

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 29, 2023 | 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:

“Mastering others is strength. Mastering yourself is true power.”

— Lao Tzu

A question for reflection:

How does your highest and best self use power?

What’s happening at Riverside?

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



Give by your phone.

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Inspired by 1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29.

*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

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
Blest Be the Tie that Binds

John Hughes, arr. Beverly Buchanan
Spiritual, arr. Milford Myhre
John Fawcett, arr. Austin Ferguson

Carla Staffaroni, *carillonneur*

STRINGS

String Quartet No. 4, op. 157
I. Allegro

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

The Riverside Community String Ensemble
Kristina Giles, *director*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: Come Holy Spirit and lead us!

***All:* Lead us into a future filled with Your power.**

One: It is You who understands who we truly are within.

***All:* Lead us into a future where we understand one another.**

One: Show us the abundance of Your provision, that we may shed all fear of scarcity.

***All:* Lead us into a future where Your love fuels our humanity.**

Let us worship in Your Holy name.

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 260 *remain standing as able, sung by all*
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

God's Got the Whole World

Mark Miller

*God's got the whole world. God's got the whole world in God's hands. God has you and me
in those hands. God's got the whole world in God's hands.*

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:42-45

Rev. Kei Okada

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

HYMN 361 *standing as able, sung by all*

How Firm A Foundation

FOUNDATION

HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29

Multiple Readers¹

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

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

SERMON

Acting Human

Rev. Adriene Thorne

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

¹Hebrew Bible Scripture Readers: Rev. Kei Okada, Michael Barnes, David King, Irene King, Doug Miller, Stacey Robinson, Ryan Swihart, and David Vaughn

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

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.

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

Master, the Tempest is Raging

arr. Mack Wilberg

Master, the tempest is raging! The billows are tossing high! The sky is overshadowed with blackness. No shelter or help is nigh. Carest thou not that we perish? How canst thou lie asleep, when each moment so madly is threatening a grave in the angry deep?

Refrain: The winds and the waves shall obey thy will: peace, be still. Whether the wrath of the storm-tossed sea or demons or men or whatever it be, no waters can swallow the ship where lies the Master of ocean and earth and skies. They all shall sweetly obey thy will: peace, be still; peace, be still. They all shall sweetly obey thy will: peace, peace, be still.

Master, with anguish of spirit I bow in my grief today. The depths of my sad heart are troubled. Oh, waken and save, I pray! Torrents of sin and of anguish Sweep o'er my sinking soul, and I perish! I perish! dear Master. Oh, hasten and take control!

Master, the terror is over. The elements sweetly rest. Earth's sun in the calm lake is mirrored, and heaven's within my breast. Linger, O blessed Redeemer! Leave me alone no more, and with joy I shall make the blest harbor and rest on the blissful shore.

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* Rev. Charlene Wingate

Today we celebrate the work of our Clothing Distribution program, which continues to offer free casual and professional attire to those in economic and social need year-round.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 555 *remain standing, sung by all*

Now Thank We All Our God

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BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE

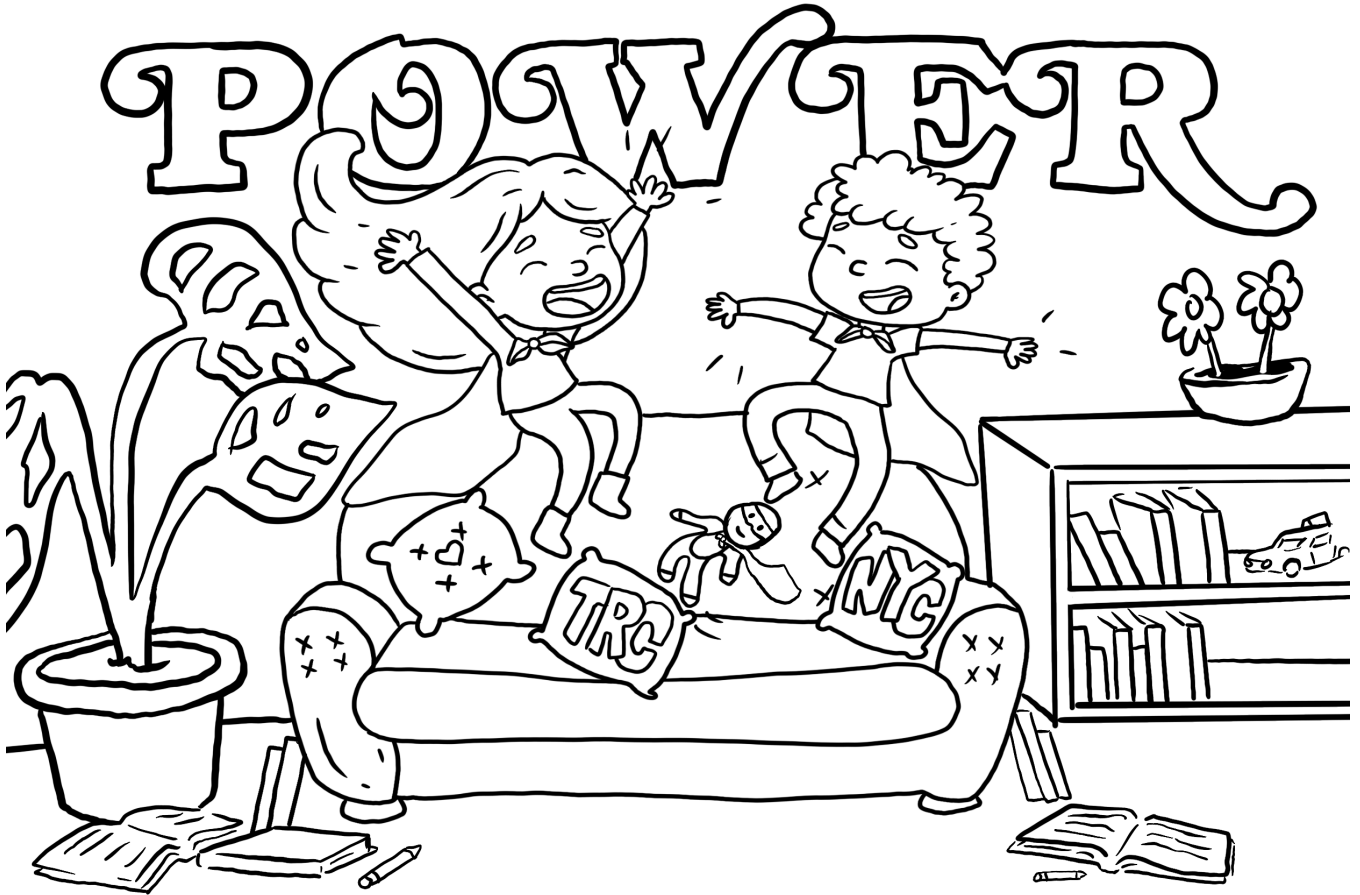
Festival Toccata

Percy Fletcher

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

MASTERING YOURSELF IS TRUE

POWER



TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Fresh Start	Online	8:30 AM
Open Bible Study	330 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
Courageous Conversations	Assembly Hall	9:45 AM
Youth Choir Rehearsal	Chapel of the Cross	10:15 AM
Church Nursery Open	See Usher or Security for Location	10:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	Nave & Online	11:00 AM
Fall Clothing Sale	South Hall	After Service
Coffee Hour	Assembly Hall	After Service
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	12:30 PM
Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
Festival of Lay Ministries	Assembly Hall	1:30 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital		3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Fall Clothing Sale	South Hall	10:00 AM
Tai Chi	Cloister Lounge (Child Care Room)	3:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Fall Clothing Sale	South Hall	10:00 AM
Harvest Fest	Trail begins at 91 Claremont Ave.	4:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Fall Clothing Sale	South Hall	10:00 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 & Online	6:30 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Fall Clothing Sale	South Hall	10:00 AM
Tower League Chair Exercise	Online	1:30 PM
Tower League Program	Online	2:00 PM
Personnel & Salary Committee Meeting	Online	6:00 PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Knitters & Crocheters	7C	10:00 AM
Beloved Earth Community	Online	1:00 PM

COMING SOON

Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 5th! Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

First Sunday Food Collection	Sunday, November 5	All Day
Practicing Sabbath	Sunday, November 5	After Service
Space for Grace	Wednesday, November 8	7:00 PM
Riverside Book Club: <i>Behind the Scenes</i>	Saturday, November 11	11:00 AM
Joining Sunday	Sunday, November 12	11:00 AM
Aging Solo in the City	Sunday, November 12	1:30 PM
Thanksgiving Service & Brunch	Thursday, November 23	11:00 AM
Lunch & Learn with Rev. Mark Charles	Sunday, November 26	1:30 PM
Advent Fest	Sunday, December 3	After Service
Handel: Judas Maccabaeus (HWV 63)	Thursday, December 14	7:00 PM
Candlelight Carol Festival	Sunday, December 17	4:00 PM

BUDGET FORUMS

Sunday, November 5	10T	1:00 PM
Sunday, November 12	10T	1:00 PM
Wednesday, November 15	Online	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 to receive this discounted rate. 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.

THE RIVERSIDE FOOD PANTRY

The Riverside Food Pantry has been providing meals and groceries for 40 years to members of the West Harlem and Morningside Heights communities. The pandemic and inflation have made the last several years particularly challenging, and the food pantry has experienced a four-fold increase in the number of clients seeking food supplies for their household.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

On first Sundays, if you have a little more to share, consider bringing a few canned goods with you to support the Riverside Food Pantry. There will be a table placed just below the pulpit for your donations. There will also be shopping carts in the narthex (lobby to the nave) as well as a cart near the security desk. You are making it possible for someone to bring home the staples of a meal. Below are some of the items needed:

- Tuna
- Rice
- Canned Ravioli/Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Dry Pasta
- Spaghetti/Tomato Sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Dry Beans (Pinto, Black, White or Kidney)
- Canned Beans (Pinto, Black, White or Kidney)
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Individual Sized Apple Sauce/Fruit Cups
- Hot and/or Cold Cereals (oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, Cheerios, Raisin Bran, Corn Flakes)
- Peanut Butter
- Juices (apple, orange, grape or pineapple)
- Baby Foods (assorted)
- Pampers for various ages (newborn – toddlers)

Next Collection: Sunday, November 5th

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