

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 30, 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:

“When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in the service of my vision,
then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid.”

— Audre Lorde

A question for reflection:

What do you need to be able to live courageously (even in difficult times)?

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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

Paraphrase on *Northport*

Scott R. Hummel

Charles Semowich, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Improvised Suite for Pride Sunday

Alan Montgomery

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ *standing as able*

One: We come today, representing all the majesty of creation.

***All:* Diverse and beautiful, blessed and beloved, all made in the image of the Creator of all things.**

One: We come today, called to this time and this place by an infinite God

***All:* who hears our cries and responds with love and mercy.**

One: We come today: Transgender, Nonbinary, Bisexual, Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Intersex, Gay, Queer, Ally.

***All:* We come today, knowing that even when others reject us, Your arms are open to offer comfort. We come declaring Sanctity of Life and Dignity of All.
Let us worship!**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 85 *remain standing, sung by all*

What Wondrous Love is This

WONDROUS LOVE

¹Written by Kimi Floyd Reisch, ONA Program Minister, UCC Open and Affirming Coalition and adapted for use.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Min. Derrick T. Jordan

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO

Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Harold Arlen

When all the world is a hopeless jumble, and the raindrops tumble all around, Heaven opens a magic lane. When all the clouds darken up the skyway, there's a rainbow highway to be found, leading from your window pane to a place behind the sun, just a step beyond the rain.

Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high, there's a land that I heard of once in a lullaby. Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue, and the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true. Someday I'll wish upon a star and wake up where the clouds are far behind me. Where troubles melt like lemon drops away above the chimney tops, that's where you'll find me. Somewhere over the rainbow, bluebirds fly. Birds fly over the rainbow; why, then, oh why can't I?

Sishel Claverie, mezzo-soprano

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Viril Andrick

John 15:1-6, 8

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 438 *standing as able, sung by all*

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

CHRISTIAN NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. Juanita Kirton

1 John 3:1-7

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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. Amanda Meisenheimer

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.

PRAYER/SONG OF BLESSING FOR PRIDE MARCHERS

True Colors

Billy Steinberg & Tom Kelly

Sishel Claverie, *soloist*
Alan Montgomery, *piano*

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

For Everyone Born

arr. Tom Trenney

*For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter,
a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead, and God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we
are creators of justice and joy!*

*For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the
hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong. For
everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak
out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.*

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* Min. Heelee Velez

*Today we celebrate the ministry of Maranatha, which for over forty years has worked to provide
a safe and welcoming haven where lesbian, bisexual, transgender, gay, and queer people can
be their whole selves, find healing community, and share their God-given gifts in faith and love.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 430 *remain standing, sung by all*

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Harvey

POSTLUDE

March in C

Daniel Ficarri

Alan Montgomery, organist

ABOUT OUR GUEST PREACHER

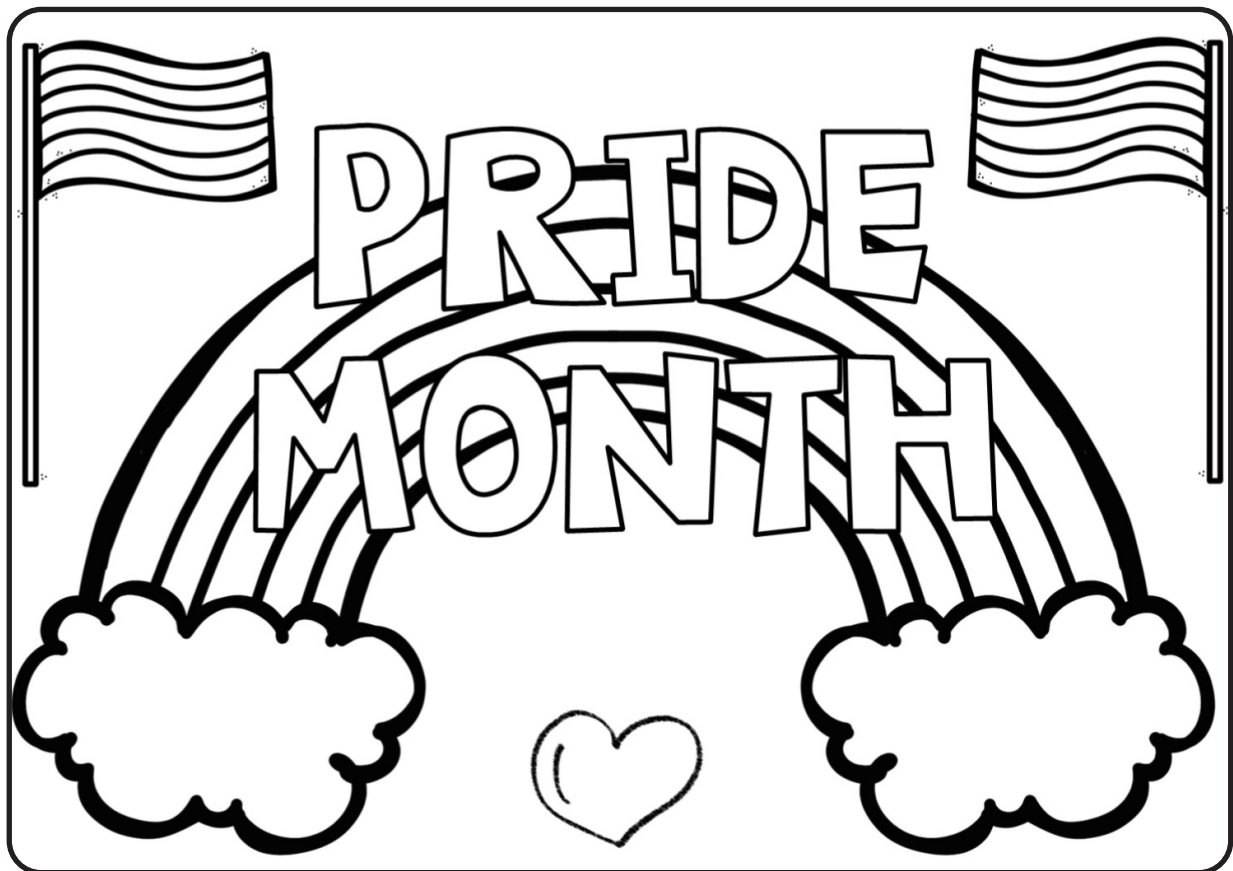
Rev. Dr. Jennifer Harvey



The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Harvey serves as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean at Garret-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Prior to her time at Garrett, she served for nearly 20 years at Drake University as professor of religion, Faculty of the Crew Scholars Program and ultimately as Associate Provost of Campus Equity and Inclusion. She received her PhD in Christian Ethics from Union Theological Seminary in 2004. Dr. Harvey's teaching and scholarship focuses primarily on racial justice and white anti-racism.

Dr. Harvey's books include the *New York Times* Bestseller *Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in Racially Unjust America* and *Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation*. Her public intellectual work has been published in the *New York Times*, CNN and other publications and she has appeared on nationally syndicated televisions and radio programs, including *Good Morning America* and CNN's *Town Hall on Racism with Sesame Street* and NPR's "All Things Considered" with Michel Martin and "It's Been a Minute" with Sam Sanders. Her forthcoming book *Antiracism as Daily Practice: Refuse Shame, Change White Communities and Help Create a Just World* will be published by St. Martin's Press in summer 2024.

Dr. Harvey is ordained in the American Baptist Churches (USA).



LGBTQ+ PRIDE FLAGS

Source: Human Rights Campaign



Gilbert Baker
Pride Flag



Traditional
Pride Flag



Philadelphia
Pride Flag



Progress
Pride Flag



Intersex-Inclusive
Progress Pride Flag



Queer
Pride Flag



Lesbian
Pride Flag



Trans-Inclusive Gay
Men's Pride Flag



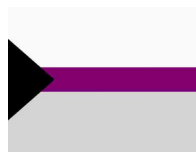
Bisexual
Pride Flag



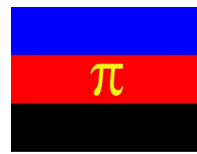
Pansexual
Pride Flag



Asexual
Pride Flag



Demisexual
Pride Flag



Polyamory
Pride Flag



Polysexual
Pride Flag



Transgender
Pride Flag



Nonbinary
Pride Flag



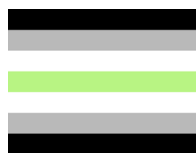
Intersex
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Genderfluid
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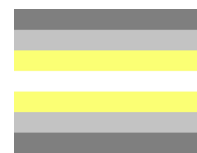
Genderqueer
Pride Flag



Agender
Pride Flag



Bigender
Pride Flag



Demigender
Pride Flag



Pride of
Africa Flag



Queer People of
Color Pride Flag



Two-Spirit
Pride Flag

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Maranatha Pride Scholarship Breakfast	9T	8:30 AM
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
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
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	12:30 PM
Harmony in Motion	316 MLK	1:00 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: Music for Pride Month		3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, JULY 1

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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TUESDAY, JULY 2

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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THURSDAY, JULY 4

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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FRIDAY, JULY 5

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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COMING SOON

First Sunday Food Collection	Sunday, July 7	All Day
Practicing Sabbath	Sunday, July 7	After Service
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!

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)



PASTORAL TEAM & MINISTERIAL STAFF



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