Sunday, February 26

Inspirational Choir: Our God Is An Awesome God | 3:00 PM | Nave

Tuesday, February 28

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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Isaiah 42: 1-9, Psalm 29, Matthew 3: 13-17.



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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

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 - 2/05/2023

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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