

# THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

## IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



THANKSGIVING SERVICE  
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# WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Welcoming · Affirming

## **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



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*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.*

### ORGAN

Salut d'Amour  
Festival Voluntary

Edward Elgar  
Flor Peeters

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

### WELCOME

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100) *standing as able*

*One:* Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into God's presence with singing.**

*One:* Know that the Lord is God.

**All: It is God that made us, and we are God's,  
we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.**

*One:* Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,  
and God's courts with praise.

**All: Give thanks to God, bless God's name.**

*One:* For the Lord is good;

**All: the Lord's steadfast love endures forever,  
and the Lord's faithfulness to all generations.**

### INVOCATION *remain standing*

### OPENING HYMN 559 *remain standing, sung by all*

We Gather Together

KREMSER

## LISTENING

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

### NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Irene King

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Lorraine Burchall

Luke 17:11-19

*One:* This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### THANKSGIVING REFLECTIONS

Riverside Clergy & Congregation

## RESPONDING

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

### OFFERING INVITATION

Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

*The Thanksgiving Offering is dedicated to our Food Pantry Ministry to support their ongoing service of providing food for our neighbors in need.*

### OFFERTORY

Alleluia (from *Exsultate, Jubilate*)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Kendra Petuch, *soprano*

### AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY *standing as able, sung by all*

*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 AND DEDICATION

Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Clergy

*Following each petition, please join in the following responses:*

*One:* You give, we receive,

***All:* and we are thankful.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

***All:* 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

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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!**

### SOLO

O For the Wings of a Dove

Felix Mendelssohn

Kendra Petuch, *soprano*

### HYMN 504

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

### PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION *standing as able*

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

***All:* God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper



**CLOSING HYMN 552** *remain standing, sung by all*  
Give Thanks, O Christian People

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**POSTLUDE**  
Thanksgiving

Richard Purvis

*Alan Montgomery, organist*



## **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/](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**

Take Riverside with you wherever you go. Text TRCNyc to 833.833.4035 or visit [trcnyc.org/app](http://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](http://trcnyc.org/carillonrecitals) for the complete schedule and programs.

### **SUNDAY MORNING PARKING**

Visit the Security Desk on the Claremont Level to pick up a \$5 parking coupon. Bring this bulletin and your parking ticket to the attendant on the upper level to receive this discounted rate, pay, and pick up your car. This discounted rate applies to Sundays only.

### **CHURCH NURSERY**

Babies and toddlers are not too young to start learning about God's love for them. The nursery is open every Sunday from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM and is staffed by trained nursery workers. For location, please see an usher or security guard.

### **VOLUNTEER AT RIVERSIDE**

Riverside offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, from ushering to serving in our Communion and Greeters ministries, providing support in our Food Pantry and Clothing Distribution programs, to making a digital impact through our Digital Ministry, and so much more! Discover the joy of giving back, establish connections with those who share your passion and purpose, and make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. Join Riverside's volunteer family and let your light shine in all the ways that matter. Visit [trcnyc.org/volunteer](http://trcnyc.org/volunteer) for more information.

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