

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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MAY 14, 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 and question:

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

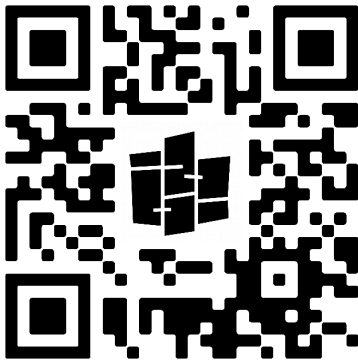
-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A question for reflection:

How does your faith show up in your daily life? What does daily faith look like for you?

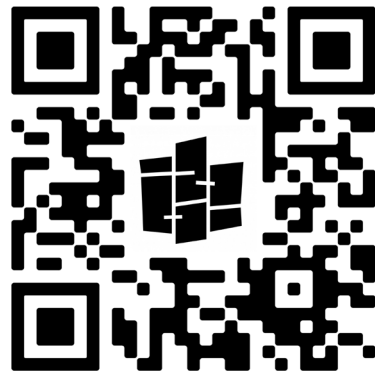
What’s happening at Riverside?

You can find a printed calendar listed in the back of your bulletin!



Give by your phone

Text TRCNYCGIVE to 833.833.4035.



*Riverside worship services are filmed, recorded, and broadcast online.
If you do not want to appear in any videos or photos we invite you to sit in the balcony.*



GATHERING

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

CARILLON

I Love to Tell the Story
Variations on Kingsfold

*arr. Lee Cobb
arr. Geert D'hollander*

Lynnli Wang, Assistant Carillonneur

ORGAN

Adagio from *Symphony No. 6*
There is a Happy Land

*Charles-Marie Widor
George Shearing*

Alan Montgomery, organist

ANTHEM

I've Got Peace Like a River

*Cherub Choir
Sharon Pritchard, director*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Charlene Wingate

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God.

All: Like a mother, God knows us intimately and unconditionally.

One: God guides us with the strength of wisdom.

All: In our time of need, we find comfort and peace.

One: Wonderful are the works of God!

All: Let us worship our God with praise!

† *All who are able, please stand*

†INVOCATION

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us¹

Abbot's Leigh

1. Like a mo - ther who has borne us, held us close in
2. Though as chil - dren we have wan-dered, placed our trust in
her de - light. Fed us free - ly from her bo - dy, God has
power and might, Left be - hind our bro - thers, sis - ters, God still
called us in - to life. Like a fa - ther who has taught us,
calls us in - to life. When we of - fer food and com - fort,
grasped our hand and been our guide, Lift - ed us and
grasp our neigh - bor's hand in love, Tread the path of
healed our sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.
peace and jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Andrea White

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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ANTHEM

Set Down Servant

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Roger Emerson

Set down servant, I can't set down. My soul's so happy that I can't set down. My Lord, you know you promised me, a long white robe and a pair of shoes. Go yonder angel, fetch me some shoes, and place them on-a my servant's feet. My Lord, you know you promised me, a long white robe and a starry crown. Go yonder angel, fetch me a crown and place it on-a my servant's head. My soul's so happy that I can't set down. My Lord, you've been so good to me. My soul has been set free! Set down servant, I can't set down. My soul's so happy that I can't set, not yet, won't set down.

The Rising Voices and Youth Choir
Matthew Hommez, director
Yuliya Basis, accompanist

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE LESSON

Dacia Wyatt

Matthew 11:28-30

(pg. 12 *in the New Testament*)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

† HYMN 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Dr. Andrea White

Romans [3:28-30] 5:1-11

Chloe Landers, Mara Landers

(pg. 154 *in the New Testament*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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SERMON

Faith in Action

Minister Derrick Jordan

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. Wingate

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.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Isaac Evans-Frantz

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The God of Love My Shepherd Is

Godfrey Sampson

The God of love my shepherd is, and he that doth me feed;
while he is mine and I am his, what can I want or need?

She leads me to the tender grass, where I both feed and rest;
then to the streams that gently pass: in both I have the best.

Or if I stray, he doth convert, and bring my mind in frame,
and all this not for my desert, but for his holy name.

Yea, in death's shady black abode well may I walk, not fear;
for thou art with me, and thy rod to guide, thy staff to bear.

Surely thy sweet and wondrous love shall measure all my days;
and, as it never shall remove, so neither shall my praise.

† 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. Jim Keat

Today we celebrate the work of our Business and Professional Women's Group, which encourages fellowship among business and professional women, while educating the Riverside community about issues unique to women. The B's & P's offer cultural, social, and service opportunities to promote spiritual growth and renewal for the church and community.

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Wingate and Minister Jordan

POSTLUDE

Marche Épiscopale

Louis Vierne

Alan Montgomery, organist

Special thanks to our congregational leaders Rev. Dr. Andrea White, Dacia Wyatt, Mara and Chloe Landers, and Isaac Evans-Frantz.

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TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, May 14

Fresh Start | 8:30 AM | Online

Seekers Book Study Small Group | 9:00 AM | 323 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 | 12:30 PM | 318 MLK & Online

Coffee Hour | After Worship | South Hall

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

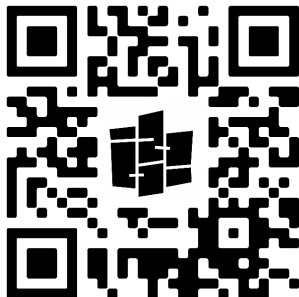
Intermediate Biblical Hebrew | 1:00 PM | 314 MLK & Online

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

Maranatha Meeting | 1:00 PM | 20T

Holy Land Trip Prep Class | 1:00 PM | 411 MLK

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, May 15

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Tai Chi Class | 3:00 PM | Cloister Lounge

Tuesday, May 16

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

NYS LGBTQI Advocacy Day with Maranatha | 9:00 AM | Albany, NY

Wednesday, May 17

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, May 18

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Tower League | 2:00 PM | 9T

Friday, May 19

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

COMING SOON

Sunday, May 21

Joining Sunday | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online | Rev. Adriene Thorne Preaching

Annual Meeting | After Worship | South Hall

Sunday, June 4

Queering the Gospel Workshop | 1:00 PM | Assembly Hall

Stacey Robinson's Music in the Air: The Story, The Journey | 3:00 PM | Assembly Hall

Sunday, June 11

Bible Sunday: Rites of Passage for our Children, Youth, and Graduates | 11:00 AM

Nave & Online | Minister Nordia Bennett Preaching

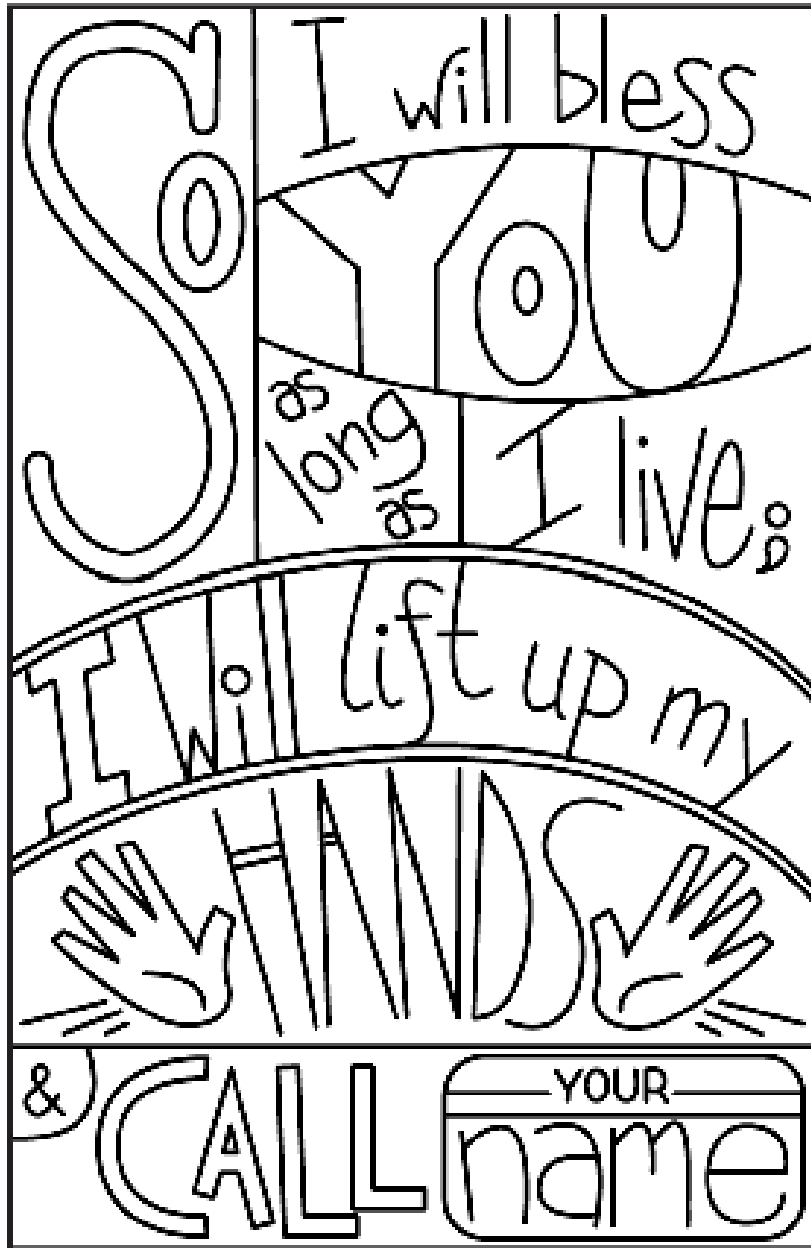
Sunday, June 18

Juneteenth Lunch and Learn | 1:00 PM | Assembly Hall

Sunday, June 25

Pride Sunday Worship | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online | Rev. Karmen Michael Smith Preaching

COLOR IN THE WORDS



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

RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST

Get the latest news and events at The Riverside Church from our weekly emails. Sign up at trcnyc.org/email. If you're not receiving them, add communications@trcnyc.org to your "Safe Sender list."

MEMBERSHIP AT RIVERSIDE

Membership is about responding to God's call on your life to step up and belong to this community as you pursue the passion God has set in your heart. By joining The Riverside Church you are taking the next step to partner with us as we seek to cultivate a community of justice, peace, and love that transforms the world. Visit trcnyc.org/membership to find out more.

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

These recitals take place most weeks at 3:00 PM 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

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 AM-12:30 PM during worship staffed by trained nursery workers. For location please see an usher or security guard.

SUNDAY MORNING PARKING

Visit the Security Desk on the Claremont Level to pick up a \$5 parking coupon. Bring this coupon and your parking ticket to the attendant to receive this discounted rate.

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