

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Sixth 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 26, 2019

Eleven o'clock in the morning

### MEDITATION

“Pride, prejudice, and sin shut out the truths of God, till his grace makes way for them into the understanding and affections; and the Lord alone can open the heart to receive and believe his word.”

—Matthew Henry

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Jessica Thorne and Abigail McAllister

VOLUNTARY *Cantabile* César Franck

INTROIT Plainsong

Of the Father's love begotten,  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore!

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 483 *Sing Praise to God* MIT FREUDEN ZART

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Sandy Rooney

We are in the presence of the maker of heaven and earth,

**gathered as grateful recipients of God's beautiful and abundant creation—earth, sky, waters.**

We enjoy our blessings and lead lives that, in many ways, are rich.

**May our comforts never blind us to the newness Creator God is making in our midst.**

God's new direction may lead to places we would not choose, beyond the horizons of our safety and control.

**We come seeking reminders of life's most important truths.**

God is forever ours and we are ever God's children, bound together in the love of Jesus our Savior.

**The Lord will hold us close even as we are guided into the new creation, coming in and among us.**

Christ has gone ahead of us into this new life and invites us to follow.

**Now, O Lord, hear our prayers for confidence and courage to engage in your coming Kingdom.**

\*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.**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

### RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

FIRST LESSON Revelation 21:1-6 (pp. 1007-1008) Gladys Fleming

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.**

SECOND LESSON Acts 16:9-15 (p. 900)

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

ANTHEM *If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may abide with you forever;  
Even the spirit of truth.

—John 14:15-17

CALL TO PRAYER Rev. Anna Perry Miller

**You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and end, O God:  
accept our prayers on behalf of your whole creation and strengthen us  
in your love, that we may honor your Spirit which fills the whole earth.**

### PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN OF DEVOTION 481 *Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show* LLANFAIR

\*OFFERTORY SENTENCES Rev. Daniel Ingram

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY *O Holy City, Seen of John* Brother James' Air  
Arr. Roger Price

O holy city, seen of John,  
Where Christ the Lamb, doth reign,  
Within whose foursquare walls shall come  
No night, nor need, nor pain,  
And where the tears are wiped from eyes  
That shall not weep again.

Give us, O God, the strength to build  
The city that hath stood  
Too long a dream, whose laws are love,  
Whose crown is servanthood,  
And where the sun that shineth is  
God's grace for human good.

Already in the mind of God  
That city riseth fair:  
Lo, how its splendor challenges  
The souls that greatly dare;  
Yea, bids us seize the whole of life  
And build its glory there.

\*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 *Finding our Way Home* 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 281 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

\*BENEDICTION

### EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY *Prelude and Fugue in G minor, BuxWV 149* Dietrich Buxtehude



**Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley, CBF Executive Coordinator,  
to Visit RRCB**

**Wednesday, May 29, 2019  
Dinner, 5:30-6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
Program, 6:15-7:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

All River Road members and friends are invited to come meet Paul Baxley, the new Executive Coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, our church's national denominational relationship.

Wednesday, May 29, you are invited to enjoy a sandwich and salad supper at 5:30 p.m. This dinner is **free of charge**, but reservations are necessary and can be made by visiting [rrcb.org/baxley](http://rrcb.org/baxley). Paul will begin speaking at 6:15 p.m. Requests for childcare and sandwich selections are available on the reservation form. The deadline for reservations is today, **May 26 at 5:00 p.m.**

Paul will lay out his vision for CBF and will entertain questions and answers.

***E. Carl Freeman Concert Series*  
Choral Evensong with  
River Road Chancel Choir and Camerata  
Huw Williams, Guest Conductor, Bath Abbey, UK  
Sunday, June 2 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

*Mr. Williams is conducting during worship on June 2.*



Born in Swansea, Huw Williams is Director of Music at Bath Abbey, where he directs its renowned professional choirs of boys, girls, and men. A conductor and award-winning organist of international standing, he served until recently as Director of Music at Her Majesty's Chapel Royal, St James' Palace, where his predecessors included Thomas Tallis, William Byrd, and Henry Purcell. While at the Chapel Royal he conducted the music for Prince George's Christening, the Queen's Christmas Message in 2015, the annual Remembrance Sunday Service at the Cenotaph, and numerous other events in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and members of the Royal Family. A graduate of the Royal Academy of Music and former Organ Scholar of Christ's College, Cambridge, his musical achievements led to him being awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012. He is Music Director of Cantemus Chamber Choir, widely regarded as one of Wales' finest choirs, and of Stroud Choral Society.

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 SIXTH 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 Miriam and Raymond Baugham by their daughter, Pat Dickinson, granddaughter, Marge Davis, and grandchildren, Axel, Nicole, and Mitch.

THE PEDESTAL FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God and in memory of those men and women no longer with us who served in the armed forces of the United States of America. May they rest in peace, and may we never forget them.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by deacons Clint Hubbard, Peter Schowalter, Sallie Sparks, and Leslie Straw. Everyone is invited to attend, especially our guests in worship today.

**Camp Alkulana Offering & Challenge**  
**Received: \$2,047 | Church Goal: \$8,000 | Friendship Class: \$8,000**

Last weekend a team from River Road made their way to Camp Alkulana, stopping at Mrs. Rowe's in Staunton for breakfast, of course, for the annual clean up day to help prepare for the upcoming season. The list of projects included upgrading the lighting in the big lodge, bathroom/showers, and walkways. This day trip is one of the many ways our church continues to support the important ministry that is Camp Alkulana.

Specially-marked green Camp Alkulana Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks. Checks should be made payable to RRCB with Camp Alkulana in the memo.

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 over \$8,000 for Camp Alkulana and challenges the congregation to match their gift. Gifts to the Camp Alkulana Offering encourages as many children and youth as possible to attend. 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 this summer and to give to the Offering.

***Circulo de Costura Exhibit in the Lower Commons***

In July 2017, the "Catch the Spirit" special committee of the Board of Missions shared a grant to assist the *Circulo de Costura*, or *Sewing Circle*, which started meeting at the CrossOver Healthcare Ministry. On October 30, 2017, nine women completed the first session. They had learned how to use a sewing machine and completed projects of progressive difficulty. However, more important than sewing skills were the relationships which formed within the group.

Since then, not only have the relationships grown, but so has the program, including more advanced sewing classes, quilting classes, and knitting classes.

The exhibit features the work of the women from all three classes. It features skirts, pot holders, table runners, quilts, and knitted pieces. The display remains up until June 10. Stop by the exhibit after the church reception on June 2 to meet the students and teachers.

Sun, May 26 ***Circulo de Costura Exhibit through June 10***  
**Reception, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**  
**River Road Camerata, 12:15, Main Rehearsal Room**

Mon, May 27 **Church Office Closed**

Tues, May 28 **Chancel Bell Choir, 6:00 p.m., Bell Room**

Wed, May 29 **Men's Group: The Huddle, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room**  
**River Road Camerata, 4:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room**  
**Stephen Ministry, 4:30 p.m., Parlor**  
**Dinner with Paul Baxley, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall**  
**Program with Paul Baxley, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary**

Thurs, May 30 **Yoga, 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room**  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room**

**Young Adult Sunday School Class**  
**Sundays, beginning June 2, at 9:45 a.m. in LC #106**

Young adults, we are grateful for you. Welcome home to those who have been away at college! We love having you here with us.

RRCB wants to provide you with opportunities to learn, grow, and fellowship. Please join Carl Collier and LeighAnn Breckenridge this summer for a discussion-based Sunday school class.

**SOUNDS LIKE SUMMER**  
**with *The Adrian Duke Project, Saladworks, & Gelati Celesti***  
**Friday, June 7, 2019**  
**5:30-9:30 p.m., Front Plaza**

Families, friends, and neighbors, bring your blankets and beach chairs, sit back and relax, and enjoy a summer night on the Plaza! FREE tickets are available at [rrcb.org/eventbrite](http://rrcb.org/eventbrite).

*The Adrian Duke Project* will be jamming on the Plaza with their endless repertoire of rock, soul, and jazz tunes for all to enjoy! RVA's favorite, *Gelati Celesti*, is bringing their food truck with eight flavors of gelato as well as gluten-, nut-, and dairy-free varieties. The *Saladworks* food truck will be there making wraps, salads, and soups.

**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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**PASTORAL LEADERSHIP**

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