

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



AUGUST 13, 2023
ELEVENTH 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:

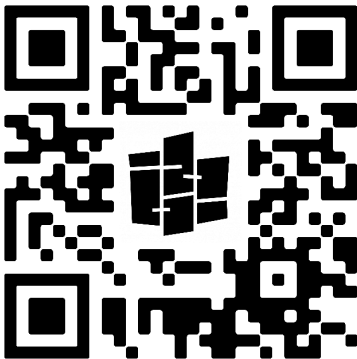
“The cross is laid on every Christian. The first Christ-suffering which every [person] must experience is the call to abandon the attachments of this world. It is that dying of the old man which is the result of [their] encounter with Christ. As we embark upon discipleship we surrender ourselves to Christ in union with His death—we give over our lives to death. Thus it begins; the cross is not the terrible end to an otherwise god-fearing and happy life, but it meets us at the beginning of our communion with Christ. When Christ calls a [person], He bids [them] come and die.” -*Dietrich Boeffler*

A question for reflection:

What kinds of death lead to life?

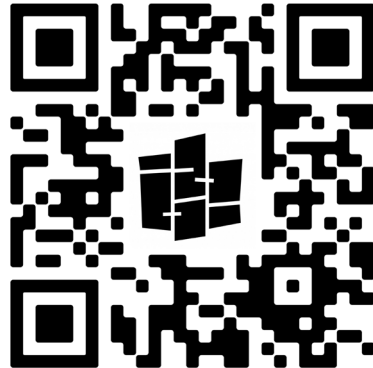
What's happening at Riverside?

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

Eternal Father, Strong to Save
Sicilienne
Precious Lord

*John B. Dykes, arr. Tiffany Ng
Ronald Barnes
John Courter*

Lynnli Wang, Assistant Carillonneur

ORGAN

Holy Spirit, Light Divine
Adagietto
Sarabande

*Healey Willan
Léon Boëllmann
Seth Bingham*

Christopher Creaghan, Organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord of Life, come to us in all our places!

All: Fill us with Your Holy presence.

One: We rejoice in Your love as we praise Your name.

All: We stand in awe of all that You are.

One: With humble hearts we bring our needs and concerns.

All: Come to us, Lord, with your breath of new life. Let us worship.

✦INVOCATION

✦*All who are able, please stand.*

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 489
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Charlene Wingate

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO

Rise Up, My Love

Nancy Wertsch

Liz Lang, Soprano

LISTENING

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

HEBREW BIBLE READING

Min. Derrick Jordan

Song of Songs 2:10-13, 8:6-7

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 531

Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

Bridegroom

GOSPEL READING

Mara Landers

Mark 8:35-37

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"What is This Death?"

Min. Conor Foley

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. 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

Min. Nordia Bennett

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Arise My Soul Arise

Dale Wood

Arise my soul, arise! Stretch forth to things eternal, and haste thee to the feet of thy Redeemer God. Though hid from mortal eyes, God dwells in light supernal, yet worship in spirit and in truth. God's banquet of love awaits thee above; Behold the marriage festal of the Lamb is come! Rejoice, my soul, rejoice, to heav'n lift up thy voice. Alleluia alleluia! List to the harps of heav'n! Hark to the song victorious, the never-ending anthem sounding through the sky. To mortals is not given, to chant its strains all glorious; yet sing my soul and praise the One who reigns on high. Who bought with his blood the ransomed of God; to him be everlasting pow'r and victory. And let the great Amen resound through heav'n again. Alleluia, alleluia.

†*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. Lynn Casteel Harper

Today we celebrate the ministry of the Ordination Committee which prayerfully nurtures God's call to ordained ministry within those who are in their care.

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 361

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

†BENEDICTION

Min. Conor Foley

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune

Craig Sellar Lang

Christopher Creaghan, organist

†*All who are able, please stand.*



Minister Conor Foley (they/them) majored in Biblical Studies at George Fox University in Newberg, OR, graduating in 2017. After earning their Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2020, they pastored UCC church in Woodbridge, NJ before joining the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn as their Outreach Minister early in 2023. Minister Foley's present roles include leading worship, preaching, coordinating the pastoral care team, organizing our homeless ministry, and facilitating adult education programming. All of their work is meant to be an expression of their gratitude for the resurrecting grace of God, and is guided by the conviction that the Gospel means the spiritual and material liberation of the world.

Minister Foley has published and presented numerous projects in the field of biblical studies through publications such as the *Journal of Religion and Violence* and *The Journal of Women and Criminal Justice*, and at professional academic conferences like the Society for Biblical Literature and the American Academy of Religion. They have taught many adult education classes on topics ranging from police and prison abolition, to the question of theodicy, and the biblical reading practices of Nicaraguan socialist revolutionaries. They are currently working on a book project that explores the use of the Bible in U.S. policing culture.

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

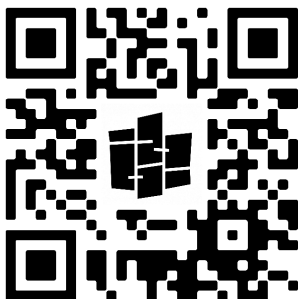
Sunday, August 13

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

Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital | 3:00 PM | *Stop and Smell the Summer Roses* Lynnli Wang,
Assistant 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, August 14

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Freedom School Continues | 8:30 AM

Tuesday, August 15

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Wednesday, August 16

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Sip & Serve – Prep and Serve Communion | 7:00 PM | 9T

Thursday, August 17

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Friday, August 18

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

COMING SOON

Wednesday, August 23

Sip & Serve: Usher Training | 7:00 PM | 9T

Wednesday, August 30

Sip & Serve – Leading in Worship | 7:00 PM | 9T

Sunday, September 17

Homecoming | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online

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

Friday, September 29

Beyoncé Mass | 7:00 PM | Nave

COLOR IN THE WORDS



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Suggested for use on June 9, 2019 based on the RCL.

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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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