

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 21, 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 some instances, miracles are Jesus’s way of shifting the paradigm.”
— Dr. Judy Fentress Williams

A question for reflection:

What do you need to say aloud to Jesus in this season to get closer to experiencing your much-needed miracle?

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Inspired by Mark 7:24-30.

*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

Summer Land

arr. Richard Giszczak

Come and Follow

Santiago Fernandez, arr. Carol Anne Taylor

Land Beyond the Clouds

arr. Ronald Barnes

Pardoning Love

arr. Ronald Barnes

Charles Semowich, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Suite No. 1

Florence Price

III. Air

IV. Toccato

Nathaniel Gumbs, *guest organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Adriene Thorne

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: Lord, send a revival!

All: And let it begin with me!

One: Send Your Holy Spirit to speak truth to power.

All: Let it breathe through our spirits bringing forth a renewal.

One: Lord, send a revival!

All: And let it begin with me. Let us worship and be renewed!

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 376 *remain standing, sung by all*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Min. Heelee Velez

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

arr. Mark Hayes

Jasmine Ismail, *soprano*

LISTENING

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

HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 98

Irene King

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN *standing as able, sung by all*

Love Lifted Me

SAFETY

1. I was sink - ing deep in sin, Far from the peace - ful shore,
2. All my heart and will I'll give, Ev - er to Je - sus cling,
3. Souls in dan - ger, look a - bove, Je - sus com - plete - ly saves,

Ver - y deep - ly stained with - in, Sink - ing to rise no more;
In His bless - ed pres - ence live, and ev - er prai - ses sing.
and will lift you up with love, out of the an - gry waves.

But the Mas - ter of the sea Heard my de - pair - ing cry,
 Love so might - y and so true Mer - its my soul's best songs;
 As the mas - ter of the sea, Bil - lows his will o - bey;

From the wa - ters lift - ed me Now safe am I.
 Faith - ful, lov - ing serv - ice, too, to Christ be - longs.
 Christ your Sav - iour wants to Be saved to - day!

Love lift - ed me. Love lift - ed
 Love lift - ed e - ven me, Love lift - ed

me.
 e - ven me, When noth - ing else could help,

1. love lift - ed me; 2. Love lift - ed me.

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:24-30

Dr. Muoyo Okome

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Trust Me

Richard Smallwood

I will be with you. If you will only trust me. Trust me. I'll never leave you... I'll fight your battle... I am that I am. I have all power. I will deliver, if you will only trust me. Trust me, trust me.

SERMON

“CheckMate”

Rev. Dr. Allison M. Henderson-Brooks

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. Jabe Ziino

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Will Sing Praises

Richard Smallwood

Lord, you are my light. Lord, you are my joy. You're my salvation. Whom shall I fear? I don't have to worry. I won't be afraid. For in the time of trouble, you shall hide me.

He shall hide me in his tabernacle. He shall set me upon a rock of stone. I will sing praises unto you.

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. Derrick T. Jordan

Today we celebrate the Riverside Ringers who are dedicated to inspiring and uplifting the community of the Riverside Church through the art of handbell Music.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 341 *remain standing, sung by all*

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Dr. Allison M. Henderson-Brooks

POSTLUDE

Fanfare & Chorale

Calvin Fuller

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

ABOUT OUR GUEST PREACHER

Rev. Dr. Allison M. Henderson-Brooks



Rev. Dr. Allison M. Henderson-Brooks, a scholar, preacher, consultant and speaker Allison is the perfect combination of skill, wit, personality, passionate energy and insight. A native of Peachtree City, GA, Allison is a proud graduate at Atlanta's historic Spelman College where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature in 2008. In May of 2019, Allison received her Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University. In this capacity, she served as Arthur Vinings Davis Fellow for her work at Lee Arrendale State Women's Prison, the largest Women's Prison in the State of Georgia, working primarily with 150 women who have been given life sentences. She was apart of the inaugural class of Westside Fellows for Candler and worked as the research assistant for The Rev. Dr. Robert M. Franklin in the Laney Legacy Program for Moral Leadership. She also was the President of the Baptist Students Association and Co-Chair of the Senior Class gift committee. In April 2024, Allison earned her Doctor of Ministry in Womanist Preaching at Memphis Theological Seminary. Professionally for 9 years, Allison mastered the art of hospitality serving successfully in the disciplines of Operations Management, Systems Implementation and Revenue Management Systems. For 7 of those years, she has served in leadership positions within 3 of the world's iconic and largest hotel brands having been recognized globally for her contributions. Allison has served as the inaugural Assistant Director for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Program Coordinator for the Doctor of Ministry Program at Candler School of Theology at Emory. Currently, Allison is the Assistant Dean of Students at Candler School of Theology.

Baptized on June 2, 1992 at the Olivet Baptist Church in Fayetteville, GA by the late Rev. Howard W. Creecy Sr. and licensed to preach this liberating gospel of Jesus Christ on February 21, 2016, Allison seeks to be a bold witness and example of love throughout the world. On May 19, 2019 she was ordained in the Baptist Tradition by Pastor Tamarkus Cook and the Saint Smyrna Baptist Church. Her first ministry position was serving as a Youth Pastor at Fellowship of Love Church in Fayetteville, Ga under the pastoral leadership of Rev. BaSean A. Jackson. Allison absolutely loves observing young people come to their own understanding of who God is but most importantly creating environments for them to answer definitively who God is to them. Allison has also served as Pastor of Congregational Development, Youth & Young Adults at New Life Presbyterian Church under the leadership of Rev. Hodari S. Williams for 3 and half years. She has also proudly served as an Associate Minister at the historic Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Atlanta under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Damon P. Williams, PhD. In November 2022, Rev. Henderson-Brooks was called as the first woman Senior Pastor of the Historic Hill First Baptist Church in Athens, GA. All in all, serving, teaching, lecturing, preaching, learning, growing, inspiring and being authentically herself at all times is one of her life's greatest joys. The ability to operate in the knowledge that her purposed passion comes from serving people and seeing them striving diligently to make their dreams become realities is the motivation behind all that Allison does. She truly is concerned with people being their best in all aspects of life. Allison's goals, dreams and aspirations in life are embodied in this quote by Benjamin Elijah Mays that simply states, "In all that you do strive to do it so well that no man living, no man dead, and no man yet to be born can do it better."

Allison is also a sought-after itinerant preacher who is passionately committed to social justice, scholastic achievement, and community service. A nationally recognized orator, Mrs. Henderson-Brooks has addressed numerous schools, churches, civic organizations, and other bodies across the United States and abroad. One of the most notable was her recognition of being the youngest female to render the annual Martin Luther King Jr. observance speech for the United States Department of Energy in 2001.

In January of 2006, Allison garnered another groundbreaking achievement by serving as keynote speaker for the Penn State University System's Martin Luther King Jr. convocation. This convocation was the first school-wide observance of this National holiday in the history of the institution. In May of 2016, she was blessed and humbled to be the first woman to ever preach a revival at St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Oliver, GA. This church has an almost 200-year history and still sits on the land purchased by slaves. Her entire life has been filled with historic firsts and she gives God all the glory. She is humbled and vocally grateful for every opportunity given to stir up the gift in any forum that inspires others through innovative methods, messages, and interactions.

Allison is happily married to an amazing and supporting husband and they are the amazingly blessed parents to an inquisitive and adventurous 12-year-old son. In her leisure, she enjoys traveling, learning languages, and connecting with family and friends.

ABOUT OUR GUEST ORGANIST

Dr. Nathaniel Gumbs



Nathaniel Gumbs is a native of the Bronx, NY and has performed throughout the United States and abroad, including Antigua, St. Thomas, Ghana, Paris, and Munich, and is consistently gathering new fans and followers. The New York Times described Nathaniel's playing in their review of his recording with bass-baritone Dashon Burton, as "mature, lyrical, accurate and energetic," and that his performance was presented "deftly and with feeling."

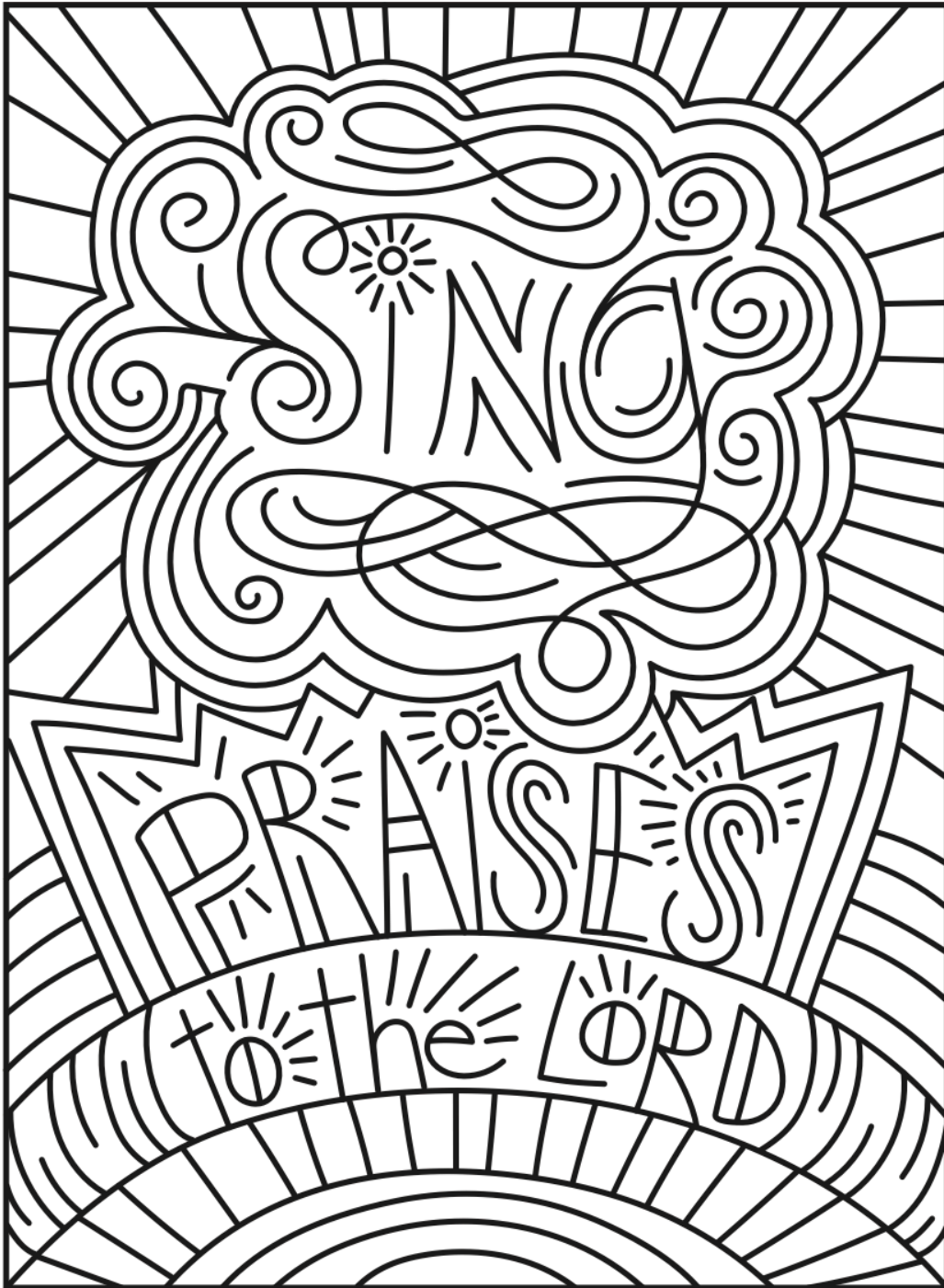
Dr. Gumbs currently serves as Director of Chapel Music at Yale University where he works with students, faculty, and guests to coordinate music for three worshiping communities: the University Church in Battell Chapel, and at Yale Divinity School in both Marquand Chapel and at Berkeley Divinity School. He earned his undergraduate degree from Shenandoah Conservatory in Virginia, his Master of Music degree from Yale University, and his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Eastman School of Music. Nathaniel's principal teachers include Steven Cooksey, David Higgs, and Martin Jean.

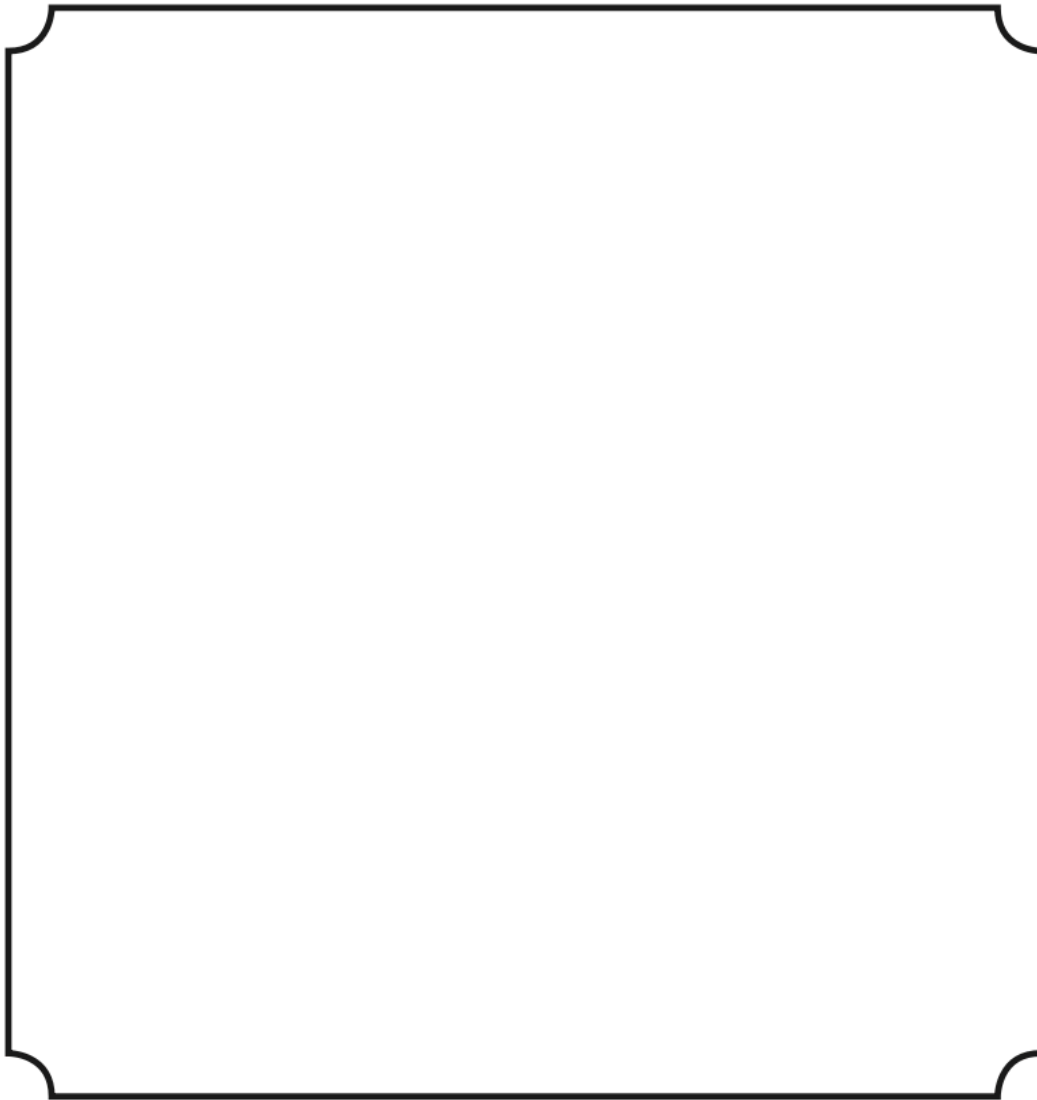
Prior to his position at Yale, Dr. Gumbs served as Director of Music and Arts and Church Organist at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC, where he led several hundred volunteer musicians and staff in four choirs and other ensembles. Most recently, Nathaniel served as the Interim Minister of Music and Fine Arts and organist of the historic Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, NY.

In 2017 The Diapason magazine recognized Nathaniel as one of 20 outstanding organists under 30 years old for his achievement in organ performance and church music. In 2018, Nathaniel curated the opening Hymn Festival (Singing Diverse Music in The New Church) for the Hymn Society's annual conference. He is also featured on various recording projects through GIA publications with James Abbington, choral projects with award winning conductor Jason Max Ferninand, and recordings of revised choral works by Margaret Bonds with NY Philharmonic's Chorus Director, Malcolm Merriweather. Most recently, Dr. Gumbs is a contributing composer in Pulling Out The Stops, Volume 3, Congregational Song Accompaniments for Organ, published by Augsburg Fortress.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, John 15:9-17.



 DRAW IT

In Mark 7, Jesus describes how it's not what's on the outside of us that's important, but what's inside – our hearts. What we hold in our heart – the feelings and thoughts and choices – is what really matters to God. Draw a picture of your heart. Inside the heart, write or draw things that you think would make God happy. For example, thinking of others instead of yourself, talking to God, sharing, or whatever you think of!

TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, JULY 21

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
Revival: 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	20T & Online	1:30 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: Summer Music		3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, JULY 22

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

TUESDAY, JULY 23

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Interfaith Press Conference re: Netanyahu	Nave	10:00 AM
Summer Organ Series: Clark Wilson	Nave & Online	7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Buses Depart to Protest Netanyahu in Washington, DC	Claremont Doors	6:00 AM
Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Sunset Soiree	MLK 8th Floor Terrace	6:30 PM

THURSDAY, JULY 25

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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FRIDAY, JULY 26

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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COMING SOON

Open Bible Study Series with Rev. Dr. Andrea C. White	Sunday, July 28	9:30 AM
Planning for a Good Goodbye	Sunday, July 28	1:30 PM
Summer Organ Series: Alan Montgomery	Tuesday, July 30	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 25 and August 5 at 6:00 PM. Learn more at trcnyc.org/revivalatriverside.



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