

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JULY 23, 2023  
EIGHTH 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:

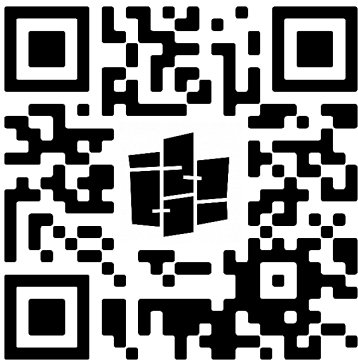
“You must lay your lives on the altar of social change so that wherever you are there the Kingdom of God is at hand!” -Howard Thurman, *A Strange Freedom*

## A question for reflection:

To what social justice commitment are you bringing the kingdom of God?

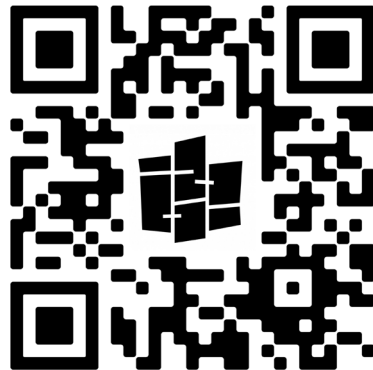
### What's happening at Riverside?

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

Petit and Fritsen Suite

*William Vogel*

*Charles Semowich, carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Suite Gothique

*Léon Boëllmann*

I. Introduction-Choral

II. Menuet Gothique

III. Prière à Notre-Dame

*Alan Montgomery, organist*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

### ✚ CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

One: God of Life, You call us out of dark places.

**All: You offer us the good gift of new life.**

One: At times, we see nothing that is hopeful.

**All: Surprise us with the sweet sound of your voice.**

One: Call us from complacency and routines.

**All: Set us free from dead places that bind us. Call us out to worship and live for you.**

<sup>1</sup>Inspired by Psalm 107

† INVOCATION

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 327  
O Word of God Incarnate

*Munich*

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

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SOLO**  
Deep River

*arr. Mark Hayes*

*Irene King, Mezzo-Soprano*

*LISTENING*

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

**HEBREW BIBLE READING**  
**Isaiah 58:9-14**

Brian O'Dell

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

† HYMN 370  
**Just as I Am, Without One Plea**

*Woodworth*

**GOSPEL READING**  
**John 11:32-44**

Rev. Dr. Colleen Birchett

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

† *All who are able, please stand.*

**SERMON**

*“What Are We To Do”*

Rev. Co'Relous Bryant

**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. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

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**

Danielle Hartley

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

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### Concertato on “O God, Beyond All Praising”

*Gustav Holst, arr. Richard Proulx*

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal Seed is sown – though small in mortal stature, to heaven’s garden grown: O wondrous gift from heaven, the earth will find release, her nations will be given the heart to strive for peace. Then hear, O great creator, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as we sing; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to praise you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of 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

Minister Derrick Jordan

*Today we celebrate the work of our Food Pantry Ministry, which opens our doors to the community to provide food for our neighbors needing assistance.*

## †RECESSIONAL HYMN 466

**O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

*Azmon*

## †BENEDICTION

Rev. Co'Relous Bryant

## POSTLUDE

Suite Gothique

IV. Toccata

*Léon Boëllmann*

*Alan Montgomery, organist*

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders Brian O'Dell and Danielle Hartley.*

†*All who are able, please stand.*



**The Reverend Co'Relous C. Bryant** is the Associate for Mission at The St. James' Church in New York City. He obtained the Bachelor of Arts degree from New York University (NYU) where he focused on political science and theater. He obtained the Master of Divinity degree from Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, GA, specializing in homiletics and pastoral care. Rev. Bryant has worked as a community organizer, nonprofit manager at United Way, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the Jacksonville Public Education Fund. He is especially proud of his work at Rethreaded, a social enterprise that combats sex trafficking. He was the 2022 Vestal Scholar, the highest award from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the 2007 National Oratorical Champion for the American Legion.

Rev. Bryant has been heard on National Public Radio (NPR), Metro Baptist Church NYC, Madison Avenue Baptist Church NYC, Union Chapel on Martha's Vineyard, Greater Restoration Baptist Church in Brooklyn, NY and as the keynote preacher at the Baptist Fellowship of the Northeast in 2022.

Rev. Bryant was licensed for ministry by Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL and was proudly ordained to the Gospel Ministry by Metro Baptist Church in New York City.

# TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

## Sunday, July 23

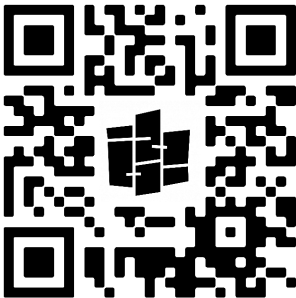
**Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00 AM Prelude begins at 10:30 AM | Nave & Online

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

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

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

**Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital** | 3:00 PM | Carillon Arrangements by Sjoerd Tamminga,  
Charles Semowich, Carillonneur



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## **THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE**

### **Monday, July 24**

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

**Freedom School Continues** | 8:30 AM

### **Tuesday, July 25**

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

**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**

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

**Congregation Visioning Meeting** | 6:30 - 8:00 PM | Online or Onsite

### **Thursday, July 27**

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

### **Friday, July 28**

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

## **COMING SOON**

### **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 Psalm 107:1-9, 43, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21.



## **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 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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## CONNECT WITH US.

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Senior Minister

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