

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 18, 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:

“Most people guard and keep; they suppose that it is they themselves and what they identify with themselves that they are guarding and keeping, whereas what they are actually guarding and keeping is their system of reality and what they assume themselves to be. One can give nothing whatever without giving oneself—that is to say, risking oneself. If one cannot risk oneself, then one is simply incapable of giving.”

— James Baldwin

A question for reflection:

What are you giving up for Lent 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 our Lenten theme “True Religion: Love Poured Out” and Philippians 2:5-8.

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

When Jesus Was On the Cross
As Jesus In the Night
In the Cross of Christ I Glory
Forty Days and Forty Nights
With Broken Heart

Samuel Scheidt, arr. Roy Kroezen
arr. Ludo Geloën
arr. Beverly Buchanan

Charles Semowich, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

INTROIT

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: The Lord is our protector, the One we can always trust.

***All:* We follow a true and faithful God who shows us love beyond all others.**

One: The One who sustains our lives despite temptation at every turn.

***All:* We follow a true and faithful God who shows us love beyond all others.**

One: In this season of Lent, let us be persistent in our journey closer to God.

***All:* Let us prepare our hearts to pour out God's love to the world.
Let us worship.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 461 *remain standing, sung by all*
God Is Here

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Call to Justice - Justice and Mercy (Ode to Union)

M. Roger Holland II

Justice and mercy mean more to me than your prayers and sacrifice, says the Lord. Oh, justice and mercy mean more to me. So love, have faith and believe in the way of the Lord. What God has done for you, you must also do for someone else. If you really love Me, feed My sheep. If you really love Me, take care of My lambs. The love and care you show to the very least of My children is surely done to Me. So no more offerings and no more prayers until you feed the hungry, clothe the naked, take care of the oppressed. Justice and mercy mean more to mean than your prayers and sacrifice says the Lord. So love, have faith and believe in the way of the Lord.

The Inspirational Choir
Nedra Olds Neal, *director*
Ramona Dunlap, *soprano*
Matt King, *piano*

LISTENING

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

PSALTER SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 19:7-10

Audrey Cox St. Clair

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

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

HYMN 85 *standing as able, sung by all*

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:17-31

Karissa Garner, Irene King,
David Orcutt, Chloe Landers

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Giving Up

Rev. Jim Keat

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. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

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.

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

Psalm 23

Bobby McFerrin

*The Lord is my shepherd, I have all I need,
She makes me lie down in green meadows,
Beside the still waters, She will lead.*

*She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things,
And fills my heart with songs.*

*Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land,
There is nothing that can shake me,
She has said She won't forsake me,
I'm in her hand.*

*She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,
She anoints my head with oil,
And my cup overflows.*

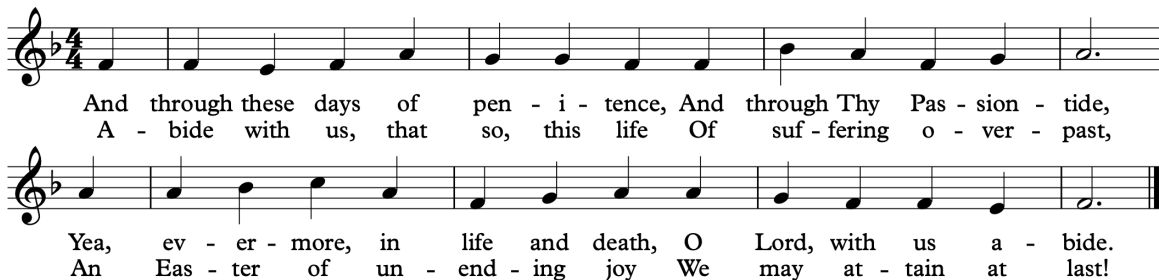
*Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me,
All the days of my life,
And I will live in her house,
Forever, forever and ever.*

*Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter,
And to the Holy of Holies,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World, without end. Amen.*

AT THE PRESENTATION:

THROUGH THESE DAYS OF PENITENCE *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.



And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Thy Pas - sion - tide,
A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suf - fering o - ver - past,
Yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION *remain standing* Rev. Charlene A. Wingate
Today we celebrate the Riverside Hawks whose mission is to help students and families use basketball to pursue academic opportunities, promote character development, and cultivate strong partnerships with one another.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 488 *remain standing, sung by all*
The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Jim Keat

POSTLUDE
Fantasia in G Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Fresh Start	Online	8:30 AM
Breakfast (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	8:30 AM
The Seekers Book Study	323 MLK & Online	9:00 AM
Onsite Open Bible Study	316 MLK	9:30 AM
Virtual Open Bible Study	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
Lunch (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	After Service
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	12:30 PM
Business & Professional Women's Group	9T Library	1:30 PM
Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
Men's Class Meeting	MPR	1:30 PM
Poor People's Campaign 101: Addressing the Myths of Poverty	South Hall & Online	1:30 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: President's Day		3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tai Chi	13T	3:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	Online	5:30 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Carla DeSola Body Prayer	Dance Studio (13th Floor)	6:00 PM
Ordination Committee Meeting	Online	6:45 PM
Building Committee Meeting	Online	7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Older Adults French Group	321 MLK	10:30 AM
Noon Lenten Prayer Service	Nave & Online	12:00 PM
Advanced Beginners Biblical Hebrew II	Online	5:00 PM
Evening Lenten Prayer Service	Online	6:00 PM
Young Adult Bible Study	313 MLK	6:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tower League Chair Exercise	Online	1:30 PM
Tower League Program	Online	2:00 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Lenten Organ & Dance Meditation	Nave & Online	12:00 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Theatre of the Oppressed: Somatic Abolitionism Training	MPR	1:30 PM
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COMING SOON

B's & P's Bake Sale	Sunday, February 25	After Service
Inspirational Choir Concert: Turn the World Around	Sunday, February 25	3:00 PM
Lecture & Discussion: Deconstructing Racism in the Church	Sunday, February 25	6:30 PM
Silent Film: <i>Metropolis</i>	Tuesday, March 5	7:00 PM
Space for Grace	Wednesday, March 6	7:00 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 A. Forbes, Jr., 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 *(also includes Ash Wednesday and Holy Week services)*

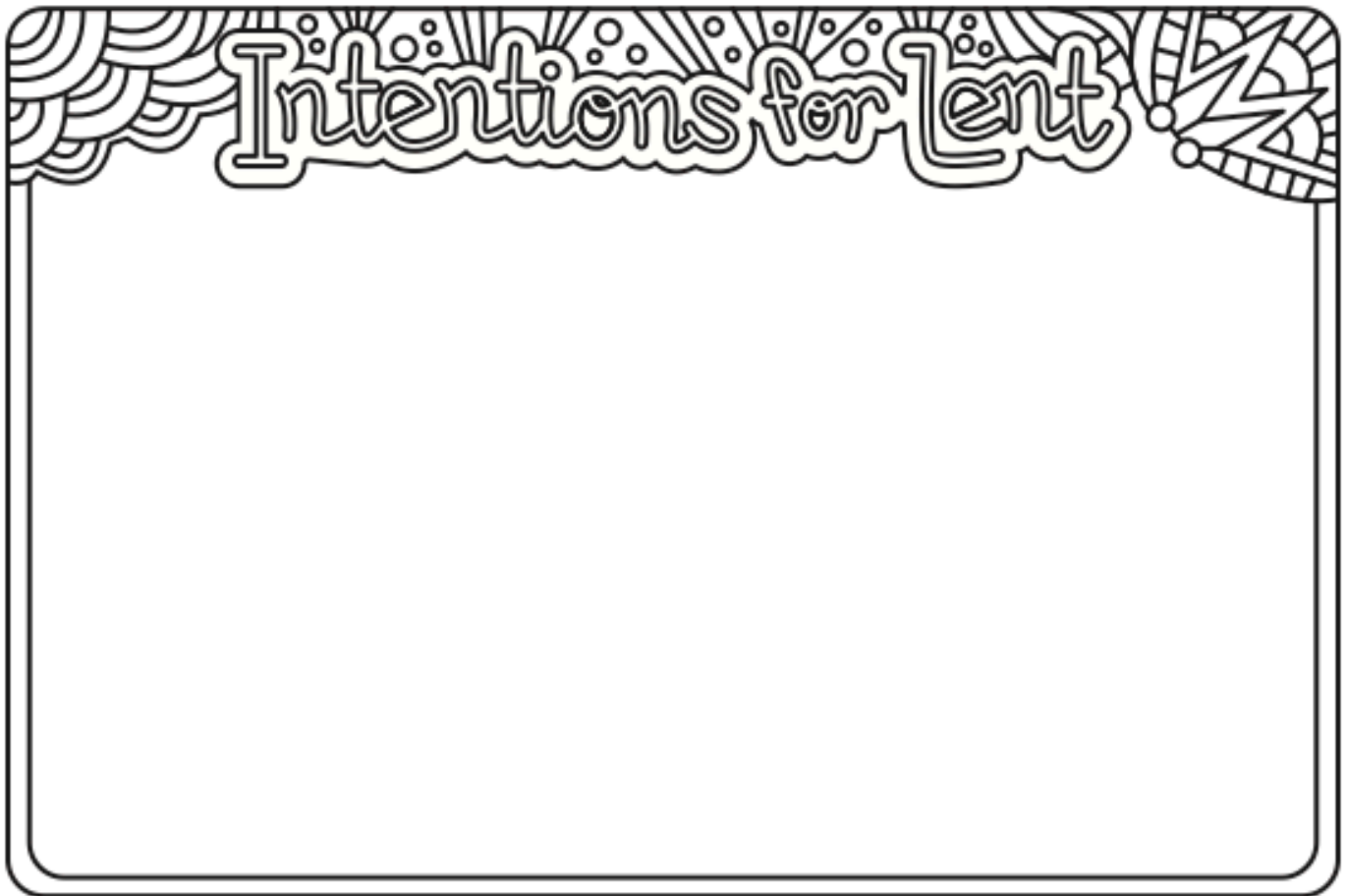
Visit the Security Desk on the Claremont Level to pick up a \$5 parking coupon. Bring this bulletin and your parking ticket to the attendant on the upper level to receive this discounted rate, pay, and pick up your car. This discounted rate applies to Sundays only.

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.



PRAYER

Dear God of our whole selves,
As we journey through this season of Lent,
teach us how to give,
so that we can joyfully respond when you call us to serve.
Teach us how to pray,
so that we can be closer to you in all that we do throughout the day.
Teach us how to let go,
so nothing can stand in the way of our connection with you.
Teach us how to prepare,
so we can be ready to receive your love, wisdom, and blessing.
Help us to remember that in all ways we belong to you,
Amen.

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