

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



**THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH**  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

MAY 21, 2023  
SEVENTH 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

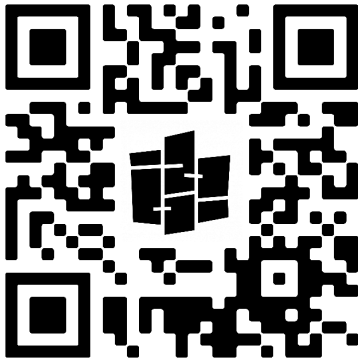
“The only way to drive away the Devil is through faith in Christ, by saying:  
‘I have been baptized, I am a Christian.’ -*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## **A question for reflection:**

Name one way being part of the family of God enhances your life.

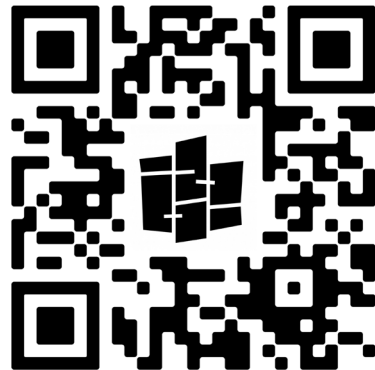
### **What’s happening at Riverside?**

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

Chant and Jubilation for Carillon  
Crown Him With Many Crowns  
Praise the Lord

*Robert Byrnes*  
*George J. Elvey, arr; Richard Giszczak*  
*Leen 't Hart*

*Charles Semowich, carillonneur*

### HANDBELLS

Wade in the Water  
Song of Triumph

*arr. Hart Morris*  
*Arnold B. Sherman*

*The Riverside Ringers*  
*Daniel Potter, director*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Jim Keat

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Great God of Love, we are grateful for the diversity of Your human family.

**All: Fill us with joy for our growing community.**

One: Unite us, O God, in love and service, mission and ministry.

**All: Continue to make us one, as You, The Son, and The Spirit are One.**

One: Manifest Yourself among us that we may worship You.

**All: With praise, thanksgiving, glory, and honor.**

**Let us raise our hearts and voices to worship our Great God.**

### †INVOCATION

†*All who are able, please stand*

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 495  
**We Know That Christ Is Raised**

*Engelberg*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**ANTHEM**

**Good News**

*arr. Michael L. Pickett*

I got a robe up in that kingdom. Ain't that good news? I'm gonna lay down this world. I'm gonna shoulder up my cross. Gonna take it home to my Jesus. Ain't that good news? I got a crown up in that kingdom. I got a Savior in that kingdom.

*The Riverside Inspirational Choir  
Nedra Olds-Neal, director  
Jeanne Golan, piano*

**LISTENING**

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

**GOSPEL SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Rev. Keat

**Matthew 6:24**

*(pg. 6 in the New Testament)*

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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† HYMN

Now There is No Male or Female<sup>1</sup>

*Omni Dei*

1 Now there is no male or fe-male; now there is no free or slave;  
2 Cru - ci - fied with Christ the Sav-ior, bap-tized in his ho - ly death,  
3 Death has no do - min - ion o'er him, so for us death holds no power;  
now there is no Jew or Gen - tile in the earth Christ died to save.  
and as Christ was raised to glo - ry we have new life on this earth.  
life's own wa - ters now have marked us, born to God this ver - y hour.  
Christ has set us free for free-dom: we no more sing slav-ery's creed;  
Power of wa - ter and God's nam-ing, turn-ing us from dark to light,  
From this mo-moment and for - ev - er dead to sin, a - live in Christ,  
old sub - mis-sions can-not claim us; Christ has set us free in - deed.  
joins us to those who, be - fore us, ran the race and fought the fight.  
born of wa - ter and the Spir - it, now in Christ we find our life.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON

Michael Barnes

**Romans 6:1-14**

(pg. 156 in *the New Testament*)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Part of that World*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

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## RESPONDING

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

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern & Pat Pell

*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.

### †PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. 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.**

### 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.**

†*All who are able, please stand*

**CHORAL AMEN**

**INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE**

Karissa Garner

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**Easter Anthem**

*Philip E. Baker*

Come ye faithful, raise the song of triumphant gladness. Alleluia. Our Christ immortal burst the bars of death's dark portal. Kyrie eleison. He who lay in the grave is come again all folk to save. Now all Christendom will sing that the Lamb is King of Kings! All glory to the creator be. All glory to God's risen son. All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, through endless ages run!

**† 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. Meisenheimer

*Today we celebrate the ministry of our Church Council, Commissions and Committees as they begin a new year of dreaming, planning, and discerning the many ways that we might be Christ's hands and feet in the world.*

**† RECESSIONAL HYMN 151**

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

*Diademata*

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Thorne & Rev. Keat

**POSTLUDE**

Alleluia from *Five Liturgical Inventions*

Victor Togni

*Christopher Creaghan, organist*

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders Michael Barnes and Karissa Garner.*

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## **TODAY AT RIVERSIDE**

### **Sunday, May 21**

**Fresh Start** | 8:30 AM | Online

**Open Bible Study** | 9:30 AM | 330 MLK

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

**Parent Check-in Breakfast** | 9:30 AM | 311 MLK

**Church Nursery Open** | 10:30 AM

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

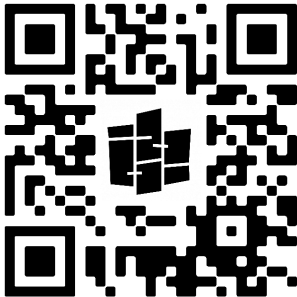
**Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00 AM Prelude begins at 10:30 AM | Nave & Online

**Virtual Coffee Hour** | 12:30 PM | 318 MLK & Online

**Coffee Hour** | After Worship | South Hall

**2023 Annual Meeting** | 1:00 PM | South Hall & Online

**Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital** | 3:00 PM



Visit [trcnyc.org/LOC](https://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 22**

**Morning Prayer** | 8:00 AM | Online

**Tai Chi Class** | 3:00 PM | Cloister Lounge

### **Tuesday, May 23**

**Morning Prayer** | 8:00 AM | Online

### **Wednesday, May 24**

**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, May 25**

**Morning Prayer** | 8:00 AM | Online

**Tower League** | 2:00 PM | Online

### **Friday, May 26**

**Morning Prayer** | 8:00 AM | Online

## **COMING SOON**

### **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**

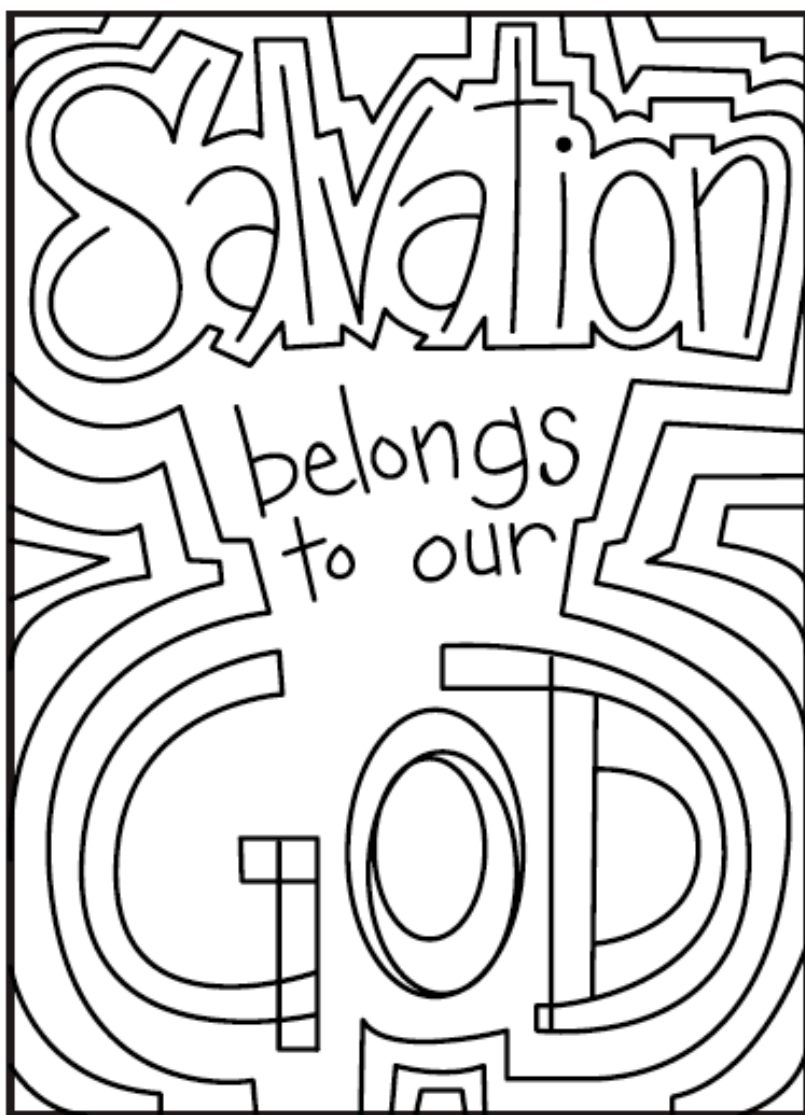
**Juneteenth Lunch and Learn** | 1:00 PM | Assembly Hall

### **Sunday, June 25**

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

# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 23, John 10, Acts 9.



## **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](http://trcnyc.org/email). If you're not receiving them, add [communications@trcnyc.org](mailto: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](http://trcnyc.org/membership) to find out more.

## **DOWNLOAD THE RIVERSIDE APP**

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## **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](http://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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## CONNECT WITH US.

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Senior Minister

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