

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JUNE 18, 2023  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# 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:

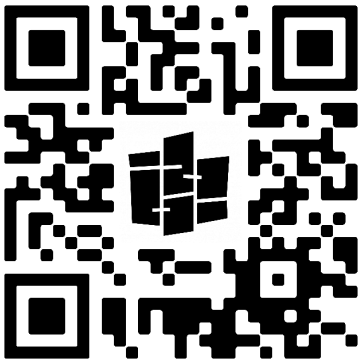
“Every Black person you meet is a MIRACLE. We are descended of lineages meant to be destroyed by slavery or colonization. Our lives are hard-fought and hard-earned. We are priceless. We are valuable because of our humanity-and declared valuable because our ancestors declared our worth when they fought for us to live.” -*Brittany Packnett Cunningham*

## A question for reflection:

Today's question might require a bit more reflection than typical...How do you see your liberation as related to the liberation of formerly enslaved people?

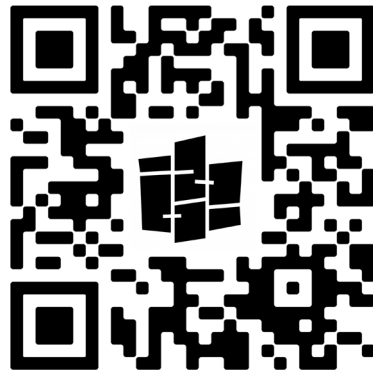
### What's happening at Riverside?

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**

Great Day  
Mediation on "Were You There"  
There is a Balm in Gilead

*Adolphus Hailstork  
John Courter  
arr. John Courter*

*Charles Semowich, carillonneur*

### **ORGAN**

My Lord, What a Morning  
Swing Lo, Sweet Chariot  
Bye and Bye  
Great Day, the Righteous Marching!

*arr. Nancy Wertsch  
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arr. Will Farley Smith  
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*Christopher Creaghan, organist*

### **LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

Rev. Adriene Thorne

## †PROCESSIONAL HYMN 420

### **Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory**

*Battle Hymn*

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,  
who is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored,  
And has loosed the fateful lightning of a terrible swift sword;  
God's truth is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
God's truth is marching on.

God has been there in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,  
where they built a sacred altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read the righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;  
God's day is marching on. [Refrain]

God has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
and is sifting out the hearts of all before the judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer and be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. [Refrain]

## †INVOCATION (responsive)

Rev. Thorne

God of all peoples, of all nations,  
On this day of freedom, we celebrate triumphantly with all people of goodwill that we might walk  
arm in arm towards justice for all.

**Breathe into us your eternal breath, that we may never tire of ensuring a flourishing life  
for all people, but most especially, those siblings whose growth has been stifled by the  
trauma of being enslaved.**

O God, we know and have seen your goodness, and because of it, we cling to the hope that unity  
and liberation for all are within our grasp. Continue to show us your goodness, that we may have the  
strength to advance your kingdom with humility and grace.

- Catholic Health Association at [jesuitresource.org](http://jesuitresource.org)

†*All who are able, please stand*

**SOLO**

Walk Together, Children

*Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan*

*Johnny Lee Green, tenor*

**LISTENING**

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

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**Mark 1:1-4**

(pg. 35 *in the New Testament*)

Rev. Jim Keat

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**† HYMN 563**

**Lift Every Voice and Sing**

*Lift Every Voice*

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Isaiah 40:1-11**

(pg. 667 *in the Old Testament*)

Dr. Pamela Davis

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*God's Highway*

Rev. Thorne

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**†** *All who are able, please stand*

## 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.**

### 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.**

### †PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Northern

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Alexa Donaphin

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

#### Fill-a Me Up

*Pepper Choplin*

Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Sprit, fill-a me up to the top-a my soul. Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit, fill-a me up now and take control.

So many things try to fill me up. So many things try to weigh me down. Fill-a my heart now until you stay and chase the other things away. Fill-a my heart, come Spirit.

Now my heart is an open door. Here your Spirit is welcome, Lord. Fill-a my heart now and let it grow and change my life so all will know.

*Johnny Lee Green, tenor*

*Gary Fritz, percussion*

†*All who are able, please stand*

## † 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 ministry of the African Fellowship Group, which supports Riverside's mission by focusing on social justice issues that impact our siblings on the African continent and throughout the African diaspora.*

## † RECESSIONAL HYMN<sup>1</sup>

**Siyahamba**

*Siyamba*

1. Siyahamba: Soloist - Choir - All
2. We Are Marching: All

We are march - ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the  
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen kwen - kos, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;  
nyen kwen - kos. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha nyen kwen - kos,

we are march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing,  
si - ya hamb' e - ku - kha nyen kwen - kos. Si - ya - ham - ba,

march-ing, we are march-ing, oo\_\_\_\_\_ we are march-ing in the  
ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, oo\_\_\_\_\_ si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

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ham - ba, oo\_\_\_\_\_ si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen kwen - kos.

<sup>1</sup>Tune: SIYAHAMBA, Irregular; South African © 1984, Peace of Music Publishing AB, admin. by Walton Music. Reprinted and podcast under OneLicense.net #A-717132

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**†BENEDICTION**

Rev. Thorne

**POSTLUDE**

Joshua Fit De Battle Ob Jericho

*arr. Fela Sowande*

*Christopher Creaghan, organist*

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders Dr. Pamela Davis and Alexa Donaphin.*

**†***All who are able, please stand*





# TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

## Sunday, June 18

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

**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

**Juneteenth Lunch and Learn with Dr. Josef Sorett** | 1:00 PM | Assembly Hall

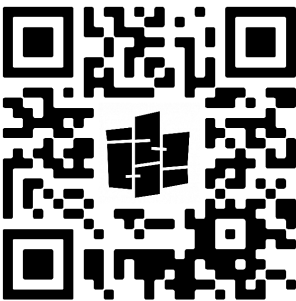
**Latinx Ministry** | 1:00 PM | Online

**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 | Music for Juneteenth, Charles Semowich



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, June 19**

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

### **Tuesday, June 20**

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

### **Wednesday, June 21**

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

**Space for Grace** | 7:00 PM | 9T & Online | Min. Derrick Jordan Preaching

### **Thursday, June 22**

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

### **Friday, June 23**

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

## **COMING SOON**

### **Sunday, June 25**

**Pride Breakfast** | 9:00 AM | 9T

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

**Pride Parade**

### **Tuesday, June 27**

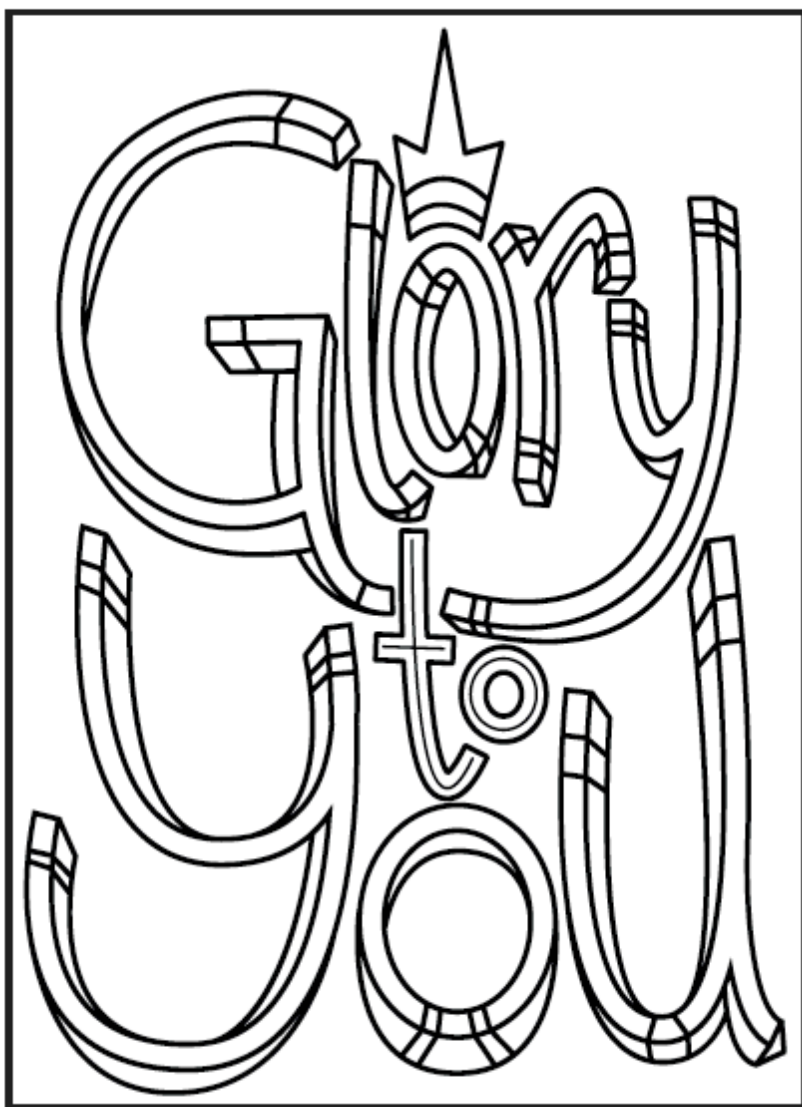
**Summer Organ Series: Christopher Creaghan** | 7:00 PM | Nave

### **Tuesday, July 11**

**Summer Organ Series: Brett Valliant·Movie Night** | 7:00 PM | Nave

# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Proverbs 8:14, 22-31, Psalm 8, and John 16:12-15.



# UNSCRAMBLE IT

What does the Psalmist do when things are hard in life? Unscramble the words to find out!

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I L I W L C L A L O T N I D M

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H E T E D S E D

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F O E H T

— — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —  
D O R L ; I L W I L

— — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —  
R B M E R E E M

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R O Y U N O W S R E D

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F O L O D .

# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on 1 Kings 18:14, (5-7), 8-15a, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39.



## **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.

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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 and programs.

## **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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## CONNECT WITH US.

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Senior Minister

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