

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
FOURTEENTH 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:

“If we want to address poverty—to understand and end it once and for all—we have to see it first.... Poverty has been largely invisible during the lifetimes of most US Americans who are not themselves poor. That is changing. As poverty becomes more common, we will either confront it or become a nation resigned to overwhelming economic inequality.”

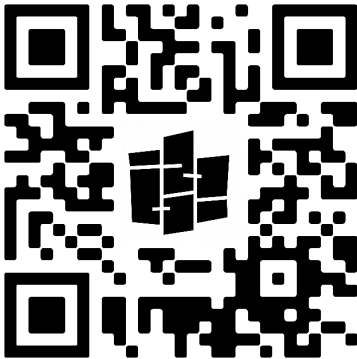
–Joanne Samuel Goldblum and Colleen Shaddox,
Broke in America: Seeing, Understanding, and Ending US Poverty

A question for reflection:

In addition to prayer, what is one action step you can take to meet the needs of the poor?

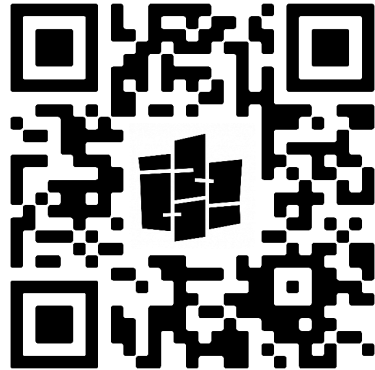
What’s happening at Riverside?

You can find a printed calendar listed in the back of your bulletin.



Give from 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

Panis Angelicus (Bread of Angels)

Come Labor On

Peter Benoit, arr. Ludo Geloen

arr. Janet Dundore

Charles Semowich, carillonneur

ORGAN

Largo from Symphony No. 9 (From the New World)

Antonín Dvořák

Alan Montgomery, organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

†CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Come, all who are weary and carry heavy burdens!

All: Come and find rest in the presence of God.

One: Come, all who live anxiously with too much or not enough.

All: Stress less, let all rest in the presence of God.

One: Let us open ourselves to the prophet of Peace.

All: In God's presence let us find rest for our souls. Come, let us worship.

†INVOCATION

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Austrian Hymn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO

O Divine Redeemer

Charles Gounod

Matt Krenz, Tenor

¹Inspired by Matthew 11:28-30

†*All who are able, please stand.*

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:11-32

Rev. Kei Okada and Rev. Dr. Andrea White

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

+HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

Courtney



1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, whose
2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, whose
3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, your
4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, whose



trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy: be
strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be
hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace: be
voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm: be



there at our wak - ing and give us, we pray, your
there at our la - bors and give us, we pray, your
there at our hom - ing and give us, we pray, your
there at our sleep - ing and give us, we pray, your



bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

+All who are able, please stand.

HEBREW BIBLE READING
Deuteronomy 15:1-2, 7-11

Jocelyn Perry and Stephen Durham

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

SERMON

Sabbath for the Struggling Ones

Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

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. Meisenheimer

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

This Is The Hour

Richard Shephard

This is the hour of banquet and of song; This is the heavenly table spread for me; Here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee. Too soon we rise; we go our several ways; the feast, though not the love, is past and gone, the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days thou still art here with us--our Shield and Sun. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, yet, passing, points to the glad feast above, giving us foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

✦ 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. Thorne

Today, we celebrate the work of our LatinX Ministry, which brings political, cultural and spiritual issues of our LatinX members and neighbors before our Riverside congregation.

✦ *All who are able, please stand.*

† 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, Rev. Okada, Rev. Dr. White

Following each petition, please join in the following responses:

One: God of Sabbath,

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 worshiping online, visit trcnyc.org/communion to take communion together on Zoom.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN

Meditation on My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Robert Hebble

HYMN 507

I Come With Joy

Dove of Peace

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Okada

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.

SENDING

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

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Weaver

POSTLUDE

Paeon

Kenneth Leighton

Alan Montgomery, organist

Special thanks to our congregational leaders Jocelyn Perry and Stephen Durham.

Special thanks to our communion stewards Rev. Kei Okada, Rev. Dr. Andrea White, Irene King, David King, Laura Miraz, and Martha Wiggins.

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TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

Sunday, September 3

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

Social Services Committee Meeting | 1:00 PM | Online

Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital | 3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

Monday, September 4

Church Closed

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Tuesday, September 5

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Wednesday, September 6

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Thursday, September 7

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Personnel & Salary Committee Meeting | 6:00 PM | Online

Friday, September 8

Morning Prayer | 8:00 AM | Online

Saturday, September 9

Riverside Beach Day | 10:00 AM | Coney Island

COMING SOON

Sunday, September 17

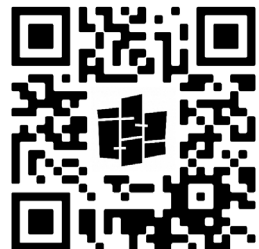
Homecoming | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online

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

Friday, September 29

Beyoncé Mass | 7:00 PM | Nave

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.



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

WISDOM
UNDERSTANDING
HEIGHTS
GATES
PEOPLE
CALL

LIVE
LORD
WORK
BEGINNING
EARTH
SOIL

HEAVEN
WATER
MASTER
DELIGHT
REJOICE
FOUNDATION

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 our lives and our 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.

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. This discounted rate is only valid on Sundays.

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