

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 23, 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:

“Of the seven deadly sins, anger is possibly the most fun. To lick your wounds, to smack your lips over grievances long past, to roll over your tongue the prospect of bitter confrontations still to come, to savor to the last toothsome morsel both the pain you are given and the pain you are giving back--in many ways it is a feast fit for a king. The chief drawback is that what you are wolfing down is yourself. The skeleton at the feast is you.”
— Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking: A Seeker's ABC*

A question for reflection:

Is it hardest to confess your sin to yourself, to God, or to others? Why?

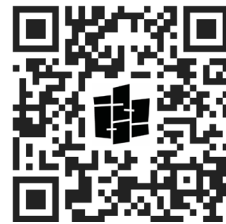
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Inspired by 1 John 1:1-4.

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GATHERING

We gather as a community to prepare our hearts to worship God.

CARILLON

Rounded Variations on St. Stephen

Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Ennis Fruhauf

John Fawcett, arr. Austin Ferguson

Charles Villiers Stanford, arr. Richard Giszczak

Carla Staffaroni, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

My Lord, What a Morning

arr. Robert Lau

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

HARP

All Creatures of Our God and King

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. April Stace

Rev. Dr. April Stace, *harpist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: We gather as a community of faith in God's diverse world.

***All:* We gather to celebrate that no darkness can extinguish light,**

One: to remember that love will always be more powerful than hate,

***All:* and to trust that peace will always be stronger than violence.**

One: We gather as people of faith to hear God's word.

***All:* May God's peace be with us all. Let us worship.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 687 *remain standing, sung by all*
When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO

Arise, Shine

Mark Rehnstrom

Arise. Shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. For behold, darkness covers the land: deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you. Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning. Your gates will always be open: by day or night they will never be shut. They will call you The City of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders You will call your walls, Salvation, and your portals, Praise. The sun will no more be your light by day; by night you will not need the brightness of the moon. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

Mark Rehnstrom, bass

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

Michael Barnes, Megan Piña,
Melvin Piña, Henry Williams

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 340 *standing as able, sung by all*

Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart

JACOB

CHRISTIAN NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 1:1-2:2

Jeremiah Drake,
Karissa Garner

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Land of Rest

arr. April Stace

Rev. Dr. April Stace, *harpist*

SERMON

The "S" Word

Rev. Adriene Thorne

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

What Wondrous Love

arr. April Stace

Rev. Dr. April Stace, *harpist*

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.
Amen.

IL PADRE NOSTRO¹

Padre Nostro, che sei nei cieli,
sia santificato il Tuo nome.
Venga il Tuo Regno,
Sia fatta la tua volontà anche,
in terra come é fatta nei cieli.
Dacci oggi il nostro pane quotidiano.
E rimettici i nostri debiti
come noi li rimettiamo a chi ci é debitore.
Non esporci intenzione,
ma liberaci dal male.
Poiché a Te appartengono il Regno,
la Potenza e la Gloria, nei secoli dei secoli.
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

Laudate Dominum

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Praise the Lord, all you nations; praise the Lord, all you peoples. For the loving-kindness of the Lord toward us is great, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever, and for generations of generations. Amen.

Nonie Donato, soprano

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.

¹ Dr. Laura Casorio serves as Executive Secretary at *Fondation pour l'Aide au Protestantisme Reformé* ("FAP") (Foundation to support Reformed churches), a sister organization of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Casorio is praying the *Nuova Riveduta* version of the Bible.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION *remain standing* Rev. Charlene A. Wingate
Today we celebrate the ministry of Open Bible Study, where seekers gather to discover how God, through biblical principles, can transform and liberate individuals, families, communities and, ultimately, 21st century societies.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 440 *remain standing, sung by all*
In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE
March in D

Alexandre Guilmant

Alan Montgomery, organist

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Breakfast <i>(available for purchase)</i>	South Hall	8:30 AM
Fresh Start	Online	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
Ecclesia Ministry	Assembly Hall Kitchen	10:00 AM
Cherub Choir & Preschool Worship	717 MLK	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
Social Services Committee Meeting	Online	After Service
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	12:30 PM
Harmony in Motion	316 MLK	1:00 PM
Informal Congregational Meeting with the Church Council	South Hall & Online	1:00 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: Juneteenth		3:00 PM

INFORMAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Members are invited to attend an **Informal Congregational Meeting with the Church Council** today at 1:00 PM in South Hall & Online.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, JUNE 24

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Church Council Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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SATURDAY, JUNE 29

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



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!

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31.





PASTORAL TEAM & MINISTERIAL STAFF



Rev. Adriene Thorne
Senior Minister



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Ministerial Staff



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