

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 4, 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:

“While traveling our separated roads through life, we are also either road signs or potholes on the roads of others.”

— Eugene J. Martin

A question for reflection:

How is your life pointing people to Jesus?

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Cover art by Jamil De Honney.

Inspired by 1 Corinthians 4:1-5.

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

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
This Little Light of Mine
Amazing Grace
Go Down, Moses
Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

arr. Milford Myhre
arr. Tiffany Ng
arr. Ronald Barnes
arr. Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra

Lynnli Wang, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Harmonies du Soir
Arioso from Cantata 156
Bells of Riverside¹

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
J.S. Bach
Seth Bingham

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

CALL TO WORSHIP² *standing as able*

One: Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life –

***All:* The life we have been given by God,**

One: The life we share with one another in community,

***All:* The life that Jesus gives in abundance.**

One: Let us be grateful for the joy of life,

***All:* And let us worship God.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 142 *remain standing, sung by all*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

¹ Bells of Riverside is the final piece in Bingham's Opus 36. It is based on the theme that rings the hour in the 74 bell carillon at the Riverside Church that was given by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in memory of his mother, Laura Spelman Rockefeller. The piece is dedicated to Harold Vincent Milligan (1888-1951), organist-choirmaster at Riverside. In composing this American carillon organ piece, Bingham is following similar organ works by French composers.

² Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good.' Used with permission.

LISTENING

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

CHRISTIAN NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

1st Corinthians 4:1-5

Dr. Mojubaolu Okome,

Dr. Mouyo Okome

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

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 276 *standing as able, sung by all*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 2:14-30

Rev. Tim Dalton, Rev. Charlene A. Wingate,

Barbara Mellor, David Vaughn

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Jesus Christ is the Way

Walter Hawkins

When I think about the hour then I know what I must do. When I think about what God has done for me... I will open up my heart to everyone I see, and say Jesus Christ is the way! No one knows the day nor the hour, maybe morn, night, or noon. But just rest assured, time will be no more. He is coming soon.

SERMON

"Are You Ready to Shoot Your Shot?"

Rev. Leah Jackson, Esq.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING

We respond to the hearing of God's word through prayer, passing the peace, offering, and monthly communion.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Jeremiah Drake

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

At the Table

Richard Smallwood

Come on in where the table is spread and the feast of the Lord is going on. Joy is here. It's over here. Love is here. Relief from your burden and your pain. Over here. Seeking for some joy in your sorrow. It's over here. Feast and you will never be the same. Peace is here. It's here right now. What you need is waiting at table!

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. Jim Keat

*Today we celebrate our Building and Grounds Personnel who work diligently to ensure that
The Riverside Church is a beautiful and hospitable space for all.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE *remain standing*

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

Following each petition, join in the following response:

One: God, in Your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

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.**

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul - er Al - might - y;
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo - ry be to you, O God.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

CALL TO SUPPER

One: The body of Christ, broken for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the bread of life!

One: The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!

We are grateful for Athena Wilkinson, LaToya Wilkinson, Stephen Pierre-Paul, Mara Landers, Chloe Landers, Jabari St. Louis, and Jelani St. Louis serving as Communion stewards.

COMMUNION HYMN *standing as able, sung by all*

At the Cross

AT THE CROSS



1. A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed? And
2. Was it for crimes that I have done He
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
4. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The

did my Sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y!
shut His glo - ries in, When Christ, the might - y
debt of love I owe: Here, Lord, I give my -

sa - cred head For such a one as I?
grace un-known! And love be - yond de - gree!
Mak - er, died For man the crea - ture's sin.
self a - way— 'Tis all that I can do!

At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, And the

bur - den of my heart rolled a - way— It was
rolled a-way—

there by faith I re - ceived my sight, And

now I am hap - py all the day!

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

All: Compassionate God, You have met us in the bread and cup at Your table. As we go from this place, may we receive strength to walk with all Your children in peace and witness to the truth of Your reconciliation and love. Amen.

SENDING

We are sent out into the world to love God and our neighbors.

RECESSIONAL HYMN *standing as able, sung by all*

I Am Thine

I AM THINE

1. I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, And it told Thy love to me;
2. Con-se-crate me now to Thy ser-vice, Lord, By the pow'r of grace di-vine;
3. O, the pur de-light of a sin-gle hour That be-fore Thy throne I spend,
4. There are depths of love that I can-not know Till I cross the nar-row sea;

But I long to rise in the arms of faith, And be clos-er drawn to Thee.
Let my soul look up with a stead-fast hope, And my will be lost in Thine.
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God, I com-mune as friend with friend!
There are heights of joy that I may not reach Till I rest in peace with Thee.

near - er
Draw me near-er, near-er, near-er, bless-ed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died;

near - er
Draw me near-er, near-er, near-er, bless-ed Lord, To Thy pre-cious, bleed-ing side.

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Leah Jackson, Esq.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Great Day

Adolphus Hailstork

Nathaniel Gumbs, *guest organist*

ABOUT OUR GUEST PREACHER

Rev. Leah D. Jackson, Esq.



The Reverend Leah D. Jackson, Esq. has been called to minister the Word of God as a preacher, pastor, educator, writer, and dancer. She was ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) by Ray of Hope Christian Church in Decatur, Georgia under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale, where she served as the Minister of Christian Education for almost 8 years and is now an Associate Minister. She is also a licensed member of the State Bar of Georgia and specializes in Technology and Intellectual Property law. She is currently pursuing her Doctor of Ministry in Preaching at McAfee School of Theology where she serves as the Grant Coordinator for the Reimagining Tomorrow Initiative and is an Adjunct Professor at Spelman College and Lexington Theological Seminary for the CAAM Program.

Rev. Leah received a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy with a focus in Child Advocacy from Spelman College in 2002; a Juris Doctor from Walter F. Georgia School of Law in 2005; and Master of Divinity from McAfee School of Theology in 2012. She was licensed as a Minister of Dance in 2008 by Dr. Pamela Hardy, the founder and leader of Set Free Evangelistic Ministries. Leah also served as the advisor for the Spelman College Dance Ministry, Movements of Praise, for 5 years.

She serves on the Chaplain Council of the Decatur Alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and is the former Chaplain of the Atlanta chapter of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College. Leah is the 2023 recipient of the prestigious McAfee School of Theology Alumni Create Award. She is the proud author of the devotionals, *Daily Manna from the Psalms: Nuggets of Hope for the Hungry Christian* and *If Perish, I Perish, But I Won't! Facing Your Fears Through the Study of the book of Esther*.

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 worshipping 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.



TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

First Sunday Food Collection	Narthex & Security	All Day
Breakfast (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	8:30 AM
ParentConnect	318 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Preschool Worship	717 MLK	10:30 AM
Revival: Sunday Morning Worship	Nave & Online	11:00 AM
Sermon Talkback	Nave & Online	After Service
Coffee Hour	South Hall Lobby	After Service
Lunch (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	After Service
Practicing Sabbath	South Hall	After Service
Planning for a Good Goodbye	20T & Online	1:30 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: Bells from Around the World		3:00 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Summer Organ Series: Eddie Zheng	Nave & Online	7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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COMING SOON

“Silence is Complicity” with Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac	Wednesday, August 14	7:00 PM
NY Liberty Basketball Game	Saturday, August 24	7:00 PM
Riverside Beach Day at Coney Island	Saturday, August 31	10:00 AM

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

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!

PRACTICING SABBATH

On first Sundays after worship, we Practice Sabbath as a community. There will be no all-church programming on first Sundays, with the exception of the Rising Voices Concert in May. Programming before worship will continue on all Sundays unless otherwise noted. We will have lunch available for purchase in South Hall, as always.

BORROW BAGS

We understand the challenge of keeping children happily occupied during service, and we have a solution right at the entrance of the nave – our Borrow Bags! These bags are designed to make the worship experience more accessible and enjoyable for both parents and kids. Inside each Borrow Bag, you'll find activities that will captivate and entertain your children while you focus on the service. Ask an usher for more information.



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