

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:

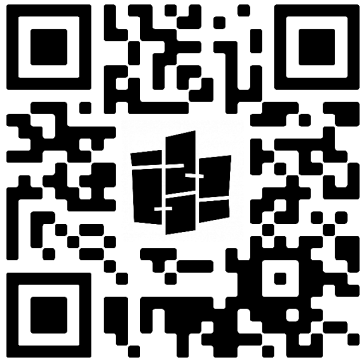
“True freedom is not choice or lack of constraint, but being what you are meant to be. Humans were created in the image of God. True freedom, then is not found in moving away from that image but only in living it out.” -*Augustine of Hippo*

A question for reflection:

How do you move in the world as the image of Christ?

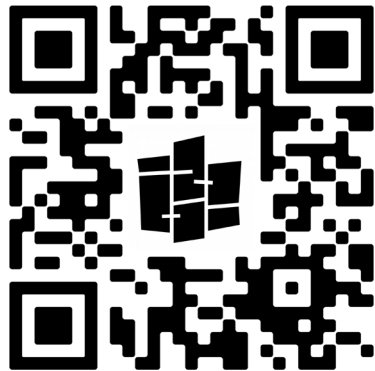
What's happening at Riverside?

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

Pealing Fire (Veni Creator Spiritus)
O Light Most Blessed

*Libby Larsen
John Courter*

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Come, Holy Ghost
Veni Creator
Improvisation on Veni Creator

*Dieterich Buxtehude
Andrew Carter
Alfred Fedak*

Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

† CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Holy One, for all of the ways you speak to us In rushing wind, in dancing flames, in words we understand, and in all that transcends language, we give thanks. Give us courage to speak your love, everywhere we go, to everyone we meet. Let your Holy Spirit fill our hearts as we worship together in love.

† INVOCATION

¹Adapted from Intergenerational Prayer for Pentecost by Joanna Harader#A-717132.

† *All who are able, please stand*

† **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 129**
Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Ebenezer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Spirit, Moving Over Chaos

David Ashley White

Spirit, moving over chaos, bringing light where there was none, be to us a light, revealing where the work is to be done. Praise to God, among us dwelling, praise the Spirit giving light.

Breath, instilling animation, giving life, informing soul, breathe into all our beings life that makes the body whole. Praise to God, among us dwelling, praise the Spirit giving life.

Power, life-force, inspiration, blowing, breathing, brooding here. Call, enliven, and empower for your work, both far and near. Praise to God, among us dwelling, praise the Spirit giving strength.

Spirit, moving over chaos, bringing light where there was none, be to us a light, revealing where the work is to be done.

LISTENING

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Eva Cordero

Acts 2:1-4

(pg. 119 *in the New Testament*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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† HYMN

O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us

St. Clement



1. O Breath of Life, come sweep - ing through us, re - vive your
2. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us, till hum - bly
3. O Breath of Love, come breathe with - in us, re - new - ing
4. O Heart of Christ, once bro - ken for us, 'tis there we



church with life and pow'r; O Breath of Life, come
we con - fess our need; then in your ten - der -
thought and will and heart; come, Love of Christ, a -
find our strength and rest; our bro - ken, con - trite



cleanse, re - new us, and fit your church to meet this hour.
ness re - make us, re - vive, re - store, for this we plead.
fresh to win us, re - vive your church in ev' - ry part.
hearts now so - lace, and let your wait - ing church be blest.

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8:14-39

(pg. 158 in the New Testament)

Riverside Morning Prayer

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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SERMON

Upright and Spirit-Filled in a Crumbling World

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. Lynn Casteel Harper

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

Rev. Sawlani-Joyner

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Abosede George

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come Thou Holy Paraclete

David Hurd

Come, thou Holy Paraclete, and from thy celestial seat, send thy light and brilliancy. Carer for the poor, draw near; giver of all gifts, be here; come, the soul's true radiancy. Come, of comforters the best, of the soul the sweetest guest, come in toil refreshingly: thou in labor, rest most sweet, thou art shadow from the heat, comfort in adversity. O thou light, most pure and blest, shine within the inmost breast of thy faithful company. Where thou art not, man hath nought; every holy deed and thought comes from thy divinity. What is soiled, make thou pure, what is wounded, work its cure; what is parched, fructify, what is rigid gently bend, what is frozen warmly tend; straighten what goes erringly. Fill thy faithful, who confide in thy power to guard and guide, with thy sevenfold mystery. Here thy grace and virtue send; grant salvation in the end, and in heaven felicity. Amen. Alleluia.

✠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

Lee Sartain

Today we celebrate Riverside's communications ministry. We all encounter God in different ways as we continue to find new digital ways to connect with God and with one another through Zoom calls, podcasts, videos, and social media. Riverside's communications ministry connects with over 41,000 people across the country and around the world.

✠RECESSIONAL HYMN 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thorne

POSTLUDE

Choral Varié sur le thème du Veni Creator

Maurice Duruflé

Alan Montgomery, organist

Special thanks to our congregational leaders Eva Cordero, Lee Sartain, Riverside Morning Prayer, and Abosede George.

✠*All who are able, please stand*

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, May 28

Fresh Start | 8:30 AM | Online

Open Bible Study | 9:30 AM | 330 MLK

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

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

Business and Professional Women's Group Bake Sale | After Worship | South Hall

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

Coffee Hour | After Worship | South Hall

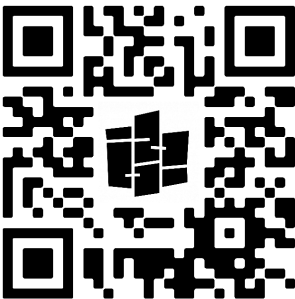
Theatre of the Oppressed | 1:00 PM | Multipurpose Room

Riverside Poetry Group | 1:00 PM | 323 MLK

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, May 29

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Tai Chi Class | 3:00 PM | Cloister Lounge

Tuesday, May 30

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Wednesday, May 31

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, June 1

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Tower League | 2:00 PM | Online

Friday, June 2

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

COMING SOON

Saturday, June 3-8

2023 Spring Clothing Sale

Saturday, June 3: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM | South Hall

Sunday, June 4: Following Worship – 5:00 PM | South Hall

Monday, June 5-Wednesday, June 7: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM | South Hall

Thursday, June 8: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | 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



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.

SUMMER CHOIR AT RIVERSIDE

Do you sing? Read music? Love choral music? If so, we invite you to sing with members of the Riverside Choir this summer! Rehearsals are on Sunday morning and you can join us for however many Sundays you wish. To apply please email Associate Organist Alan Montgomery with a brief cell phone recording of you singing one verse of your favorite hymn (don't worry about a perfect performance), and a brief description of your musical experience, and he will get back to you. We look forward to hearing from you!

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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