

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 16, 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 questions that [a person] must ask [themselves]. The first is “Where am I going?” and the second is “Who will go with me?” -Howard Thurman.

If you ever get these questions in the wrong order, you are in trouble.”
— *Fire in the Belly* by Sam Keen

A question for reflection:

What do you value more, dependence or independence, and why?

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Inspired by General Order No. 3, the 1865 announcement of the emancipation of enslaved people in Galveston, Texas.

“The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere.”

Source: National Archives

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 to prepare our hearts to worship God.

CARILLON

Great Day

Lift Every Voice and Sing

I'll Overcome Someday

Adolphus Hailstork

arr. Joey Brink

C. Albert Tindley, arr. Milford Myhre

Charles Semowich, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Improvisation on Blessed Assurance

Stephen Tharp

Stephen Tharp, *guest organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: Our God is a great God.

***All:* Our God is worthy to be praised.**

One: As we examine our past, let us remember God's amazing grace.

***All:* Stories of merciful compassion across generations of struggle and strain.**

One: We remember our ancestors and teach our children our history of the greatness of God.

***All:* Let us lift our voices to welcome God with our hymn and praise.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 469 *remain standing, sung by all*

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Jabe Ziino

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO

He's Got the Whole World in His Hand

arr. Margaret Bonds

*He's got the whole world in his hand. He's got the woods and the waters in his hand. He's
got the sun and the moon right in his hand. He's got the birds and the bees in his hand.
He's got the beasts of the field right in his hand.*

Kendra Petuch, soprano

LISTENING

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

PSALTER SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 103:1-18

Jabari & Jelani Wynne-St. Louis

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

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

HYMN 563 *standing as able, sung by all*

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:1-4

Rev. Tim Dalton

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

SERMON

Divine Dependence

Rev. Dr. Adolphus C. Lacey

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

Min. Heelee Velez

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.

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

Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name

arr. Brazeal W. Dennard

Hush, Hush, somebody's callin' my name. Oh, my Lord, oh, my Lord, what shall I do? I'm so glad that trouble don't last always. I'm so glad I got my religion in time. Soon one mornin' death come creepin' in my room.

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.

All: 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. Charlene A. Wingate
Today we celebrate the work of the Men's Class Ministry, which provides all members of the congregation with opportunities to grow in faith and service by addressing issues of social injustice that plague our community.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 341 *remain standing, sung by all*
Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Dr. Adolphus C. Lacey

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Lift Every Voice and Sing

Stephen Tharp

Stephen Tharp, *guest organist*

ABOUT OUR GUEST PREACHER

Rev. Dr. Adolphus C. Lacey



The eleventh Pastor of the history-making Bethany Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York, **the Reverend Dr. Adolphus C. Lacey** is a native of Kansas City, KS. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in World History degree from Ottawa University, a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Northwestern University. He also holds a certificate from the Harvard University Divinity School's Institute for Church-based Community and Economic Development.

Dr. Lacey began his career in ministry as Youth Minister and then Associate Pastor of Christian Education and Discipleship at Grace Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, NY, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, where he managed Grace Community Development Corporation, a not-for-profit interfaith social service agency, coupling Christian nurture with his extensive community development experience. He then served successfully as senior pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist Church in Peekskill, NY, where he created several ministries to support the diverse needs of the congregation and the Westchester community at large.

Dr. Lacey is a pastor-theologian-activist. He serves as spiritual advisor to Until Freedom, Inc., president of the Central Brooklyn Chapter of the National Action Network, co-convener of East Brooklyn Congregations, trustee of New York Theological Seminary, and member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Believing in the equality of gifting, Dr. Lacey affirmed the need for gender-inclusive ministries. He ordained the first female minister in the long-storied history of the Bethany Baptist Church in 2016 and in 2017 he integrated the diaconate by ordaining eight female deacons.

Dr. Lacey goes beyond the walls of the church in his efforts. He has served as an adjunct professor in the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY, and conducts workshops. He had the privilege of offering the opening prayer for the 110th Congress of the U.S. House of Representatives in 2008, offering the opening prayer for the 118th Congress of the U.S. Senate, and participating in an ecumenical prayer service with His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI.

Dr. Lacey was honored for his work and dedication by the Samuel Dewitt Procter Institute, which invited him to deliver a sermon in their renowned "Great Preacher Series" in 2010. In 2013, he was inducted into the Board of Preachers at Morehouse College, and in 2016, KCK Public Schools recognized him as a "Reason to Believe." Additionally, the National Action Network honored him with the Rev. Dr. William A. Jones Award for Social Justice in both 2016 and 2018.

Dr. Lacey is not only an intergenerational pastor, professor, and community leader, but also cherishes his role as the husband of Cheryl Mathews Lacey and the father of Cameryn Alexandra and Adolphus Matthew, two exceptional children.

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Breakfast <i>(available for purchase)</i>	Assembly Hall	8:30 AM
Onsite Open Bible Study	316 MLK	9:30 AM
Virtual Open Bible Study	Online	9:30 AM
ParentConnect	318 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Cherub Choir & Preschool Worship	717 MLK	10:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	Nave & Online	11:00 AM
Sermon Talkback	Nave & Online	After Service
Coffee Hour	Assembly Hall	After Service
Lunch <i>(available for purchase)</i>	Assembly Hall	After Service
Spring Clothing Sale	South Hall	After Service
B's & P's Bake Sale	South Hall Lobby	After Service
Harmony in Motion	311 MLK	1:00 PM
Women of the Bible	316 MLK	1:30 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: Music by African American Composers		3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, JUNE 17

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Spring Clothing Sale	South Hall	12:00 PM
Executive Committee Meeting	Online	5:30 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Spring Clothing Sale	South Hall	12:00 PM
Carla DeSola Body Prayer	411 MLK	6:00 PM
Building Committee Meeting	Online	7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Budget & Planning Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM
Stewardship Committee Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Blueprint for Wellness	Cloisters Room	9:00 AM

COMING SOON

Pride Breakfast	Sunday, June 30	8:30 AM
Pride Sunday Worship	Sunday, June 30	11:00 AM
Summer Organ Series: Michael Hey	Tuesday, July 9	7:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE

Congregants are invited to attend an **Informal Congregational Meeting with the Church Council** on Sunday, June 23 at 1:00 PM in South Hall & Online.



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. Be sure to 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 stay connected to all the videos, podcasts, and events from The Riverside Church.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CARILLON RECITALS

Recitals take place most weeks at 3:00 PM and can be best heard outdoors listening from Sakura Park, north of The Riverside Church at 122nd Street. Visit trcnyc.org/carillonrecitals for the complete schedule and programs.

SUNDAY MORNING PARKING

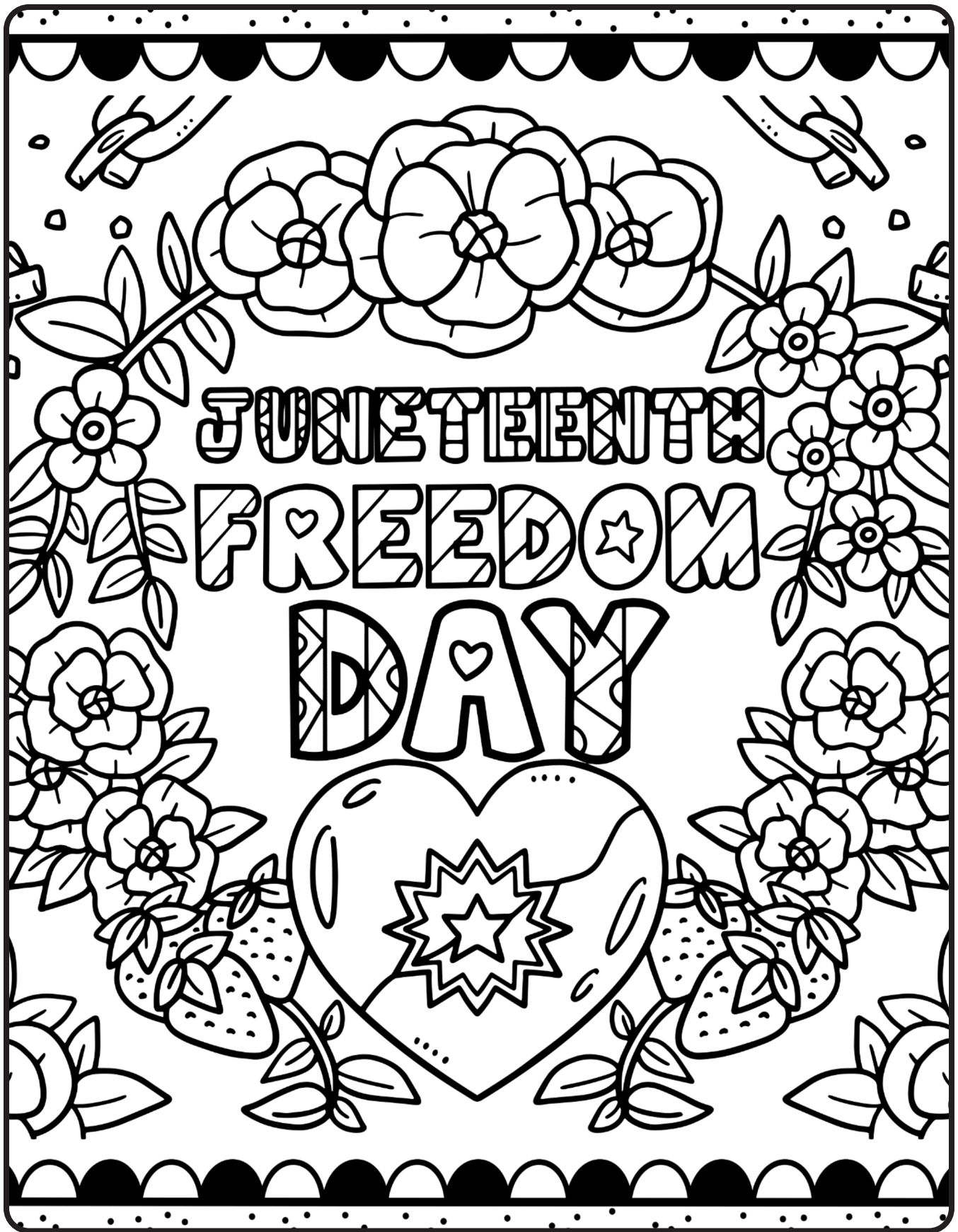
Visit the Security Desk on the Claremont Level to pick up a \$5 parking coupon. Bring this bulletin and your parking ticket to the attendant on the upper level to receive this discounted rate, pay, and pick up your car. This discounted rate applies to Sundays only.

VOLUNTEER AT RIVERSIDE

Riverside offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, from ushering to providing support in our social services programs, and so much more! Discover the joy of giving back, and make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. Visit trcnyc.org/volunteer for more information.

SUMMER CHOIR

Come sing with members of the Riverside Choir this summer! Rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings at 9:30, and you are welcome to join us for as many Sundays as you like, starting on June 9. To volunteer, please email a recording of you singing one verse of your favorite hymn, along with a brief description of your musical experience, to Alan Montgomery, Interim Director of Music, at amontgomery@trcnyc.org. We look forward to hearing from you!





PASTORAL TEAM & MINISTERIAL STAFF



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Senior Minister



Rev. Dr. Colleen Birchett
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Rev. Tim Dalton
*Minister for
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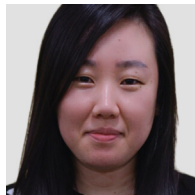
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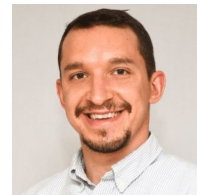
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