

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 14, 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:

“The first stage is to believe that there is only one kind of love. The middle stage is to believe that there are many kinds of love and that the Greeks had a different word for each of them. The last stage is to believe that there is only one kind of love.”

— Frederick Buechner, originally
published in *Wishful Thinking*

A question for reflection:

What does it mean to your life of faith that God is love?

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Inspired by 1 John 4:7-21.

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

Chorale Partita on *Ach, wie flüchtig, ach, wie nichtig*
Variations on *God of Grace and God Glory*

John Knox
Charles Semowich

Carla Staffaroni, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Prelude and Fugue on ALAIN

Maurice Duruflé

Eddie Zheng, *guest organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: God of Love, we choose You as our grandest friend.

***All:* The fruit that Your love bears has no end.**

One: Your perfect love casts out all of our fears.

***All:* Give us the audacity to love boldly, throughout our years.**

One: Today we embrace Your mandate to love one another.

***All:* Grateful and unafraid, let us worship as we share God's love.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 386 *remain standing, sung by all*

O for a World

AZMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Rev. Jabe Ziino

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO

Ride On, King Jesus

arr. Hall Johnson

*Ride on, King Jesus. No man can a-hinder me. For He is king of kings. He is lord of lords.
Jesus Christ, the first and last, no man works like him. Jesus rides a milk-white horse, no
man works like him. The river of Jordan he did frost, no man works like him. King Jesus
rides in the middle of the air, no man works like him. He calls his saints from everywhere.
Ride on, King Jesus. No man can a-hinder me. For He is king of kings. He is lord of lords.
Jesus Christ, the first and last, no man works like him.*

Rachel Rosales, soprano

LISTENING

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

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah Drake

John 15:9-17

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 172 *standing as able, sung by all*

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

CHRISTIAN NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Glenessa Gordon

1 John 4:7-21

Nyla Gordon

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

How Much? So Much!

Rev. Adriene Thorne

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. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

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

Irene King

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Concertato on O God, *Beyond All Praising*

Gustav Holst, arr. Richard Proulx

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal Seed is sown – though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown: O wondrous gift from heaven, the earth will find release, her nations will be given the heart to strive for peace. Then hear, O great creator, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as we sing; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to praise you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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. Tim Dalton
Today we celebrate the work of our Finance Committee, which reviews, advises and monitors our budgetary activities to support our financial health.

RECESSIONAL HYMN *remain standing, sung by all*
Help Us Accept Each Other

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1. Help us ac - cept each o - ther As Christ ac - cept - ed us;
2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life
3. Let your ac - cept - ance change us, So that we may be moved
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,
Teach us as sis - ter, bro - ther, Each per - son to em - brace.
We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;
Who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, For right - eous - ness and bread,
Be pre - sent, Lord, a - mong us And bring us to be - lieve
Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some,
To prac - tice Your ac - cep - tance Un - til we know by heart
We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:
We are our - selves ac - cept - ed And meant to love and live.
To love them as we find - them Or as they may be - come.
The ta - ble of for - give - ness And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
Re - new us with Your Spi - rit; Lord, free us, make us one!

BENEDICTION *remain standing* Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE
Symphonie No. 2 Louis Vierne
I. Allegro

Eddie Zheng, *guest organist*

WORDSEARCH

Try to find the words from John 15 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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

FATHER

LOVE

ABIDE

JOY

COMPLETE

COMMANDMENT

LIFE

FRIENDS

SERVANT

CHOOSE

APPOINT

FRUIT

NAME

JESUS

GREATER

LAY

EVERYTHING

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, JULY 14

Open Bible Study Series with Rev. Dr. Andrea C. White	20T & Online	9:30 AM
ParentConnect	318 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
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	311 MLK	1:00 PM
Planning for a Good Goodbye	South Hall & Online	1:30 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: French Music in Honor of Bastille Day		3:00 PM
Anti-Racism Task Force Meeting	Online	6:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, JULY 15

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Executive Committee Meeting	Online	5:30 PM

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Summer Organ Series: Nicole Keller	Nave & Online	7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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THURSDAY, JULY 18

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Revival Community Choir Rehearsal	Assembly Hall	6:00 PM

FRIDAY, JULY 19

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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COMING SOON

Open Bible Study Series with Rev. Dr. Andrea C. White	Sunday, July 21	9:30 AM
Planning for a Good Goodbye	Sunday, July 21	1:30 PM
Summer Organ Series: Clark Wilson	Tuesday, July 23	7:00 PM

RIVERSIDE SUMMER REVIVAL

For four Sundays, in the spirit of old-time church revivals, we will feature guest preachers and special music during our morning worship services.

Rev. Dr. Allison M. Henderson-Brooks | Sunday, July 21

Rev. Dr. Jennifer L. Carner | Sunday, July 28

Rev. Leah D. Jackson, Esq. | Sunday, August 4

Rev. Dr. Mycal X. Brickhouse | Sunday, August 11



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

Can you read music? 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!

REVIVAL COMMUNITY CHOIR

Revival is coming to Riverside on Sundays, July 21-August 11th! And no revival is complete without special revival music. We will have a volunteer community revival choir, and all are welcome to join! Led by Dr. Nathaniel Gumbs, Director of Chapel Music at Yale University, and one of the organists from last summer's organ series, the revival choir will be offering music to complement the preaching and stir our spirits. The remaining rehearsals are July 18, 25 and August 5 at 6:00 PM. Learn more at trcnyc.org/revivalatriverside.



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