**The Worship of God**

Pentecost Sunday | Graduate Recognition

*The Worship of God begins with the Opening Voluntary.*

*As you enter, pause for a moment to become aware of God’s presence.*

June 9, 2019 Eleven o’clock in the morning

Meditation

We thank you for pouring out your Spirit upon us, arousing us with visions and dreams and intoxicating us with an uncontainable fervor to proclaim your truth in the language of praise.

—Nate Nettleton

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Harry Phelps and Ella Ryan

VOLUNTARY *Come, Holy Spirit, BuxWV 199, 200* Dietrich Buxtehude

INTROIT Simon Lole

Spirit of God enfold me,

Spirit of God wash me,

Spirit of God fire me,

Spirit of God love me.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 130 *Let Every Christian Pray* Laudes Domini

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Water is provided to us.

**It renews all that is parched and dry.**

We are given winds—

**to move us along, sometimes gently and other times with force.**

Fire is given.

**In the fanning of this flame, our passion and purpose is ignited.**

The earth is God’s, given to us.

**It invites us to be planted and grow.   
It displays the constant presence of our creator.   
Through this living water, this source of life, this kindling fire,  
God’s Spirit moves.**

\*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

Old Testament LESSON Genesis 11:1-9 (p. 8) Katie Merritt

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.**

New Testament LESSON Acts 2:1-21 (p. 885)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *O Holy Spirit* Christopher Tye

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| O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,  Eternal source of love,  In-flame, we pray, our inmost hearts  with fire from heav’n above. | As thou dost join with holiest bonds  The Father and the Son,  So fill us all with mutual love,  And knit our hearts in one. |

CALL TO PRAYER Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

**Hungry to feast on your Word and be moved by your Spirit, we come.**

**You alone, O Lord, are our provision; our breath—our sustenance.**

**When you stir us, we are touched and new life begins to grow.**

**We tremble in the mingling presence of your power and goodness.**

**Lead, O Spirit, the prayers and responses of your people.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN OF DEVOTION 126 *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove* St. Agnes

\*OFFERTORY SENTENCES Sandy Rooney

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Arranged by P. R. Dietterich

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| Come down, O Love divine,  Seek thou this soul of mine,  And visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  O Comforter, draw near,  Within my heart appear,  And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. | O let it freely burn, Till earthly passions turn  to dust and ashes in its heart consuming;  And let thy glorious light  shine ever on my sight,  And clothe me round,  the while my path illuming. |
| And so the yearning strong With which the soul will long,  Shall far out-pass the power of human telling;  For none can guess its grace, Till he become the place  wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling. Amen. | |

\*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 *Happy Birthday, Church!* 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 128 *On Pentecost They Gathered* Munich

\*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY *Come, Holy Spirit, BWV 651* J. S. Bach

**Congratulations River Road Church Class of 2019!**

We are proud of this year’s graduating class and their accomplishments.

Please join us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall in their honor following worship.

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| High School  *Meredith Katherine Ezzelle*  Douglas Southall Freeman  Plans to attend Meredith College  *James Lee Howe*  Mills E. Godwin  Plans to attend Hampden-Sydney  College  *Matthew William Howe*  Mills E. Godwin  Plans to attend Longwood College  *Robert Clinton Hubbard*  Douglas Southall Freeman  Plans to attend J. Sargeant Reynolds  Community College  *Spencer Harrison Macturk*  Mills E. Godwin  Plans to attend Virginia Tech  School of Engineering  *Joseph Michael Mistretta*  Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School  Plans to attend University of Virginia  *Harry Robinson Phelps*  Douglas Southall Freeman  Plans to enlist in U.S. Navy  *Chloe G. Powell*  James River  Plans to attend Virginia  Commonwealth University  *Lindsey St. Clair Stevens*  James River  Plans to attend University of Richmond  *Jessica Ann Thorne*  Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School  Plans to attend University of  Mary Washington  *Lucy Olivia Thornton*  Collegiate School  Plans to travel a year and then attend Virginia Commonwealth University  School of the Arts | Undergraduate & Graduate  *Bryan Taylor Bostic, Jr.*  Bachelor of Arts, Sports  Management, Cum Laude  Elon University  Pursuing management position  with a professional sports team.  *Geoffrey Alan Burnett*  Bachelor of Business  Administration, Management  Radford University  *Elizabeth Love Ezzelle*  Bachelor of Arts & UK First  Degree, Art History & Visual  Culture, Magna Cum Laude  University of Richmond & The  Am. International University  Enlisted in Peace Corps  *Gregory Bray Miller*  Bachelor of Arts, Film Studies  Savannah College of Art  and Design  *Jordan Blake Nurney*  Associate of Arts in Liberal  Arts, Secondary Teacher  Education, History  John Tyler Community College  Plans to attend James  Madison University  *Katherine R. Pate*  Bachelor of Arts, English  University of Richmond  Plans to attend Emerson College  *Brian Lane Price*  Bachelor of Science, Chemistry  Christopher Newport University  Working at Cornwell  Engineeering Group  *Nathan Lee Taylor*  Doctor of Ministry, Theology  McAfee School of Theology  Executive Director of  Virginia Baptist Historical  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 PENTECOST SUNDAY—Pentecost, the birthday of the church, is celebrated each year the Sunday after Ascension Sunday. We celebrate the Holy Spirit (symbolized as fire in Acts 2) being given to the believers, thus giving birth to the church. The liturgical color is red, and we celebrate corporately by wearing the colors of fire: red, orange, and yellow.

WELCOME TO ALL WHO ARE GUESTS! Each week we welcome others to worship and, during the RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP portion of the service, we ask that you sign the register in the maroon binder as it is passed along the row. Please include some contact information, that we may welcome you.

Some may be joining us today at the invitation of a friend, as we selected this “Bring a Friend” day to extend intentional invitations to others. Thank you for your presence as we share in worship.

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 the 2019 graduates, especially grandson Harry Phelps, by Hilton and Margaret Almond.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by theSocial Committee in honor of our 2019 graduates. Everyone is invited to attend, especially our guests in worship today.

LOST AND FOUND—The Lost and Found bin is currently overflowing with clothes and accessories that folks have left behind. The bin will be in the Upper Commons on Sundays and in the church office during the week for the rest of the month. Any items that have not found their way home will be donated in July.

**Camp Alkulana Offering & Challenge**

**Received: $6,503 | Church Goal: $8,000 | Friendship Class: $8,000**

2019 is Camp Alkulana’s 105th summer in session, and they are aiming to serve about 200 young people this summer. Your gifts to the Camp Alkulana Offering help keep this ministry and its impact strong. One camper describes the value of the Camp Alkulana experience this way, “Camp gives you a family, and people that you can trust no matter what it is you are going through...I am just lucky enough to say that it changes me for the better every summer, and is a forever home that gave me forever friends.”

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 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.

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.

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

Since 2017, women from RRCB and CrossOver Ministry have been meeting and learning how to sew. However, more important than sewing skills are the relationships formed within the group. Since then, not only have the relationships grown, but so has the program, including more advanced sewing, quilting, and knitting classes. The exhibit features work from all of the classes, and remains on display until June 10.

Sun, June 9 ***Circulo de Costura* Exhibit**, Lower Commons

**Reception**, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

**Youth Mission Trip Meeting**, 1:30 p.m., Assembly Room

**Chancel Bell Choir**, 5:00 p.m., Bell Room

**Stewardship Committee**, 7:00 p.m., UC 230

Mon, June 10 **Yoga**, 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room

Wed, June 12 **Men’s Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room

Thurs, June 13 **5th Grade Pool Party**, 5:00 p.m., Hungary Creek Recreational Association

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room

Fri**,** June 14 **FLO Luncheon**, 12:00 p.m., Arlene DeConti’s Home

**1st-4th Graders Outing**, 2:00 p.m., Bowl America at Short Pump

Sat, June 15 **Preschool Fun Morning**, 10:00 a.m., Lower Commons

**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.

**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 and costs $75 per person.

**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*](mailto:vbs@rrcb.org).

**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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