

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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JULY 9, 2023
SIXTH 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:

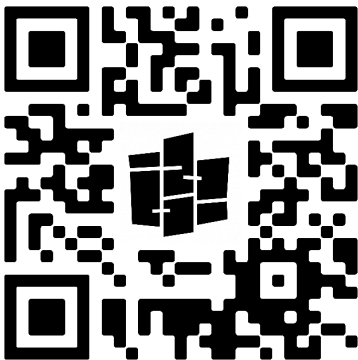
“Regardless of what we may personally believe is causing a person’s distress, we must see them with the eyes of Christ and let grace be our guide.” -*Matthew S. Stanford, Ph.D.*

A question for reflection:

Where do you see signs of hope in your community and the wider world?

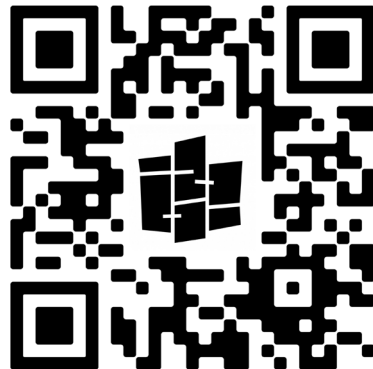
What’s happening at Riverside?

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

Variations on *Foundation*

arr. Charles Semowich

Be Thou My Vision

Irish Ballad Melody, arr. Wendell Wescott

Chorale Partita I (Ach, wie flüchtig, ach, wie nichtig)

John Knox

Carla Staffaroni, Assistant Carillonneur

ORGAN

Prelude in G Major, Opus 37

Felix Mendelssohn

Aria

Gaston-Marie Dethier

When In Our Music God is Glorified

McNeil Robinson

Christopher Creaghan, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Charlene Wingate

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice, rejoice! Our triumphant God is in our midst!

All: A victorious warrior who will exalt over us with joy.

One: With grace and mercy our God guides our hands,

All: Quietly loving us, whether we sit or stand.

One: Today, we return to our stronghold of hope.

All: Embracing God's steadfast love, let us worship.

✦ INVOCATION

✦ *All who are able, please stand.*

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 391
Take My Life

Hendon

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

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO
Hear My Prayer

Felix Mendelssohn

Rachel Rosales, soprano

LISTENING

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

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON
Psalm 145:8-14

David Vaughn

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

† HYMN 191
God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

Winchester Old

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Minister Derrick Jordan

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

† *All who are able, please stand.*

SERMON

“Unforced Rhythms of Grace”

Rev. Dr. Debra Northern

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. Amanda Meisenheimer

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

Laura Miraz

†*All who are able, please stand.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Eric H. Thiman

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. To all life Thou givest, to both great and small; in all life Thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee. Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render, O help us to see: 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we 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

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

Today we celebrate the work of our Membership, Care & Parish Life Commission which is dedicated to supporting the care of our church community as we explore our lives as Christians together.

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

†*All who are able, please stand.*

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Northern

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major

Theodore Dubois

Christopher Creaghan, organist

Special thanks to our congregational leaders David Vaughn and Laura Miraz.

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TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, July 9

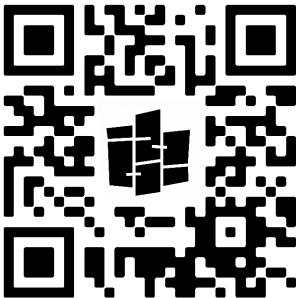
Sunday Morning Worship | 11:00 AM Prelude begins at 10:30 AM | Nave & Online

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



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 10

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Freedom School Begins | 8:30 AM

Tuesday, July 11

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Carillon Recital with Carla Staffaroni | 6:30 PM | Nave

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

Wednesday, July 12

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Thursday, July 13

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Friday, July 14

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

COMING SOON

Tuesday, July 18

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

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

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

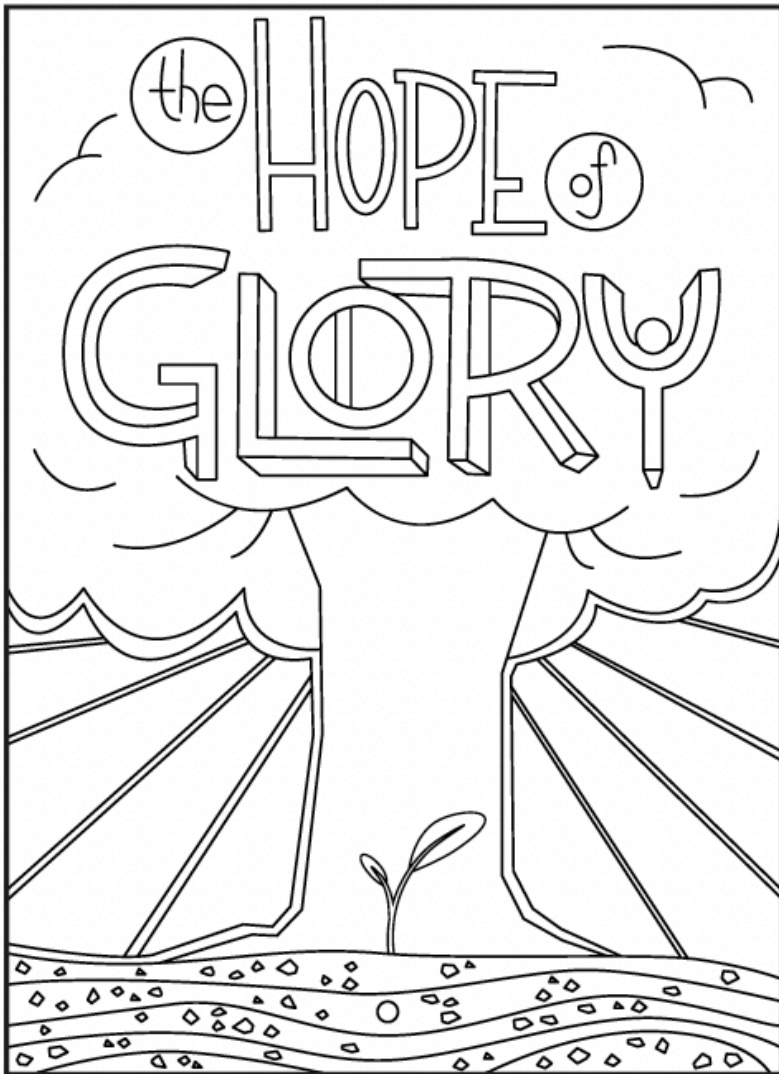
Sunday, September 17

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 Amos 8:1-12, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42.



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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