

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

*The Worship of God begins with the Opening Voluntary.  
As you enter, pause for a moment to become aware of God’s presence.*

May 19, 2019 Eleven o’clock in the morning

MEDITATION

“Before Peter baptized them, God poured out God’s spirit upon the Gentiles. God’s spirit will work despite, through, or prior to our ritual constructions.”

—Mitzi Smith

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Joey Mistretta and Elizabeth Thorne

VOLUNTARY *Song of May* Joseph Jongen

INTROIT Christopher Tye

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise His holy name.  
From early morn to setting sun, His might on earth proclaim.  
His laws are just, and glad the heart: He makes His mercies known.  
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before His throne.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 439 *In Christ There Is No East or West* ST. PETER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Here in this place, God offers us food,  
**so we take and eat.**  
All around us, neighbors are hungry,  
**so we share the bread and the cup.**  
Among God’s people here, the table extends beyond our friends,  
beyond those who agree with us,  
**beyond these walls, beyond borders, around the world.**  
Let us taste and see that our God is good.  
**Let us worship God in abundant gratitude and joy.**

\*INVOCATION AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 11:1-18 (p. 895) Christopher Ahart

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*GLORIA PATRI HYMN 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

\*GOSPEL LESSON John 13:31-35 (p. 877)

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

ANTHEM *Ubi Caritas* Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.	Where there are charity and love, God is there.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.	The love of Christ has bound us together.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.	Let us exult and rejoice in this.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.	Let us fear and love the living God,
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.	and esteem Him with a sincere heart. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER Sandy Rooney

**As God’s children in community, we pray that we might share  
together—alike and different—in grace and loving-kindness;  
that God would unite us for the holy purpose of revealing Good  
News to all.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN OF DEVOTION 298 *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy* IN BABILONE

\*OFFERTORY SENTENCES Rev. Anna Perry Miller

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY *Spring Carol* Robert W. Lehman

Now the spring has come again, joy and warmth will follow;  
Cold and wet are quite forgot, northward flies the swallow;  
Over sea and land and air spring’s soft touch is everywhere  
And the world looks cleaner;  
All our sinews feel new strung,  
Hearts are light that once were wrung,  
Youthful zests are keener.

All the woods are new in leaf, all the fruit is budding,  
Bees are humming round the hive, done with winter’s brooding;  
Seas are calm and blue again, clouds no more foretell the rain,  
Winds are soft and tender;  
High above, the kingly sun laughs once more his course to run,  
Shines in all his splendour.

God is in the midst of her, God commands her duty;  
Earth does but reflect his light, mirrors back his beauty;  
God’s the fount whence all things flow, great and small, above, below,  
God’s their only maker:  
We but poorest patterns are of that Mind beyond compare,  
God our great Creator.

\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS Doxology, HYMN 592

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Children in grades 1-2 may meet Mrs. Sandy Rooney  
at the front of the Sanctuary, on the pulpit side, to continue worship in the chapel.*

SERMON *Unclean Foods and Unclean People* Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

*If you desire to become a member of River Road Church, you are invited  
to come forward to the chancel steps at this time, and our pastor will meet you.*

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN *Help Us Accept Each Other* MUNICH

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er 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, broth - er, 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 righ - teous ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, 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 then 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

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY *Caprice sur les Grand jeux* Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

WELCOME TO RIVER ROAD CHURCH! Our congregation is an open fellowship gladly receiving those who wish to share in its life and community by request for baptism, statement, or transfer from another church. If you desire to become a member, you are invited to come forward directly after the sermon, during the Time of Reflection and Response, or speak with a minister at any time.

TODAY IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE. Easter Sunday is the beginning of the season of Eastertide in the liturgical year. Eastertide is celebrated from Easter Sunday for fifty days, until the day of Pentecost, and focuses on the meaning of Christ's resurrection. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing light, victory, and eternal life.

THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP is our opportunity to welcome you to worship. During this time, please sign the register in the maroon binder as it is passed along the row. If you are our guest today, please include contact information so we may welcome you.

TO ENHANCE WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN, age-appropriate children's bulletins and worship bags are in the narthex (foyer at the back of the Sanctuary).

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Kate B. Highfill and William M. Moore by Doris and Page Highfill.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by deacons John Heisler, Nancy Gayle Smith-Jackson, Charlie Sorrell, and Joe Teehey. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Camp Alkulana Offering & Challenge**  
**Church Goal: \$8,000 | Friendship Class: \$8,000**

Former camper and current camp counselor Charra Cosby wrote on Camp Alkulana's blog: "In March of 2008, I was told that I would be going to summer camp. Naturally, I was nervous. I had never been to the mountains and the thought of being surrounded by people I had never met gave me chills. But nevertheless, I was excited about the prospect of learning new things and having a summer full of outdoor activities...I walked onto the bus and closed my eyes and prayed, genuinely, for the first time in a very long time. And even just sitting on the bus, I instantly felt safer. But that was nothing in comparison to how I felt when I arrived to camp...[In 2017] I had the opportunity to help give children a safe place, physically and emotionally. Having the opportunity to serve God through the hearts of children was not only enriching, but I felt as though I was giving back what I had received. If anyone were to ask me how I felt about Alkulana I would tell them these things:

It is where I feel the closest to God.

It is where I feel the most loved.

It is where I feel safe.”

Specially-marked, green, Camp Alkulana Offering envelopes are in the pew racks.

The Friendship Sunday School Class members have been champions for Camp Alkulana over the years, and extend their enthusiasm to the congregation! This spring, the Friendship Class collected \$8,000 for the Camp Alkulana Offering and challenges the congregation to match their gift, for a total RRCB gift of \$16,000. Gifts to the Camp Alkulana Offering encourages as many children and youth as possible to attend by helping campers to only pay a very small percentage of the cost. The camp relies almost entirely on gifts from churches and individuals to fund its summer and year-round programs. Now is the time to pray for the success of Camp Alkulana in the summer of 2019 and to give to the Camp Alkulana Offering.

**2019 Graduate Recognition—Sunday, June 9**  
**Information Deadline: Tuesday, May 21**

Our 2019 graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 9. If you or your child are graduating from High School, College, Graduate School, or Technical School, and would like to share it with the congregation, please fill out the form online at [rrcb.org/graduates](http://rrcb.org/graduates) or email [terrimcmahon@rrcb.org](mailto:terrimcmahon@rrcb.org) by Tuesday, May 21. Please include the student's full name, school name, degree information, plans after graduation, and if you will be present on June 9.

Sun, May 19      **Reception**, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
                      **Nominating Committee**, 12:15 p.m., LC 102  
                      **River Road Camerata**, 4:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room  
                      **Chancel Bell Choir**, 5:00 p.m., Bell Room  
                      **Youth Dessert Auction & Dinner**, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
                      **Board of Administration**, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Room

Mon, May 20      **Yoga**, 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room  
**Communications Committee**, 7:00 p.m., UC 230  
**Endowment Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Parlor

Tues, May 21      **The Comma Club**, 12:00 p.m., Courtyard

Wed, May 22      **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room  
**Building & Property Council**, 4:30 p.m., Reception Room  
**River Road Camerata**, 4:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room  
**Wednesday Night Dinner**, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
**Crusader & Carol Choirs**, 6:00 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room  
**Cherub Choir**, 6:00 p.m., UC 232  
**TFC-Churchwide**, 6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Thurs, May 23     **FIXERS**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room  
                          **Circulo de Costura Exhibit** (through June 10), Lower Commons  
                          **Safety Committee**, 7:00 p.m., LC 104  
                          **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room

**Thoughtful Faith Community — Wednesday, May 22, 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

**Dinner, 5:30-6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

**Menu:** Salsa Verde Chicken OR Potato & Kale Enchiladas, Bacon Cheddar Scalloped Potatoes, Lemon Garlic Broccoli, Strawberry-Lime Shortcake

### Kids Entrée: Chicken Quesadillas

**Crusader & Carol Choirs, 6:00-6:30 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room:** 1st-5th grades  
**Cherub Choir, 6:00-6:30 p.m., UC 232:** preschool & kindergarten

**TFC-Churchwide, 6:15-7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

*Christian Educators of the Year Award & Teacher Recognition*

Kate Knerr and Betsy Lowery will receive our annual award, and we will honor and express gratitude to all who serve as Sunday School teachers in this special program. RRCB teachers are invited to be guests for dinner, dinner reservations needed.

## Hands & Hearts: Nickelsville Mission Trip

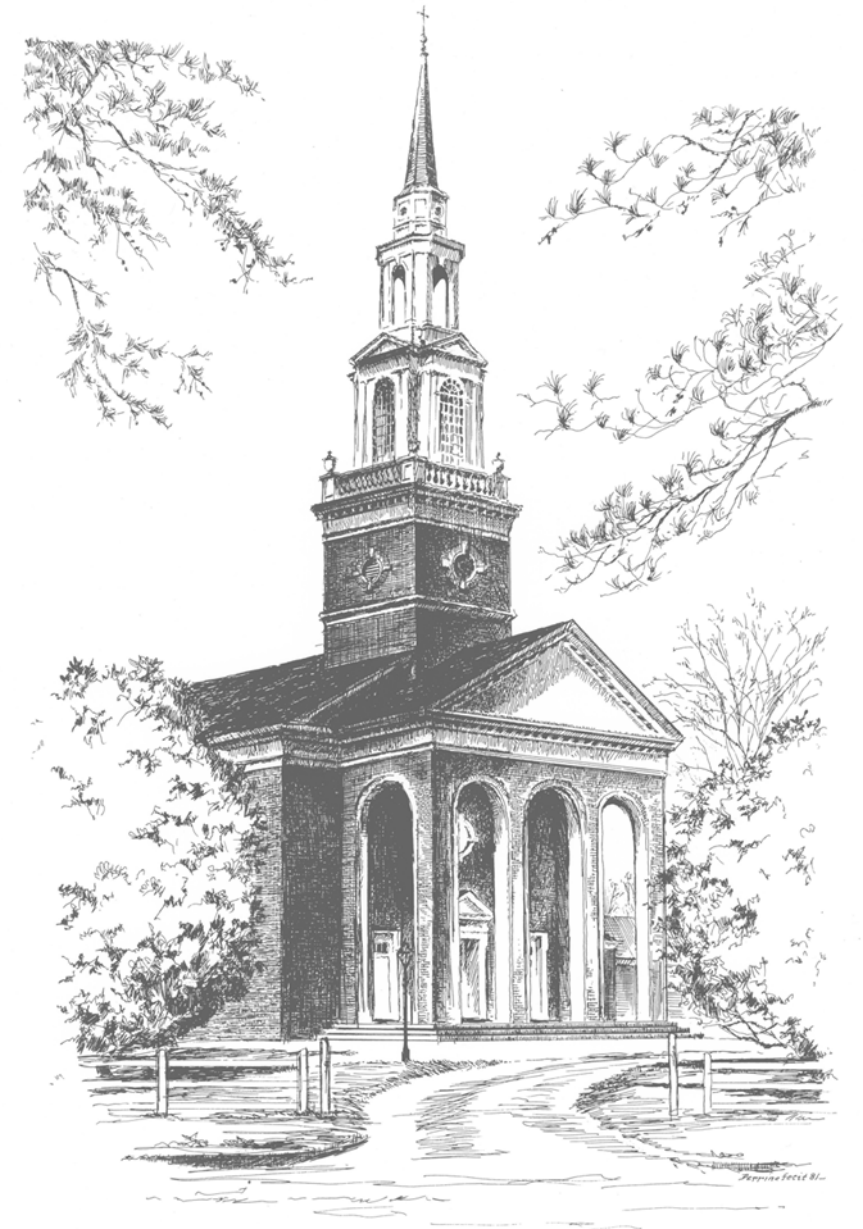
### June 23-28, 2019

The Hands and Hearts Mission Trip serves those in need in the area of Nickelsville, VA. The projects range from home repairs and light construction, to assisted living home visitation and food pantry assistance. The only skill needed is the willingness to make a difference. This trip is open to all adults, RRCB members and friends. The cost is \$75 per person. For more information stop by and talk to Laura Lee Chandler at the special table during the Reception after worship.

**Vacation Bible School**  
**Child Registration Open and Volunteers Needed**  
**July 15-19, from 9:00 a.m. to noon**

At VBS, children will travel to *Mars and Beyond* where they will learn about how God is able to do far beyond all we could ask or imagine. VBS is open to children age 4 (by September 30, 2019) to completed 5th grade. Child registration is available at [rrcb.org/vbs](http://rrcb.org/vbs).

The VBS Team is recruiting volunteers for Vacation Bible School. We hope you will consider volunteering. We have such a fun week planned, and want to say thank you to many of you who have signed up to help us teach how to go beyond with boldness, faith, hope, kindness, and thankfulness. The team is looking for both adults and youth who can volunteer for all or part of the week. Childcare is available for volunteers with children under 4. To sign up, please call Kate Knerr (804-248-0890) or email [vbs@rrcb.org](mailto:vbs@rrcb.org).



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