

# THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

## IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 26, 2023 | 11:00 AM

# WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Welcoming · Affirming

## **WORSHIP is at the center of the life of The Riverside Church.**

As you prepare your heart and mind for worship, consider this quote:

“Every divine action begins from the Father, proceeds through the Son, and is completed in the Holy Spirit.”

— Saint Basil

## **A question for reflection:**

How have you seen or experienced God's radical inclusivity?

## **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



## **Cover art by Jamil De Honney.**

*Inspired by Acts 10:1-48.*

*As a group, the flags represent countries from every inhabited continent on the earth, with some representing regions currently experiencing war.*

*Brazil · Sudan · Navajo tribe flag · Haiti · Palestine · USA  
China · Ukraine · Japan · Israel · Australia · Russia · Pakistan*

*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

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
We Gather Together  
Variations on *Nun Danket*

John Darwall, arr. Beverly Buchanan  
Eduard Kremser, arr. Buchanan  
Wilhelm Bender

Carla Staffaroni, *carillonneur*

### ORGAN

Choral No. 3

César Franck

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup> *standing as able*

*One:* Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the One who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit.

***All:* This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like.**

*One:* He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and the Creator are one and the same.

***All:* Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create. Let us give thanks and worship!**

### INVOCATION *remain standing*

### THE THUNDERBIRD AMERICAN INDIAN DANCERS

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 151 *remain standing, sung by all*

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

<sup>1</sup> "First Nation Version (FNV) recounts the Creator's Story - the Christian Scriptures - following the tradition of Native storytellers' oral culture. This way of speaking, with its simple yet profound beauty and rich cultural idioms, still resonates in the hearts of First Nations people. The FNV is a dynamic equivalence translation that captures the simplicity, clarity, and beauty of Native storytellers in English, while remaining faithful to the original language of the New Testament."

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister Derrick Jordan

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

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### ANTHEM

Let the Heaven Light

Moses Hogan

*Let the light from heaven shine on me. Let it shine on me. Let the heav'n light shine on me,  
for low is the way to the upper bright world. Let the heav'n light shine on me.*

## LISTENING

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

### HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

Alexander Simons

Isaiah 56:1-8

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

***All:* Thanks be to God.**

### HYMN 142 *standing as able, sung by all*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

### NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah Drake

Acts 10:1-16

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

***All:* Thanks be to God.**

### THE ROBIN DANCE

The Thunderbird American Indian Dancers

### SERMON

*Radical Inclusivity*

Pastor Mark Charles

### 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. Charlene Wingate

*We have heard the word of God read and proclaimed. Now let us pray together.*

*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

**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.**

### CHORAL AMEN

### PASSING OF THE PEACE *standing as able*

*One:* The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

### INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Behold, God the Lord (from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn

*Behold, God the Lord passed by! And a mighty wind rent the mountains around, break in pieces the rocks, break them before the Lord. But yet the Lord was not in the tempest. Behold, God the Lord passed by! And the sea was upheaved, and the earth was shaken. But yet the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake there came a fire. But yet the Lord was not in the fire...*

*And after the fire, there came a still small voice. And in that still voice, onward came the Lord.*

**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 & DEDICATION** *remain standing* Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

*Today we celebrate the ministry of our Social Services programs, which offers comprehensive services for those in economic and social need by providing food, clothing, and many other resources year-round.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 144** *remain standing, sung by all*  
Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

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**BENEDICTION** *remain standing*

Pastor Mark Charles

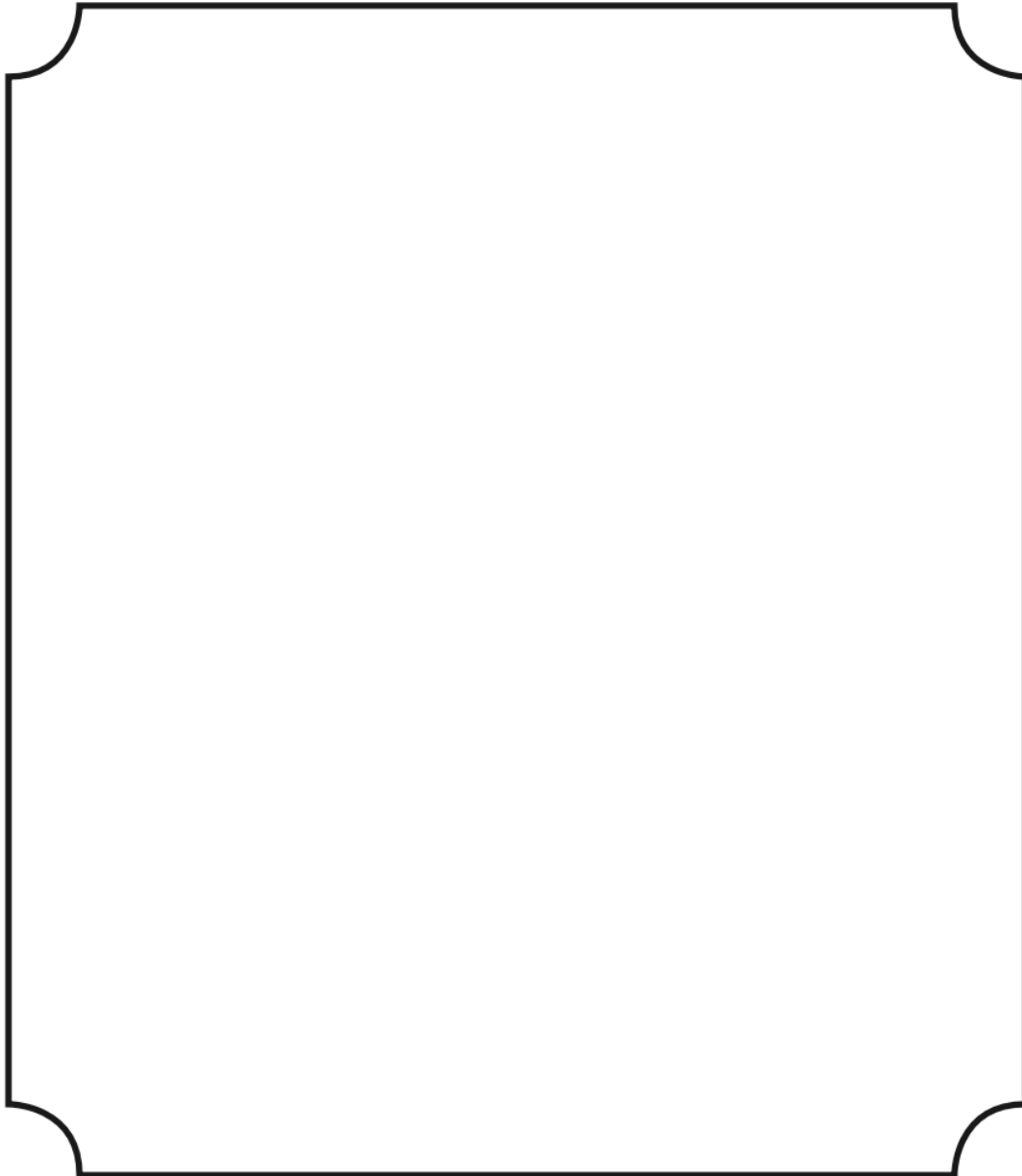
**POSTLUDE**  
Trumpet Tune

Frederick Swann

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

**RECESSIONAL DANCE**

The Thunderbird American Indian Dancers

 DRAW IT

Acts 10 says that when Peter, a follower of Jesus, was speaking to a crowd, "the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word" of God. Draw what you imagine this looked like as though you were part of the crowd!

## TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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<b>Fresh Start</b>	Online	8:30 AM
<b>Open Bible Study</b>	330 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
<b>Absolute Beginners Biblical Hebrew</b>	314 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
<b>Rising Voices Rehearsal</b>	Chapel of the Cross	9:30 AM
<b>Cherub Choir Rehearsal</b>	717 MLK	9:30 AM
<b>Courageous Conversations</b>	South Hall	9:45 AM
<b>Ecclesia Ministry</b>	Assembly Hall Kitchen	10:00 AM
<b>Youth Choir Rehearsal</b>	Chapel of the Cross	10:15 AM
<b>Church Nursery Open</b>	See Usher or Security for Location	10:30 AM
<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b>	Nave & Online	11:00 AM
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	South Hall	After Service
<b>Courageous Conversations</b>	South Hall	After Service
<b>Virtual Coffee Hour</b>	Online	12:30 PM
<b>Prison Ministry</b>	323 MLK	1:30 PM
<b>Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew</b>	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
<b>Lunch &amp; Learn with Pastor Mark Charles</b>	South Hall & Online	1:30 PM
<b>Carillon Recital: Some Minuets</b>		3:00 PM

## THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Online	8:00 AM
<b>Art of Movement</b>	411 MLK	10:00 AM
<b>Tai Chi</b>	Cloister Lounge (Child Care Room)	3:00 PM
<b>Church Council Meeting</b>	Online	5:45 PM

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Online	8:00 AM
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### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Online	8:00 AM
<b>Older Adults French Group</b>	321 MLK	10:30 AM
<b>Advanced Beginners Biblical Hebrew II</b>	Online	5:00 PM
<b>Young Adult Bible Study</b>	313 MLK & Online	6:30 PM



## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Online	8:00 AM
<b>Art of Movement</b>	411 MLK	10:00 AM
<b>Tower League Chair Exercise &amp; Program</b>	Online	1:30 PM
<b>Riverside Writing Group</b>	Online	6:00 PM

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

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<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Online	8:00 AM
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## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

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<b>Knitters &amp; Crocheters</b>	7C	10:00 AM
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## COMING SOON

<b>First Sunday Food Collection</b>	Sunday, December 3	All Day
<b>Practicing Sabbath</b>	Sunday, December 3	After Service
<b>AdventFest</b>	Sunday, December 3	After Service
<b>Space for Grace</b>	Wednesday, December 6	7:00 PM
<b>Maranatha Celebration with a Purpose</b>	Friday, December 8	7:00 PM
<b>Christmas Pageant</b>	Sunday, December 10	During Service
<b>Thunderbird Dance Workshop</b>	Sunday, December 10	1:30 PM
<b>Handel: Judas Maccabaeus (HWV 63)</b>	Thursday, December 14	7:00 PM
<b>Bs &amp; Ps Christmas Tea</b>	Sunday, December 17	1:30 PM
<b>Candlelight Carol Festival</b>	Sunday, December 17	4:00 PM



Visit [trenyc.org/LOC](http://trenyc.org/LOC) or scan the QR code to find out more about all the programs and events happening in the life of our community.

## **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](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.

## **THE RIVERSIDE FOOD PANTRY**

The Riverside Food Pantry has been providing meals and groceries for 40 years to members of the West Harlem and Morningside Heights communities. The pandemic and inflation have made the last several years particularly challenging, and the food pantry has experienced a four-fold increase in the number of clients seeking food supplies for their household.

## **FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION**

On first Sundays, if you have a little more to share, consider bringing a few canned goods with you to support the Riverside Food Pantry. There will be a table placed just below the pulpit for your donations. There will also be shopping carts in the narthex (lobby to the nave) as well as a cart near the security desk. You are making it possible for someone to bring home the staples of a meal. Below are some of the items needed:

- Tuna
- Rice
- Canned Ravioli/Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Dry Pasta
- Spaghetti/Tomato Sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Dry Beans (Pinto, Black, White or Kidney)
- Canned Beans (Pinto, Black, White or Kidney)
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Individual Sized Apple Sauce/Fruit Cups
- Hot and/or Cold Cereals (oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, Cheerios, Raisin Bran, Corn Flakes)
- Peanut Butter
- Juices (apple, orange, grape or pineapple)
- Baby Foods (assorted)
- Pampers for various ages (newborn – toddlers)

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