

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 21, 2024 | 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:

“There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, ‘Thy will be done,’ and those to whom God says, ‘All right, then, have it your way.’”

— C. S. Lewis

A question for reflection:

What is your favorite parable that Jesus told and why?

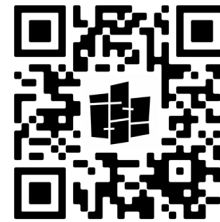
What’s happening at Riverside?

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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Inspired by Mark 4:1-9.

*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

Ave Maris Stella

David Briggs

Charles Semowich, *carillonneur*

HANDBELLS

Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr. Kevin McChesney
arr. Dan Goeller & Kimberlee Strepka

Daniel Potter, *director*
Gabrielle Sanderson & Kiril Kueny, *flutists*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: God, we come full of all the grace that You have given.

***All:* We come with grateful hearts.**

One: We stand ready to expand Your impact on the world.

***All:* We come to sow seeds of justice for all people.**

One: We enter into this place to worship.

***All:* Singing songs of joy, let us worship.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 379 *remain standing, sung by all*

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

I Can Tell the World

arr. Jester Hairston

I can tell the world. I can tell the world about this. I can tell the nations I'm blessed; tell them what the Lord has done; tell them that the comforter has come, and he brought joy to my soul.

LISTENING

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

PSALTER SCRIPTURE READING

Nadia Giles

Psalm 126:1-6

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 276 *standing as able, sung by all*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Eugene Melino, Carol White

Mark 4:1-34

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Not Our Kingdom

Rev. Adriene Thorne

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. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver, Dr. KaiTon Chau¹

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.**

主禱文²

「所以，你們要這樣禱告：
『我們在天上的父：
願人都尊你的名為聖。

願你的國降臨；
願你的旨意行在地上，
如同行在天上。

我們日用的飲食，今日賜給我們。

免我們的債，
如同我們免了人的債。

不叫我們陷入試探；
救我們脫離那惡者。
因為國度、權柄、榮耀，全是你的，
直到永遠。阿們！

CHORAL AMEN

PASSING OF THE PEACE *standing as able*

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

¹ Dr. KaiTon Chau serves as a program manager at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship (CICW), an associate editor at Reformed Worship, and an adjunct professor at Calvin University.

² Revised Chinese Union Version (Traditional Script), Shen Edition.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

그 사랑 이제 난 알았네 - I Now Understand God's Love

Kiyoung Kim

I now understand God's love; that secret in the quietness. I now understand God's Love; I will no longer deny it. God's love has freed us from despair and darkness. Glory, Hallelujah to the Lord. God came to save you and me. He is risen, and God is with us always. God has given relief to me, and I now live a new life. Defeating evil, God has given us salvation. I want to pray for God's love. God has forgiven our sins and freed us from them. I now understand God's great love.

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* Min. Derrick T. Jordan

Today we celebrate the work of the Ecclesia Ministry, which leads services and serves lunch monthly in Marcus Garvey Park, as we seek to reach people who wish to praise and worship God in community.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 144 *remain standing, sung by all*

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

Johann Sebastian Bach

Eddie Zheng, *guest organist*



Driven by a passion to bring the beauty and grandeur of organ music to wider audiences, **Eddie Zheng** (guest organist) is a rising concert organist who is currently pursuing an Artist Diploma at The Juilliard School, under the guidance of Paul Jacobs. Eddie's performances have been "rapturously received" by diverse audiences around cities across the United States, Canada, France, and China. He has won several prominent competitions, including first place awards at the 2018 Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition and the 2019 AGO Quimby Northeast Regional Competition.

In addition to concertizing, Eddie is dedicated to broadening the appreciation of organ music and engaging with audiences of all ages through service playing and teaching. He currently serves as Assistant Organist at Saint Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church in New York, where he maintains a thriving teaching studio with organ students of all ages.

Eddie's journey with the organ began at the Juilliard Pre-College division, where he studied with Matthew Lewis before earning his combined BM/MM degree from Juilliard with Paul Jacobs.

Highlights from 2023 include performances at the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, South Carolina, and at the Geneva Presbyterian Church Organ Festival in Laguna Woods, California. In July, Eddie traveled to Beijing for a solo recital and a masterclass with China Conservatory of Music organ students, before attending a masterclass with Johann Vexo on the Cavaille-Coll organs of Oloron-Sainte-Marie, France.

In his free time, Eddie indulges his passions for fixing motorcycles, collecting books, and brewing espresso. For more information, please visit eddiezheng.com

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Fresh Start	Online	8:30 AM
The Seekers Book Study	323 MLK & Online	9:00 AM
Open Bible Study	316 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Absolute Beginners Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Rising Voices Rehearsal	Chapel of the Cross	9:30 AM
Cherub Choir Rehearsal	717 MLK	9:30 AM
Youth Choir Rehearsal	Chapel of the Cross	10:15 AM
Church Nursery Open	See Usher or Security for Location	10:30 AM
Limitless Kids Worship & Youth Group	Chapel of the Cross	11:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	Nave & Online	11:00 AM
Coffee Hour	South Hall Lobby	After Service
Business & Professional Women's Group 94th Anniversary Celebration	9T	After Service
Virtual Coffee Hour with Worship & Music Town Hall Listening Circles	Online	12:30 PM
Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
Maranatha Meeting	311 MLK	1:30 PM
Men's Ministry Meeting	MPR	1:30 PM
Worship & Music Town Hall	South Hall	1:30 PM
Carillon Recital: How Brightly Shines the Morning Star		3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tai Chi	13T	3:00 PM
Church Council Meeting	Online	5:45 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	330 MLK	10:00 AM
Tower League Chair Exercise	Online	1:30 PM
Tower League Program	Online	2:00 PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Theatre of the Oppressed: Racialized Trauma Class	MPR	1:30 PM
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COMING SOON

The Riverside Choir Benefit Cabaret	Sunday, January 28	1:30 PM
Beyoncé and the Hebrew Bible (Class #2)	Wednesday, January 31	6:30 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.

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

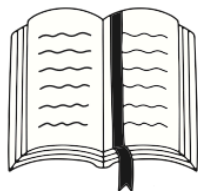
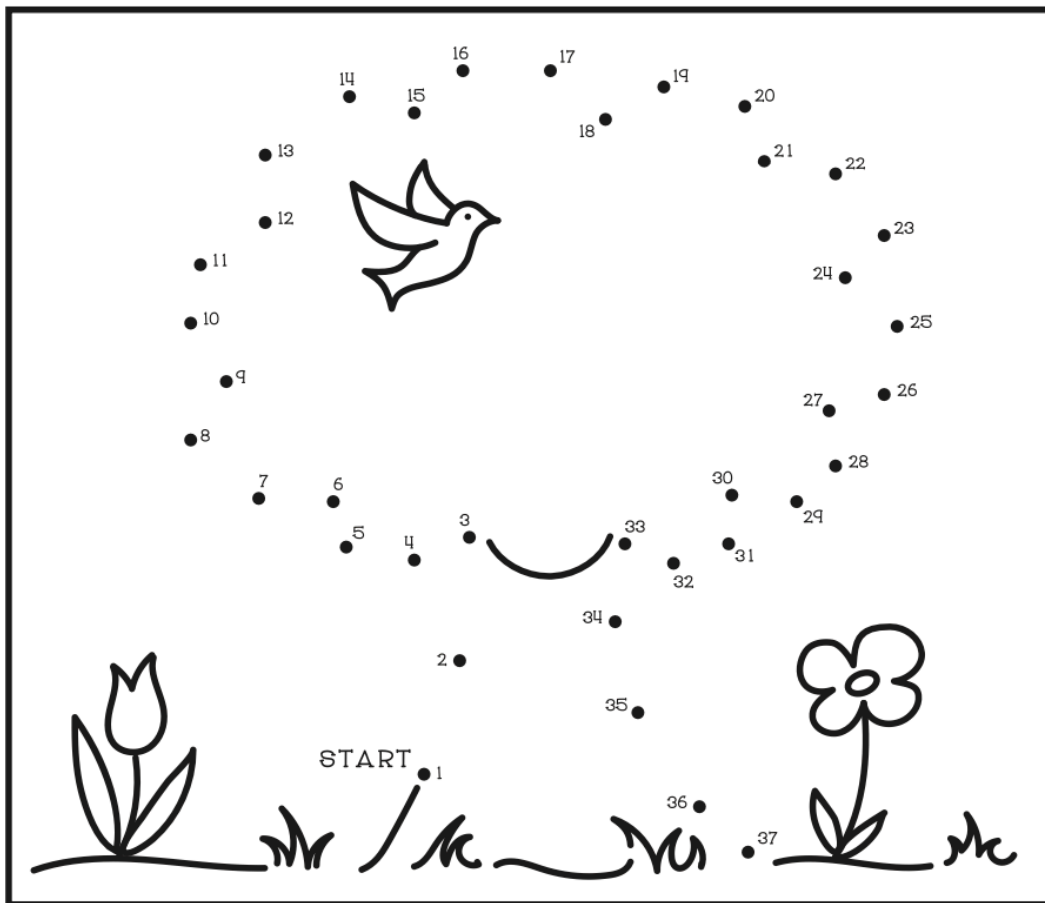
Babies and toddlers are not too young to start learning about God's love for them. The nursery is open every Sunday from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM and is staffed by trained nursery workers. For location, please see an usher or security guard.

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.

CONNECT the DOTS

In Mark 4, Jesus compares God's kingdom to a tiny mustard seed that grows into a big, beautiful tree. Connect the dots to form the tree. Next to the tree or inside the tree, you might write words that describe God's kingdom - what God wants for the world – things like peace, justice, or other ideas you have!



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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