

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JULY 16, 2023
SEVENTH 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:

“The gift dollops and shelves itself—
how very north of it.

It is the pop and shove that lets you know
things are moving. Nothing else is telling.

You must sit a while to know.”

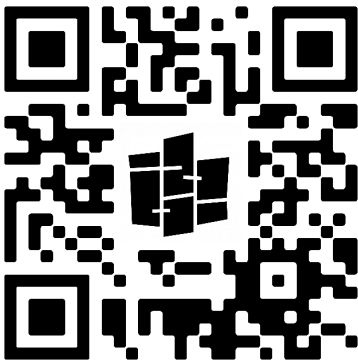
-Ryan Harper, *Ice on the Androscoggin, Early Spring*

A question for reflection:

Why should we trust in the promise of God? How is God trustworthy?

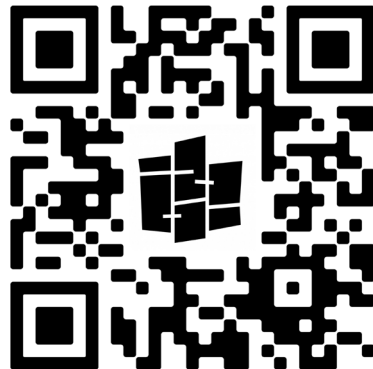
What's happening at Riverside?

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

Suite in D Minor
Prelude

Robert DeVisee, arr. Ronald Barnes
César Franck, arr. Wim Francken

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

From Sonata No. 4
Andante Religioso – Allegretto

Felix Mendelssohn

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

George Shearing

Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern

† CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

All: We come filled with joy and expectation.

One: Our feet stand firm within the gates of our God.

All: We come awake and ready for all that was promised.

One: With God's security may peace live within our walls.

All: Let us worship together to the glory of God.

† INVOCATION

¹Inspired by Psalm 122

† *All who are able, please stand.*

† **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 435**
We All Are One in Mission

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

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

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO
O For the Wings of a Dove

Felix Mendelssohn

Brooke Collins, soprano

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 24:42-44

Mark Wallace

One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

† **HYMN 467**
How Great Thou Art

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NEW TESTAMENT READING
2 Peter 3:1-10, 17-18

Rev. Dr. Northern

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

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SERMON

“God’s Slow Promise, the World’s Fast Burn” Rev. Dr. Andrea C. White

SERMONIC SELECTION

My Lord, What a Mornin’

arr. Hall Johnson

Judith White, soprano

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

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

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Irene King

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

There Is A Balm

arr. Nancy Wertsch

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all!" Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend, and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne're refuse to lend.

† 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 Riverside Writing Group who affirms our common human connection and invites all to join in writing as a powerful tool for social justice: to write words that witness and speak truth to our shared humanness.

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. White

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello

Christopher Creaghan, organist

Special thanks to our congregational leaders Mark Wallace and Irene King.

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The Rev. Dr. Andrea C. White is Associate Professor of Theology and Culture at Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York. Her teaching and research fashion a nexus between womanist theology, black feminist critical theory, and phenomenology. She is Chair of the Columbia University Senate Commission on Diversity and has served as Executive Director of the Society for the Study of Black Religion, and Co-chair of the American Academy of Religion's unit in Black Theology. She holds a PhD in theology from The University of Chicago, MDiv from Yale Divinity School, and BA from Oberlin College. She will celebrate the 25th anniversary of her ordination as an American Baptist minister this coming September. As a member of Riverside Church, she participates in the education ministries, leads classes on race and religion, and serves as theologian-in-residence. She is a native New Yorker and married to Rev. Richard Landers. Their two girls, Mara and Chloe, have been enthusiastic participants in Riverside's Youth Group, Riverside Youth String Ensemble, and are serving this summer with the Freedom School.

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, July 16

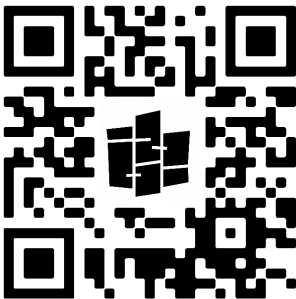
Sunday Morning Worship | 11:00 AM Prelude begins at 10:30 AM | Nave & Online

Coffee Hour | After Worship | South Hall Lobby

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

Latinx Ministry | 1:00 PM | Online

Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital | 3:00 PM | Bastille Day, Charles Semowich, carillonneur



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, July 17

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Freedom School Continues | 8:30 AM

Tuesday, July 18

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Carillon Recital with Annie Gao | 6:30 PM | Nave

Summer Organ Series: Clara Gerdes | 7:00 PM | Nave

Wednesday, July 19

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Thursday, July 20

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Friday, July 21

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

COMING SOON

Tuesday, July 25

Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Carillon Recital with Charles Semowich | 6:30 PM | Nave

Summer Organ Series: Nathaniel Gumbs | 7:00 PM | Nave

Wednesday, July 26

Congregation Visioning Meeting | 6:30 - 8:00 PM | Online & In Person

Tuesday, August 1

Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Carillon Recital with Lynnli Wang | 6:30 PM | Nave

Summer Organ Series: Alan Montgomery | 7:00 PM | Nave

Sunday, September 17

Homecoming | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online

Pastoral Installation for Senior Minister Rev. Adriene Thorne | 4:00 PM | Nave & Online

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Acts 16, Psalm 67, John 14.



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 and programs.

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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