

# Black Gay Minister to be Guest Preacher for Pride Sunday at Historic Riverside Church in New York City

*Rev. Karmen Michael Smith is pleased to announce that he will be the guest preacher at the historic Riverside Church (NYC) for Pride Sunday June 25th, 2023.*

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, March 28, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Rev. Karmen Michael Smith is an emerging theologian and author of the most recently released "[Holy Queer: The Coming Out of Christ](#)." This book has been praised for its groundbreaking exploration of the intersections of LGBTQ identity and spirituality.

"I am thrilled to join the [Riverside Church](#) family for Pride Sunday," said Rev. Karmen Michael Smith. "Riverside has a long history of advocating for social justice and inclusivity. They have been vocal in supporting LGBTQ+ rights and have taken steps to ensure that their community is welcoming and affirming to all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity."

The service will take place at 10:45 a.m. on June 25, 2023, and will be open to the public. All are welcome to attend and celebrate.

About Rev. Karmen Michael Smith:

Born and raised in small-town Texas, Karmen Michael Smith is a Black queer theologian, cultural critic, author, and Lizzie Mae's grandson. Karmen is the founder at Poor Culture, an inclusive and affirming Black church experience. Karmen serves as Director of the [Center for Community Engagement & Social Justice \(CCESJ\)](#), at Union Theological Seminary, to advance the causes of social justice.

About Riverside Church:



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Located in Morningside Heights, Manhattan, Riverside Church is an interdenominational, interracial, international, open, welcoming, and affirming church and congregation. For more than 90 years, Riverside has brought together a diverse and passionate community of believers with a unifying message of social justice and compassion.

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