

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 2, 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:

“In a time of destruction, create something.”
— Maxine Hong Kingston

A question for reflection:

How does your faith impact how you move through the world?

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Inspired by Luke 11:2-4.

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

Bread of the World
Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
Holy, Holy, Holy

Louis Bourgeois arr. Beverly Buchanan
George Webb arr. Beverly Buchanan
John Lykes arr. Beverly Buchanan

Lynnli Wang, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Free Fantasia on *O Zion Haste* and *How Firm a Foundation*

William Bolcom

Stephen Tharp, *guest organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Jabe Ziino

Draw a cross every time you hear the word "faith." How many crosses do you have?



Circle every time you see the word, "share," and draw a time where you shared what you have with others.



INTROIT

O Zion, Haste

Mary Ann Thomson

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: We gather to share in our love of God.

***All:* Open our hearts and let us share Your Good News.**

One: We gather to share our witness to God's goodness.

***All:* Let our lives bear witness through service to Your people.**

One: We gather to praise God whose love is eternal.

***All:* Open our hearts today to sing Your praises. Let us worship.**

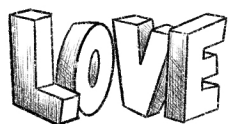
INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263 *standing as able, sung by all*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Write down some of the words that come to your mind when you think of God.



Imagine yourself leading the Message for All Ages one day. Write or draw what fun things you would do.



Do you know where Romans is located in the Bible? Grab a Bible from the pew in front of you and try to find it.



Draw Jesus calling Peter, Andrew, James, and John to leave their nets and follow him.



MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

LISTENING

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-17

Min. Heelee Velez
& Rev. Jabe Ziino

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 361 *standing as able, sung by all*

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:18-22

Lucia Giles

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

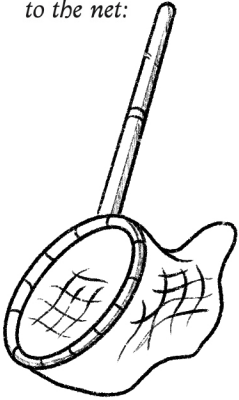
ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

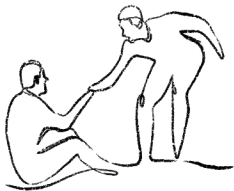
Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

Add as many fish
as you would like
to the net:



In what ways have
you shared your
gifts and talents to
help others?



SERMON

Choosing to Follow What is Good

Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING

We respond to the hearing of God's word through prayer, passing the peace, offering, and monthly Communion.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

David Vaughn

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My Eternal King

Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby, nor yet because who love thee not might die eternally. Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace. Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well? Not for the hope of winning heaven, or escaping hell, not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward, but as thyself has loved me, O everloving Lord! E'en so, I love Thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing, solely because Thou art my God, and my eternal king!

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

Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

remain standing

Today we celebrate the work of our Audit Committee who takes great care to ensure that all of our financial interactions abide by the rules of law.

Find people who are wearing red and share peace with them. How many did you find?

Who would you like to pray for today? Pray for them and write or draw your prayer here.

Circle your favorite word in the Lord's Prayer. Why do you like that word?



What are you most thankful for today? Write or draw your answer.



PASSING OF THE PEACE *standing as able*

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each petition, join in the following response:

One: God, in Your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul - er Al - might - y;
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo - ry be to you, O God.
Bless - ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

CALL TO SUPPER

One: The body of Christ, broken for you.

All: **Thanks be to God for the bread of life!**

One: The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

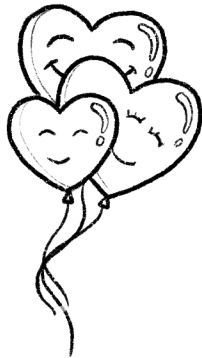
All: **Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!**

We are grateful for our youth and members from Maranatha serving as Communion stewards.

Imagine having a dinner with Jesus. What is your favorite food that you would like to share with him? Draw a picture of yourself eating dinner with Jesus.



Count how many times you hear the word "together." Why do you think it is important for people to be together? Draw a picture of yourself with family and friends.



COMMUNION ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Noah Francis Ryder

*Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.*

*When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.*

*When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.*

*When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Min. Heelee Velez

All: Compassionate God, You have met us in the bread and cup at Your table. As we go from this place, may we receive strength to walk with all Your children in peace and witness to the truth of Your reconciliation and love. Amen.

SENDING

We are sent out into the world to love God and our neighbors.

Gently hop each time you hear the phrase, "praise the Lord." How many times did you hop?



RECESSIONAL HYMN 485 *standing as able, sung by all*

To God Be the Glory

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BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow

POSTLUDE

Sonata No. 2

Max Reger

I. Improvisation

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

This space is intentionally left blank for notes and reflection.



Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow is an active speaker and writer on the topics of faith, culture, race, parenting, technology, and pop culture. While he speaks to both religious and secular audiences, he is committed to living and expressing a life and faith that is beautifully complex, unimaginably just, theologically expansive, and excruciatingly kind.

Bruce's work with organizations addresses organizational systems, institutional change, and long-term visioning. His coaching with individuals addresses healthy leadership, work-life balance, and project start-ups. He has experience working with the Myers-Briggs Personality Type Inventory and The Enneagram; and is a Gallup-Certified CliftonStrengths Coach. He is a Senior Consultant and Coach with Convergence and has training in Organizational Transition Leadership and Pastoral Care and Counseling. Bruce continues to advocate and provide training for hybrid worship and technology efforts across multiple denominations.

Bruce has been active in local politics and community organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area for nearly three decades including serving seven churches in various capacities as an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) since 1995.

He has served on numerous secular and faith-based boards, including the Public Religion Research Institute; Parents for Public Schools, San Francisco; Filipino American National Historical Society, Santa Clara Valley Chapter; More Light Presbyterians; and Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity. He also hosts the podcast, BRC & Friends and has authored five books, most recently, *In Defense of Kindness: Why It Matters, How It Changes Our Lives, and How It Can Save the World* (Chalice Press, 2021) and *Everything Good about God is True: Choosing Faith* (Broadleaf Books, 2024).

A 1995 graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary he was named the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2010 and in 2008 was awarded an honorary Doctorate from Austin College, TX. In 2008, he was the first Filipino American and youngest ever elected to the office of Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

A lifelong Northern Californian Bruce was born in Stockton, raised in Sacramento, lived in San Francisco for 30 years, and served in Palo Alto for three years. For now, Bruce, his spouse, and two pups are empty-nesting in San Jose, CA. Bruce has an active online presence and can be found on most social networks via @breyeschow with all current links here: <https://linktr.ee/breyeschow>.

WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Romans 12 in the word search below. Words may go up OR down and forward OR backward.

K J F H O P E F Z E A E V M M
E N I U N E G G P E R C S Y L
H M F O W E L I H E A E Q S F
P H Z X B O V D V T V L Y G D
D O O Z V D U E R R W T G C K
N N G E B W S E E E I B N A R
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LOVE
GENUINE
AFFECTION
HONOR
ZEAL
SPIRIT

SERVE
LORD
HOPE
PATIENT
SUFFERING
PERSEVERE

PRAYER
HOSPITALITY
STRANGER
HARMONY
REJOICE
WEEP

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

First Sunday Food Collection	Narthex & Security	All Day
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
ParentConnect	318 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Cherub Choir Rehearsal	717 MLK	9:30 AM
Church Nursery Open	See Usher or Security for Location	10:30 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
Practicing Sabbath	South Hall	After Service
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	12:30 PM
Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital:		3:00 PM
Disney Dance Party		

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, JUNE 3

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tai Chi	13T	3:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Older Adults French Group	321 MLK	10:30 AM
Advanced Beginners Biblical Hebrew II	Online	5:00 PM
Space for Grace	9T & Online	7:00 PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

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
Personnel & Salary Committee Meeting	Online	6:00 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Riverside Book Club	Online	11:00 AM
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COMING SOON

Assotto Saint: His Life and Legacy	Saturday, June 15	1:00 PM
B's & P's Bake Sale	Sunday, June 16	After Service
Harmony in Motion	Sunday, June 16	1:00 PM
Pride Breakfast	Sunday, June 30	8:30 AM
Pride Sunday Worship	Sunday, June 30	11:00 AM

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.



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!

PRACTICING SABBATH

On first Sundays after worship, we Practice Sabbath as a community. There will be no all-church programming on first Sundays, with the exception of the Rising Voices Concert in May. Programming before worship will continue on all Sundays unless otherwise noted. We will have lunch available for purchase in South Hall, as always.

BORROW BAGS

We understand the challenge of keeping children happily occupied during service, and we have a solution right at the entrance of the nave – our Borrow Bags! These bags are designed to make the worship experience more accessible and enjoyable for both parents and kids. Inside each Borrow Bag, you'll find activities that will captivate and entertain your children while you focus on the service. Ask an usher for more information.

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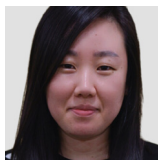
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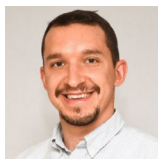
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