

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 25, 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:

“I am no longer accepting things I cannot change.
I am changing the things I cannot accept.”
— Angela Davis

A question for reflection:

How are you joining the collective to rise up against systems of oppression?

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Inspired by Daniel 7:1-18 (Daniel's Dream of Four Beasts).

*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

Arirang

arr. Daniel Guo

Charles Semowich, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Praeludium in E Minor

Nicolaus Bruhns

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Charlene A. Wingate

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: Come, let us praise God together!

***All:* As God's people, let us sing a new song!**

One: For God delights in believers that are true.

***All:* God adorns the humble with victory.**

One: Let's sing a song of God's goodness and mercy.

***All:* Let us lift our hands with praise. Let us worship.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 442 *remain standing, sung by all*

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Tim Dalton

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SOLO

Love Bade Me Welcome

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin. But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack from my first entrance in, drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, if I lacked anything.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here: Love said, You shall be he. I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee. Love took my hand, and smiling did reply, who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame go where it doth deserve. And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame? My dear, then I will serve. You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat: so I did sit and eat.

Juan José Ibarra, baritone

LISTENING

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

CHRISTIAN NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Len Leach

Ephesians 1:11-23

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 144 *standing as able, sung by all*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

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HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

Desiree Baxter, Eugene Melino

Daniel 7:1-18

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Godisnowhere

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

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 Can Tell the World

arr. Jester Hairston

I can tell the world. I can tell the world about this. I can tell the nations I'm blessed; tell them what the Lord has done; tell them that the comforter has come, and he brought joy to my soul. My Lord done just what he said. Yes he did, Oh Lord, yes he did. He healed the sick and He raised the dead. Yes he did, Oh Lord, yes he did. He lifted me when I was down. Yes he did, Oh Lord, yes he did. He placed my feet on solid ground. Yes he did, Oh Lord, yes he did.

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. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

*Today we celebrate the work of our Congregational Care Team, which works with Parish
Care to provide care and support to fellow congregants in need.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 289 *remain standing, sung by all*
O God of Every Nation

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BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

POSTLUDE

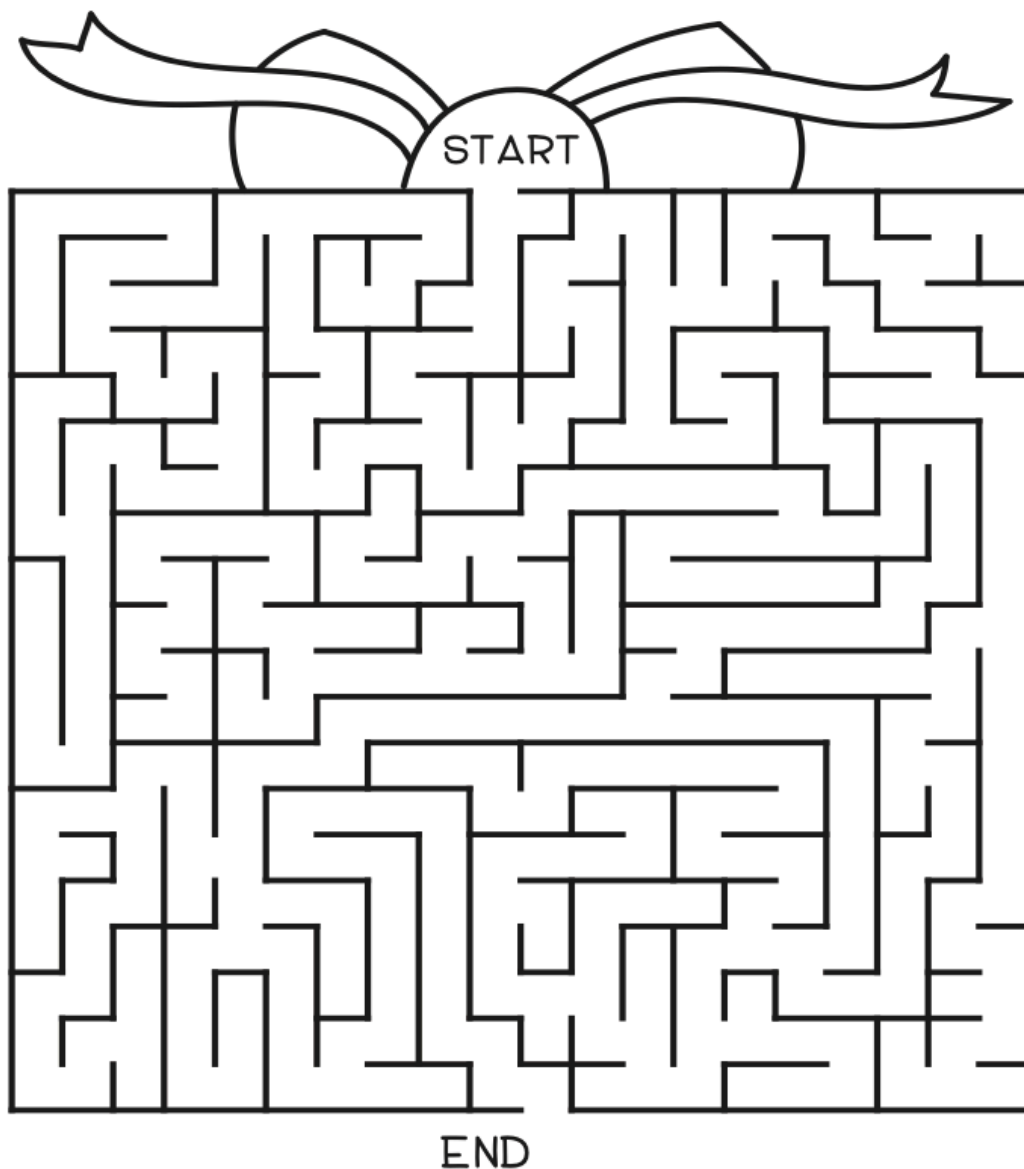
Tuba Tune

C.S. Lang

Alan Montgomery, organist

SOLVE (the) MAZE

Ephesians 1 says God gives all God's children an "inheritance," which is a fancy name for a gift. There are many gifts God gives us as a part of this inheritance – hope, love, the promise God will always be with us, and more. Make your way through the maze and when you get to the end, write or draw some of the gifts God has given you as an inheritance.



TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Breakfast <i>(available for purchase)</i>	South Hall	8:30 AM
ParentConnect	318 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Ecclesia Ministry	Assembly Hall Kitchen	10:00 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 & 316 MLK	1:00 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: Music by Claude Debussy		3:00 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.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

Riverside Beach Day at Coney Island	Bus Departs from Riverside	10:00 AM
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COMING SOON

Homecoming	Sunday, September 15	11:00 AM
Congregational Meeting	Sunday, September 22	12:30 PM

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



Rev. Adriene Thorne
Senior Minister



Rev. Tim Dalton
Minister for
Congregational Care
and Older Adults



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