

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



AUGUST 6, 2023
TENTH 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:

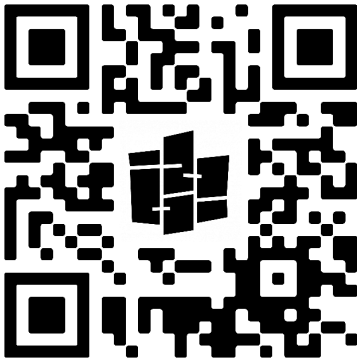
“However early you get up you cannot hasten the dawn.”
-Spanish Proverb

A question for reflection:

How have you seen God's justice moving this year?

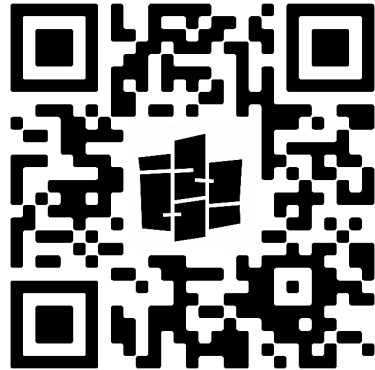
What's happening at Riverside?

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

Old Style Variations on “Kingsfold”

Geert D’Hollander

Menuet and Trio from French Suite No. 3

Johann Sebastian Bach, Arr. Andrea McCrady

Carla Staffaroni, assistant carillonneur

ORGAN

Vater unser im Himmelreich

Georg Böhm

The Journey to the Great City

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Alan Montgomery, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: At God’s table of justice, everyone has a place and none are turned away.

All: Here strangers are welcomed as friends, the poor sit alongside the rich, and the upside-down kin-dom of God is revealed.

One: At God’s table of abundance, a banquet of righteousness and liberation is set for all.

All: Here the powerless are heard; the outcast are showered with honor, and the inside-out kin-dom of God is revealed.

One: At God’s table of life, all peoples know peace and creation flourishes.

All: Here the hopeless are nourished with possibility, the complacent are transformed into advocates for change. Let us worship here where in our very midst the kin-dom of God is revealed.

✦ INVOCATION

✦ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

¹<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-5a-july-2-and-general-synod-worship-home/>

✦ *All who are able, please stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO

Mothering God

Tom Trenney

Jennifer Borghi, soprano

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL READING

Michael Barnes

Luke 13:1-3

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Promise



1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2. There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek ing word and mel - o - dy;
3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn, in ev - ery dark - ness, bring ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, something God a - lone can see.

†*All who are able, please stand.*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11, 3:1-17

Rev. Charlene Wingate, David Vaughn
Rev. Jonathan Favors-Grimes, Victoria Anderson

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

“Justice Moving Through the Seasons”

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Wingate

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over
and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and
flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn
of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flow’rs of
earth and buds of heav’n: Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

† 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.

† *All who are able, please stand.*

✚PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Rev. Jim Keat

Today we celebrate the work of our Mission & Social Justice Commission who proudly operate as agents of God's justice, healing, and love as they seek to transform individuals, communities, and systems of racial, economic, social, and environmental oppression.

✚PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

Following each petition, please join in the following responses:

One: God of justice,

All: hear our prayer.

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

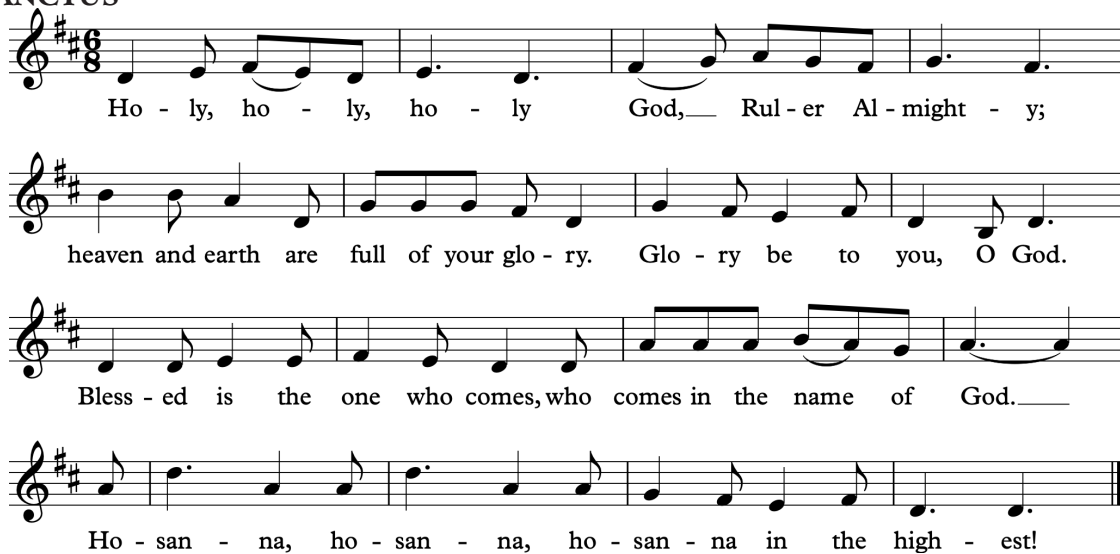
All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

✚*All who are able, please stand.*

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul - er Al - might - y;
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo - ry be to you, O God.
Bless - ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

CALL TO SUPPER

One: The body of Christ, broken for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the bread of life!

One: The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!

For everyone worshipping online, visit trcnyc.org/communion to take communion together on Zoom.

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SENDING

We are sent out into the world to love God and our neighbors.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN

Shinjin no Uta (Song of Faith)

Asahi Matsuoka

†HYMN

People of the Soil and Air

Humility



1. Peo - ple of the soil and air, ho - ly breath and mold - ed clay,
2. Crea - tures of the soil and air, ho - ly breath and beat - ing hearts,
3. Gra - cious God of soil and air, ho - ly breath and puls - ing flame,



hum - ble, hu - man gifts to share, break - ing bread a - long our way:
kin - dred in a web of care, where our call to heal - ing starts:
lure us on to dream and dare in your mys - t'ry's ra - diant name:



feast with us in lov - ing song! From the choir where all be - long!
feast with us in lov - ing song! From the choir where all be - long!
feast with us in lov - ing song! From the choir where all be - long!



Peo - ple of the soil and air, join in earth's in - car - nate prayer.
Crea - tures of the soil and air, join in earth's in - car - nate prayer.
Gra - cious God of soil and air, join in earth's in - car - nate prayer.

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PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Charlene Wingate

Compassionate God, you have met us in the bread and cup at your table. As we go from this place, may we receive strength to walk with all your children in peace, and witness to the truth of your reconciliation and love. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Sawlani-Joyner

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Arthur Wills

Alan Montgomery, organist

Special thanks to our congregational leader Michael Barnes.

Special thanks to our communion stewards Rev. Geraldine Howard, Rev. Kei Okada, Chiara Fuller, Danille Hartley, Lee Sartain, Alexa Donaphin and Michael Barnes.

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TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, August 6

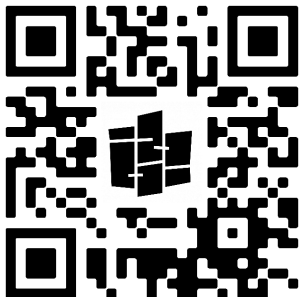
Open Bible Study | 9:30 AM | 330 MLK

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 | Assembly Hall

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, August 7

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Freedom School Continues | 8:30 AM

Tuesday, August 8

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Wednesday, August 9

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Thursday, August 10

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Friday, August 10

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

COMING SOON

Wednesday, August 16

Sip & Serve: Prep for Communion Training | 7:00 PM | 9T

Wednesday, August 23

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

Wednesday, August 30

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

Sunday, September 17

Homecoming | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online

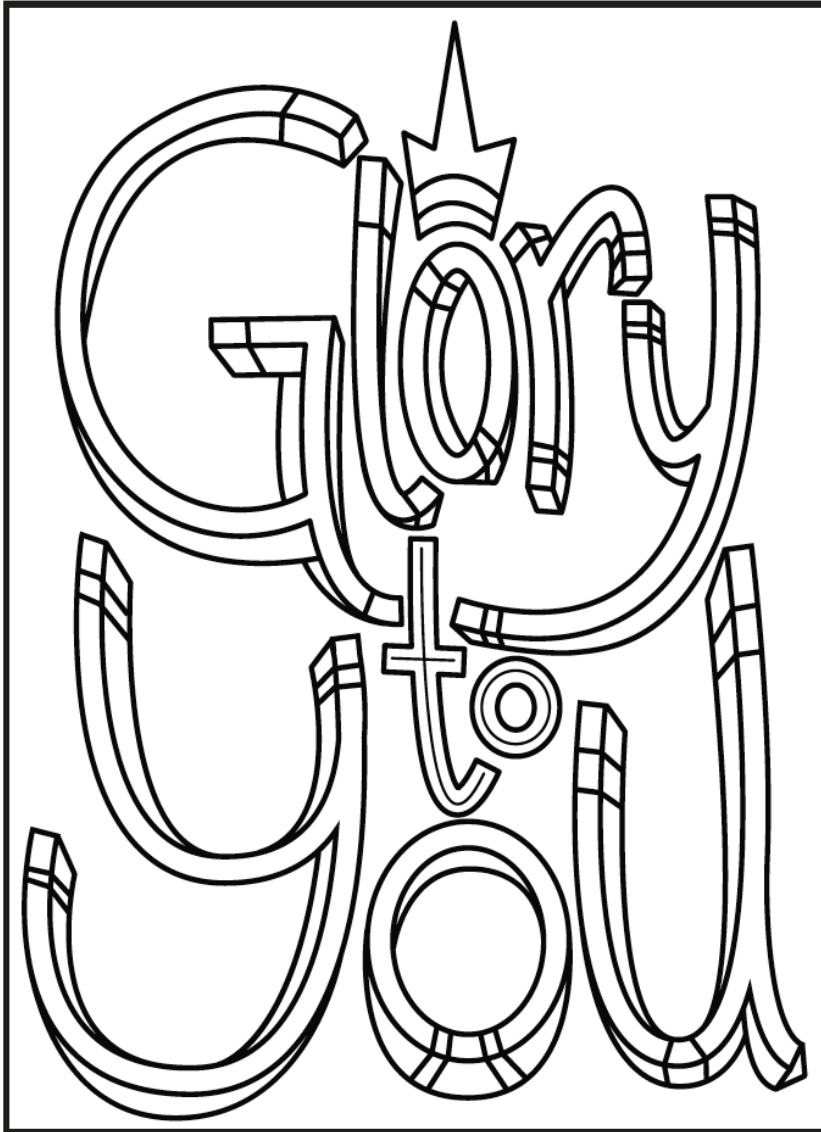
Pastoral Installation for Senior Minister Rev. Adriene Thorne | 4:00 PM | Nave

Friday, September 29

Beyoncé Mass | 7:00 PM | Nave

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, and John 16: 12-15.



WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Proverbs 8 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

A G N W O R K B E N M T T D T
D R O L P E V I L W S H F W M
X F A O M X Y H E I G H T S T
K O X O Y B D E C I O J E R I
X U B K P R L M L K L L A C O
Q N X N U S C E O M C Q G W X
U D V E I E D L A D N W N A J
U A B V M F I S K P S T Z T M
O T Z A C O T S F Q E I U E X
J I B E S E H T R A E O W R T
E O R H R Y G A T E S E P S P
U N D E R S T A N D I N G L X
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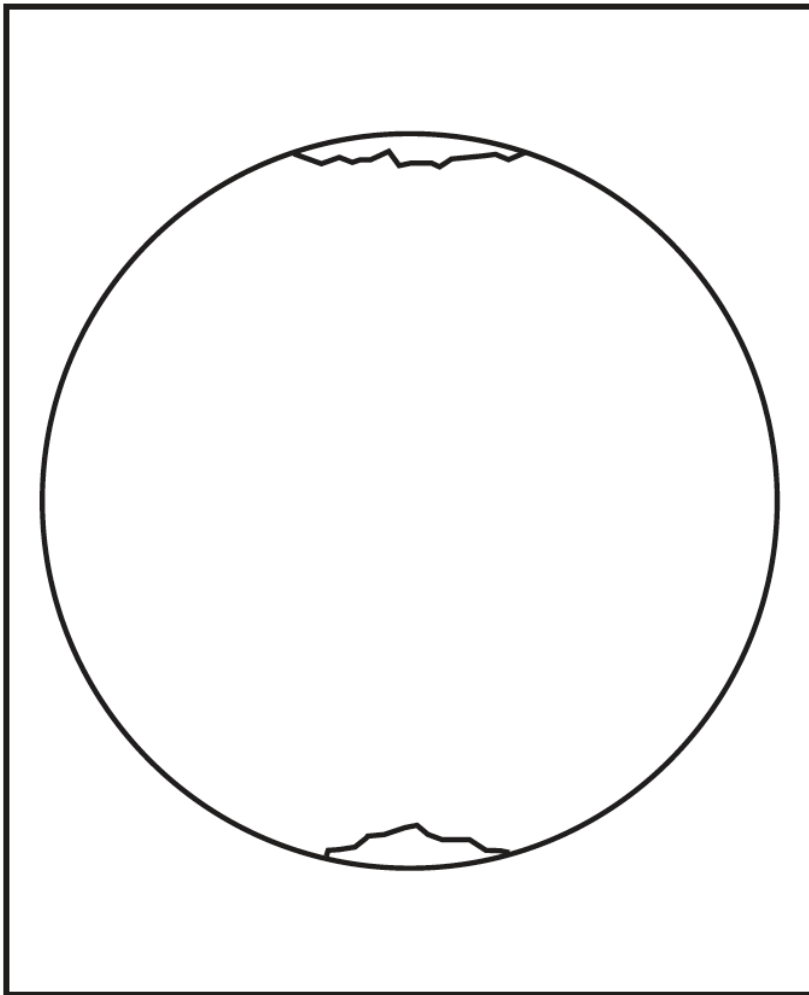
WISDOM
UNDERSTANDING
HEIGHTS
GATES
PEOPLE
CALL

LIVE
LORD
WORK
BEGINNING
EARTH
SOIL

HEAVEN
WATER
MASTER
DELIGHT
REJOICE
FOUNDATION

FINISH the DRAWING

Psalm 8 is a beautiful song of praise to God for being Creator of the Earth! The Psalmist looks at the stars, at the ocean, at the land, and sees so many amazing things God made. Finish this drawing of the earth, and draw some things in creation that make you praise God.



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 weekly program and complete schedule.

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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