

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



FEBRUARY 12, 2023
SIXTH 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:

“Many that live deserve death. And some that die deserve life. Can you give it to them? Then do not be too eager to deal out death in judgment. For even the very wise cannot see all ends.”

-J.R.R. Tolkien

A question for reflection:

What wheat and weeds are you growing in the garden of your life these days?

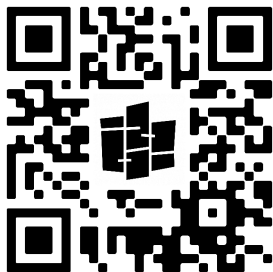
THE LITURGICAL YEAR

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.

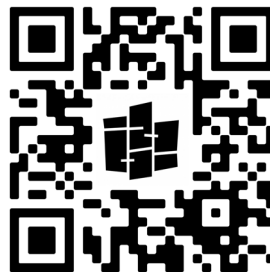
Whats happening at Riverside?

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

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

St. Columba Hymn Prelude
More Love
The King of Love my Shepherd Is

Geert D'hollander
arr. Ronald Barnes
arr. Beverly Buchanan

Lynnli Wang, Assistant Carillonneur

HANDBELLS

Terra's Theme
Milele

arr. Christian Guebert
Jason Krug

The Riverside Ringers
Daniel Potter, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

✚ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

All: With shouts of joy we celebrate the good news of God's love.

One: Open your hearts to receive God's redeeming love.

All: God's love lives strong in wondrous ways through us.

One: Together, let us worship God with our hearts, souls, and voices!

All: Let our praises ring to the sky and ascend to the heavens!

✚ INVOCATION

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

God of Great and God of Small¹

God of Great and Small

1. God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2. God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3. God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4. God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Bruce Lamb

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Hear My Prayer

arr. Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer in the morning when I rise. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. O Lord, please hear my prayer. Keep me safe within your arms. It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer. When my work on earth is done and you come to take me home, just to know I'm bound for glory and to hear you say, "Well done!" Done with sin and sorrow. Have mercy. Amen.

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LISTENING

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

PSALTER LESSON

Laura Kirkpatrick, Cherry Baylor-Butler

Psalm 84:1-7

(pg. 543 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 560

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

Nyland

GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Arnold Thomas, Rev. Charlene Wingate

Matthew 13:24-43

(pg. 14 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Good News/Bad News

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. Dr. Debra Northern

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

Marion Logan Conteh

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prayer of St. Francis

M. Searle Wright

Lord, make me a channel of Thy peace, that where there is hatred, I may bring love; that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness; that where there is discord, I may bring harmony; where there is error, I may bring truth; where there is doubt, I may bring faith; where despair, where there are shadows, where there is sadness I may bring hope, I may bring light, I may bring joy! Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted; to understand than to be understood; to love than to be loved. For it is by giving that one receives; it is by self-forgetting one finds; it is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens unto eternal life.

†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.

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†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Rev. Lamb

Today we celebrate the work of the Ecclesia Ministry, which leads services and serves lunch monthly in Marcus Garvey Park, as we seek to reach people who wish to praise and worship God in community.

SENDING

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

†RECESSIONAL HYMN

God Whose Glory Reigns Eternal²

Beach Spring

1. God, whose glo - ry reigns e - ter - nal, Span-ning space as
2. In Christ's heal - ing touch and teach - ing We see life as
3. Now we pon - der life's great mys - t'ry Suff-ering sa - vior,
well as time, Show us signs in seed and ker - nel,
you in - tend, Self - less love to oth - ers reach - ing,
cross en - throned, Past and fu - ture in one his - t'ry
Life po - ten - tial, hope sub - lime. Grant us in - sight, all dis -
Pain and brok - en - ness to end. And when hun - gry folk are
Our mor - ta - li - ty Christ owned. And as res - sur - rec - tion's
cern - ing, See - ing truth be - yond bare fact, Love trans -
nour - ished, Filled by hope and word and bread, These are
glo - ry Shines in - to the emp - ty tomb, We, too,
la - ting all our learn - ing In - to pow'r to be and act.
signs your reign has flour - ished And from bon - dage we are led.
tell the an - cient sto - ry, Joy di - spell - ing all the gloom.

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Thorne

POSTLUDE

King of Kings

Ralph Simpson

Alan Montgomery, Organist

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Special thanks to our congregational leaders Dr. Arnold Thomas, Laura Kirkpatrick, Cherry Baylor-Butler, Marion Logan Conteh

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TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, February 12

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 & Online

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

Let's Talk about Friendship | 11:30 AM | 9T

Virtual Coffee Hour | After Worship | 318 MLK & Online

Coffee Hour | After Worship | South Hall Lobby

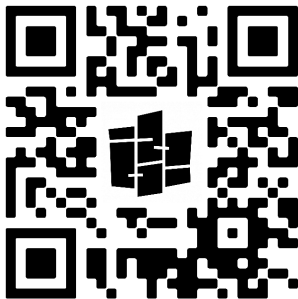
Lecture & Musical Performance | 12:30 PM | Assembly Hall & Online

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

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, February 13

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Tuesday, February 14

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Wednesday, February 15

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Beginner Biblical Hebrew II | 5:00 PM | Online

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

Space for Grace | 7:00 PM | 9T & Online

Thursday, February 16

Morning Prayer 8:00 AM | Online

Tower League | 2:00 PM | Online

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

Friday, February 17

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

COMING SOON

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 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, Matthew 1:18-25.



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/loc for more information.

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

Take Riverside with you, wherever you go. Text TRCNYC to 833.833.4035 or visit trcnyc.org/app to download the app and stay connected to all the videos, podcasts, and events from The Riverside Church.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING PARKING UPDATE

The garage will no longer accept bulletins as of Sunday 2/12/23. Congregants now need to go to the Security Desk on the C-Level, pick up a coupon that has a QR code on it, then bring the coupon, with their parking ticket, down to the attendant and will then pay the \$5 fee.

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