

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



SERVICE OF HOPE AND CONSOLATION
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WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Welcoming · Affirming

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

What's happening at Riverside?

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



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Text TRCNYCGIVE to 833.833.4035



WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper
 Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver
 Minister Derrick T. Jordan

Musicians Alan Montgomery, *organist*
 Liz Lang, *soprano*

Cover Art Jamil De Honney

Please Note 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.

PRELUDE

Elegy

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

George Thalben-Ball

WELCOME

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27:1, 13-14) *standing as able*

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

***All:* The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

***All:* Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!**

OPENING PRAYER *remain standing*

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

ISAIAH 40:1, 25-31

Min. Derrick T. Jordan

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

PSALM 121

Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer, our spirits by thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

MATTHEW 11:28-30

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*O come, Desire of nations, bind, in one the hearts of humankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease and be yourself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

LIGHTING OF CANDLES OF HOPE AND REMEMBRANCE

You are invited to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of a loved one, on acknowledgment of a loss, or in the hope of the light of Christ.

ORGAN

Prelude (from *Prelude, Fugue and Variation*)

César Franck

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

SOLO

Deep River

H.T. Burleigh

Liz Lang, *soprano*

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Min. Derrick T. Jordan

BENEDICTION

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

MEDITATION

I Need Thee Every Hour

arr. Dale Wood

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/ 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.

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 for more information.



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