

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 10, 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:

“Do not think that love in order to be genuine has to be extraordinary.
What we need is to love without getting tired.”

— Mother Teresa

A question for reflection:

As a Jesus follower, how do you pour out love?

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

Southern Harmony
Three Verses on Aus Tiefer Not

Ellen Dickinson
arr. Ennis Fruhauf

Carla Staffaroni, *carillonneur*

STRINGS

Quartet in C Major, K 157

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Riverside Community String Ensemble
Kristina Giles, *director*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

INTROIT

Wondrous Love

arr. Alice Parker

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: Beloved people, Jesus calls us to love God with all of our heart and soul.

***All:* It is the love we have for God that enables us to act lovingly to all.**

One: Jesus calls us to love God with all of our heart, mind, strength, and being.

***All:* It is God's inclusive love that inspires our thoughts of justice and love.**

One: Jesus calls us to love our neighbors.

***All:* Let us worship God together with love.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 303 *remain standing, sung by all*
Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

Striving After God

Undine Smith Moore

True art is made noble and religious by the mind producing it. For those who feel it, nothing makes the soul so religious and pure as the endeavor to create something perfect. For God is perfection, and whoever strives after perfection, is striving after God.

LISTENING

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

PSALTER SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 89:1-4

Eva Cordero

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

Mark 12:28-44

Dahlia Rivadeneyra, Irene King, Dr. Laura Miraz

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

SERMON

Love Poured Out

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. Charlene A. 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.

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

The Beatitudes

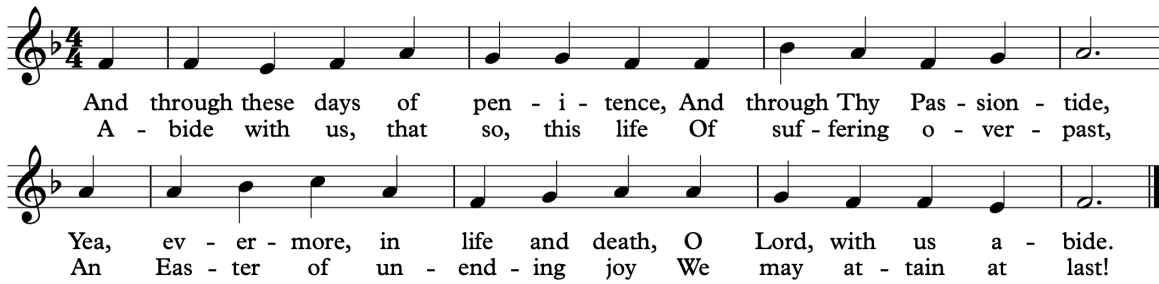
Bob Chilcott

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

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. Jim Keat

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Building Committee, which seeks to maintain and develop the buildings and spaces on Riverside's campus in support of the mission and values of our church.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 341 *remain standing, sung by all*

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Emma Lou Diemer

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

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TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

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| 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 |
| Absolute Beginners Biblical Hebrew | 314 MLK & Online | 9:30 AM |
| Onsite Open Bible Study | 316 MLK | 9:30 AM |
| Virtual Open Bible Study | Online | 9:30 AM |
| Cherub Choir Rehearsal | 717 MLK | 9:30 AM |
| Rising Voices Rehearsal | Chapel of the Cross | 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 |
| African Fellowship Meeting | 311 MLK | 1:30 PM |
| Business & Professional Women's Group | 316 MLK | 1:30 PM |
| Freedom Faith: The Womanist Vision of Rev. Dr. Prathia Hall | 9T & Online | 1:30 PM |
| Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew | 314 MLK & Online | 1:30 PM |
| Maranatha Meeting | MPR | 1:30 PM |
| Riverside Chamber Concert Series: Prohibition & Censorship | 9T & Online | 2:30 PM |
| Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: Marching in March | | 3:00 PM |

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, MARCH 11

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| Morning Prayer | Online | 8:00 AM |
| Art of Movement | 411 MLK | 10:00 AM |
| Tai Chi | 13T | 3:00 PM |
| MCPL Commission Meeting | Online | 6:30 PM |
| MSJ Commission Meeting | Online | 6:30 PM |
| Worship Commission Meeting | Online | 6:30 PM |
| Education Commission Meeting | Online | 7:00 PM |

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

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| Morning Prayer | Online | 8:00 AM |
| Nominating Committee Meeting | Online | 6:30 PM |

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

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| 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 |
| Beyoncé and the Hebrew Bible (Class #3) | Online | 6:30 PM |
| Young Adult Bible Study | 313 MLK | 6:30 PM |

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

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| Morning Prayer | Online | 8:00 AM |
| Art of Movement | 411 MLK | 10:00 AM |
| Tower League Bible Study | 10T | 11:00 AM |
| Tower League Luncheon | Assembly Hall | 12:00 PM |

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

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| Knitters & Crocheters | 7C | 10:00 AM |
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COMING SOON

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| Thunderbird American Indian Spring Equinox Pow Wow | Sunday, March 17 | 1:30 PM |
| Carla DeSola Body Prayer | Tuesday, March 19 | 6:00 PM |
| Theatre of the Oppressed: Somatic Abolitionism Training | Saturday, March 23 | 1:30 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 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

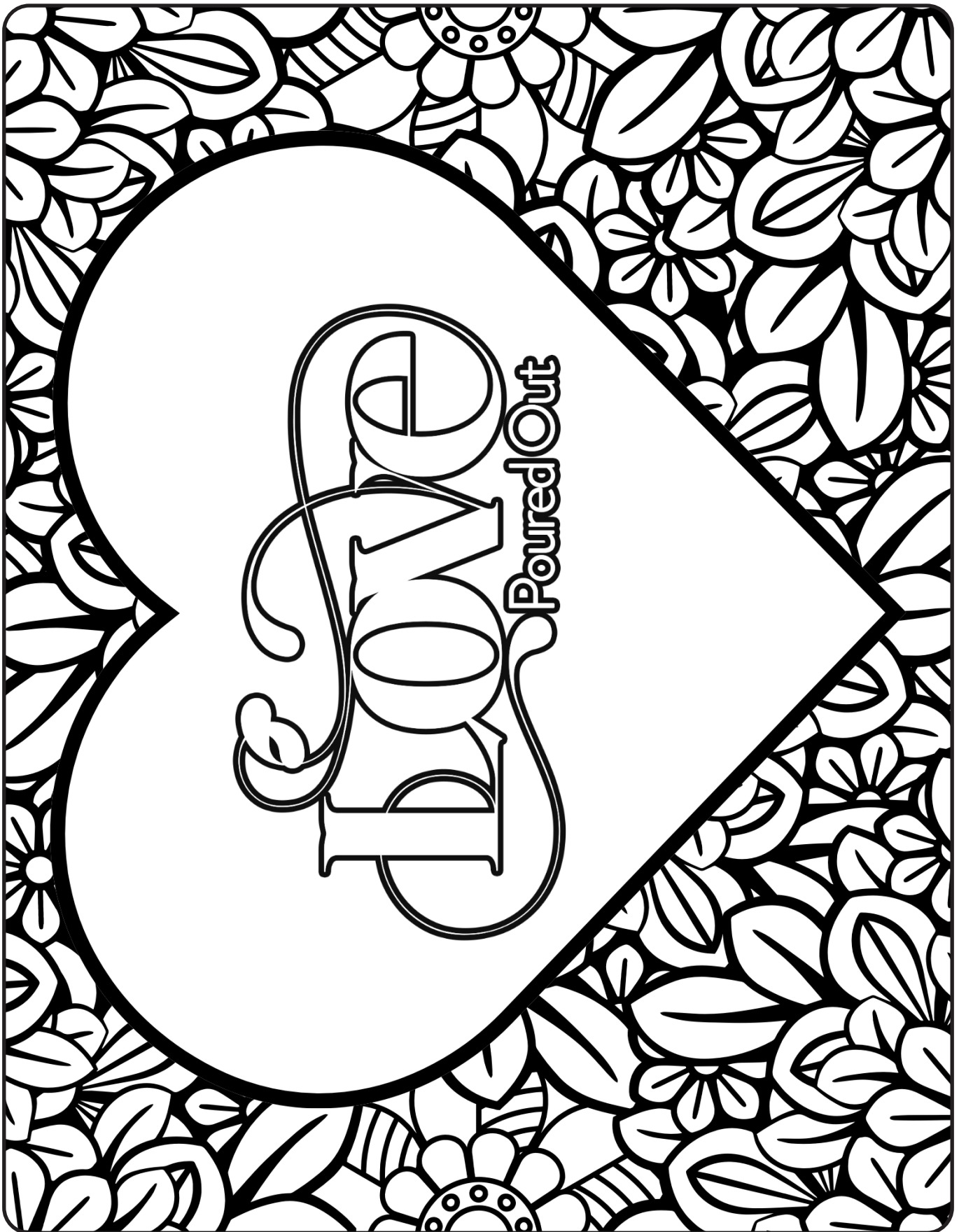
Visit the Security Desk on the Claremont Level to pick up a \$5 parking coupon. Bring this bulletin and your parking ticket to the attendant on the upper level to receive this discounted rate, pay, and pick up your car. This discounted rate applies to Sundays only.

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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