

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

June 23, 2019 Eleven o’clock in the morning

MEDITATION

“... we can no longer look down on ‘outsiders.’ Rather, when we look at another human being—any and every human being—we must see that person as one whom God has chosen to love every bit as much as you or me. The Good News of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, is that God has chosen us all without exception!”

—Alan Brehm

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Spencer Macturk and Abigail McAllister

VOLUNTARY Rhosymedre Ralph Vaughan Williams

INTROIT George Thalben-Ball
Make me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 442 The Church’s One Foundation AURELIA

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Anna Perry Miller

As the wild deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

We have come together to grow in love through worship of our living God,
corporately worshipping in faith and expectation.

We each bring unique and private joys, anxieties, memories, and hopes,
including secrets known to God alone.

We gather with a common status as children of the one triune God,

uniting a scattered family.

We offer our varied gifts and resources to our Savior,

joined in fellowship as part of the one Body of Christ.

We are open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, so that we may better know ourselves, understand our neighbor, and quench our thirst on God’s love.

We come loving and adoring, searching for more, and trusting we will
commune with our Lord because of God’s great faithfulness.

*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

COMMISSIONING OF SUMMER MISSION VOLUNTEERS

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

As those made in the image of God, we have been created for loving and caring for all creation.

As we have committed our lives to follow Christ, we are now Christ’s Body— hands, feet, arms, voice. With the fullness of our selves, we are committed to love and serve as we go.

Some from among us have the opportunity to offer ourselves by working in southwest Virginia. Many of our youth and adults will be serving in Lumberton, North Carolina, and others through PASSPORTmissions camp. Two of our young adults are in full-time service with Passport this summer. Our children, along with their leaders, have learned through missions education at PASSPORTkids camp this week. Adults and youth alike will lead and minister through our Vacation Bible School.

We give thanks for those committed to serve and for these ministry opportunities. Together we pray for God’s provision and strength, watch care and guidance.

May God’s spirit bless all who are involved in each effort: those who are already in each location, those who go, and all who remain here offering prayers, financial help, and encouragement. May the shared giving and receiving of each person give glory to our Lord and further Christ’s Kingdom work here on earth.

We commit ourselves, one and all, to the great commandments of loving the Lord God above all else, and loving our neighbors as ourselves, both as we go, and as we are here at home. Amen.

Beth Rooney, PASSPORTmissions – May 31-July 20

Meg Rooney, PASSPORTchoices – June 7-July 20

Children’s PASSPORTkids Mission Team – June 18-21

Youth Lumberton, NC Mission Team – June 23-29

Hands and Hearts Mission Team to Nickelsville, VA – June 23-28

Youth PASSPORTmissions Team – July 8-13

Vacation Bible School – July 15-19

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 3:23-29 (p. 947) Jack Heisler

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.

*GOSPEL LESSON Mark 2:1-12 (p. 813)

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

ANTHEM The Call Richard Lloyd

Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way, as gives us breath;
such a truth, as ends all strife; such a life, as killeth death.
Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast, as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.
Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy, as none can move;
such a love, as none can part; such a heart, as joys in love.

CALL TO PRAYER Sandy Rooney

Lord God, scripture reminds us that you may, at times, come to us in the sound of great silence. Still our bodies, quiet our minds, set our hearts at peace. In the silence, we incline our ears and ready ourselves to fellowship with you. Speak, in your still small voice. Give us courage to go wherever you lead, trusting you will make the way for us as the companion of our journey. O Christ, receive what we offer and grant what we need as we spend these moments in prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEVOTION 345 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind REST

*OFFERTORY SENTENCES Rev. Anna Perry Miller

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY We Cannot Measure How You Heal Malcolm Archer

We cannot measure how you heal or answer ev’ry suff’rer’s prayer
yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.
The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.
So some have come who need your help, and some have come to make amends
as hands which shaped and save the world are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain, and make your broken people whole.

*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 Carriers Without Barriers Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

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 101 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG

*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY Trumpet Voluntary John Stanley

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.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS! We hope you feel especially welcome among us. During the *Ritual of Friendship* portion of our service, you will hear about upcoming opportunities and ministries as well as expressions of concern. In these moments, please locate and sign the register in the maroon binder, passing it along your row. You are asked to offer some contact information so that we might further welcome you. Take notice of those who sign in around you, that you might greet one another following the service.

THIS IS THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST in the Christian year. Having celebrated the “birthday of the church” through the giving of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we enter the Season after Pentecost for 24 weeks, to celebrate the existence of the church and recall her mission in the world. The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolic of the church’s growth and mission. On the first Sunday of each month, we celebrate communion, and the liturgical color changes to white to recognize the holiness and majesty of Christ.

WE WELCOME TO THE PULPIT Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge, our Minister of Pastoral Care.

WE WELCOME David Gulick as organist and choir director this morning.

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 honor of Catherine and Ben Burkett on the occasion of their 20th wedding anniversary by Peggy and Ed Pruden.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by the *Friendship Class*. Everyone is invited to attend, especially our guests in worship today.

The Friendship Class is composed of a group of caring, diverse, multi-talented individuals who support each other and extend their concern of support to mission activities sponsored by the church such as CARITAS, the Christmas Stores, and Camp Alkulana, among others. Outside the church members also participate with Meals-on-Wheels through FeedMore. Various class members provide the teaching leadership and the class frequently uses the Formations literature, but also includes book reviews and topics of interest determined by class members. This class was formed over 55 years ago and continues to welcome new members.

Fellowship Fund

The Fellowship Fund is a special collection for RRCB members and other individuals in crisis in our community, and is sustained by ongoing gifts outside of the annual budget. It is quietly administered by the Board of Deacons, with the support of the church staff, after a screening process. Please consider making a generous gift to the Fellowship Fund. Your gifts throughout the year are important in making this ministry possible. Specially marked blue envelopes are always in the pew racks.

Camp Alkulana Donor Day

On Saturday, July 6, Camp Alkulana is hosting Donor Day in celebration of its strongest contributing partners. You will have an opportunity to tour and experience the camp, including lunch with some campers and counselors. Bill Rusher is taking a group from RRCB on the church bus! Contact Bill at brusher@rjadc.org or 804-335-4689 if you would like to attend and reserve your seat on the bus by June 30.

Sun, June 23

Reception, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Nominating Committee, 12:15 p.m., LC 102
Hands and Hearts: Nickelsville Mission Trip: returns June 28
Youth Mission Trip to Lumberton, NC: returns June 29

Wed, June 26

Men’s Group: The Huddle, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room

Young Adult Sunday School Class Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in Lower Commons 106

Young adults, we are grateful for you! To those who have been away at college, welcome home! We love having you here with us. RRCB wants to provide you with an opportunity to learn, grow, and fellowship. Please join Carl Collier and Leigh Ann Breckenridge for a discussion-based Sunday school class.

Vacation Bible School—July 15-19 Child Registration Open and Volunteers Needed

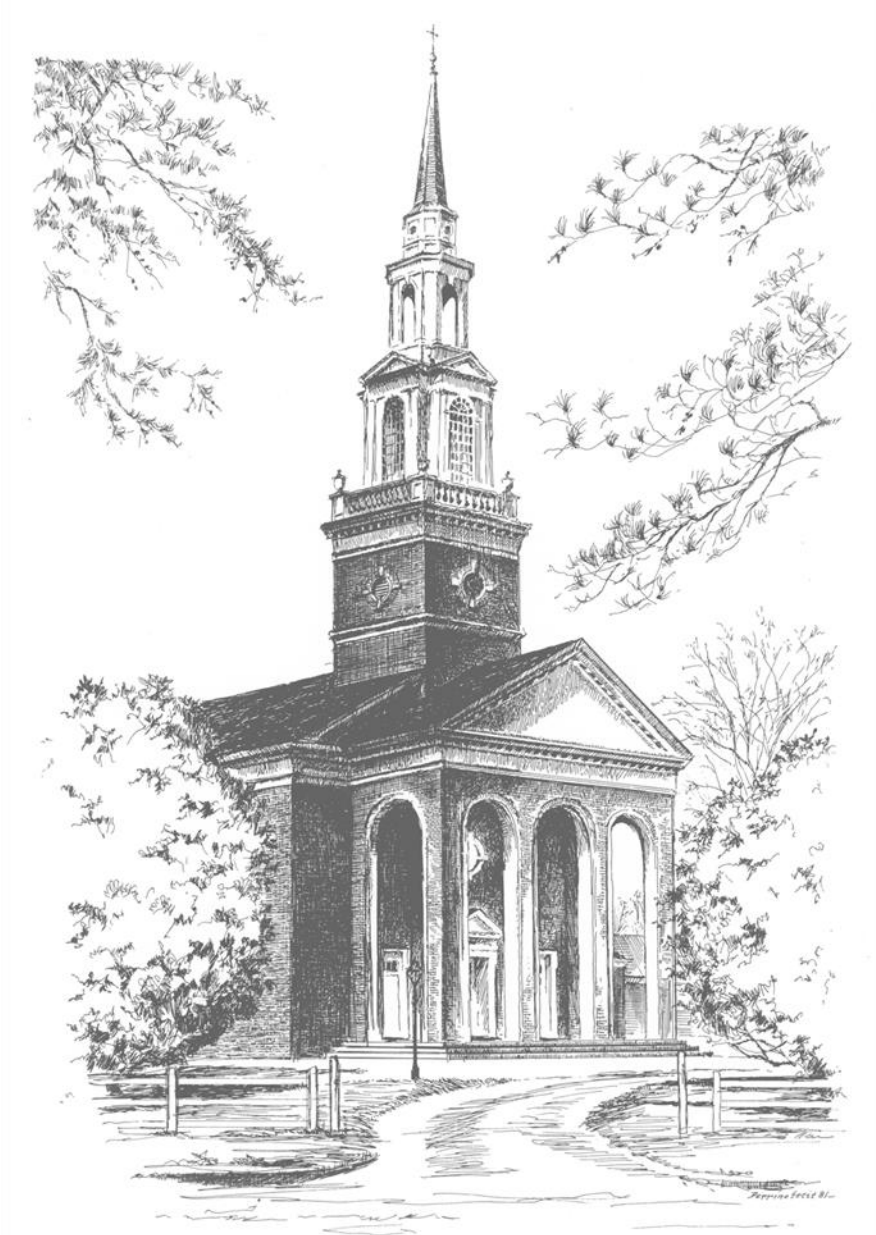
At VBS, children will travel *To Mars and Beyond* where they will learn about how God is able to do far beyond all we could ask or imagine. VBS is open to children age 4 (by 9/30/19) to completed 5th grade. Child registration is available at rrcb.org/vbs.

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. 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. Volunteer training will take place after worship on July 14.

Summer Vespers Series: “This is Us” Wednesdays, July 17-August 7, 7:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m. in the Chapel

With this special theme, River Road folks are being asked to consider how they might offer themselves in these more relaxed worship opportunities. We are looking for testimonies and stories of your journey with the Lord, sharing a favorite scripture passage or hymn text and why, providing various musical talents, or perhaps some other creative offering you have to share (think poetry, artistic piece and an explanation, etc...). If you will consider sharing in these services, please reach out to anna@rrcb.org to make Anna Miller aware of your interest.

Each service will be followed with a summer treat and a brief time of fellowship.



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PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Daniel E. Glaze, D.Min., *Pastor*
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