

The Worship of God

Fifth 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.

July 14, 2019 Eleven o’clock in the morning

Meditation on the Gospel Lesson

“In answer to the lawyer’s question (who is my neighbor?), Jesus didn’t take out a paper and pencil and make a list: the homeless guy on the street corner, the person with the flat tire, the checker at Walmart, the college student with nowhere to stay for Thanksgiving... In fact, Jesus doesn’t answer the lawyer’s question at all. Instead, Jesus asks a different question: are you ready to BE a neighbor?”

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Lighting of the Altar Candles Lindsey Stevens and Harry Phelps

Voluntary Suite Française Jean Langlais
Arabesque sur les flûtes
Nazard

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

*Processional Hymn 421 The Church of Christ in Every Age Wareham

*Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze
To you, O God, do we lift up our souls; to you we sing our heartfelt praise.

Our trust is in you. Do not let us be put to shame; do not let our enemies triumph over us.

Make your ways known to us. Teach us your paths.

Lead us in your truth, O God. Guide and instruct us, for you are the God of our salvation.

Cover us with your mercy and steadfast love, O Lord.

You instruct sinners in what is right and lead the humble in your way.

All your paths lead to righteousness,

for the steadfast love of God endures forever.

—Adapted from Psalm 25

*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 Deuteronomy 30:9-14 (p. 163) Elizabeth Holland
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 Luke 10:25-37 (p. 844)

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

Anthem Lead Me, Lord Samuel Sebastian Wesley
Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

Call to Prayer Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

As we pray, we stop and listen, for you are still speaking, O God.

Your heart of love continues to transform and challenge us. Your call to join you in caring, giving, going, and serving still resounds within us.

We pray that we might lay down any barrier that keeps us from giving to you our most faithful response.

In this time of prayer and worship, we seek your strength and the guidance of your Spirit as we serve one another in your name.

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Devotion 335 Though I May Speak O Waly Waly

*Offertory Sentences Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

Duet at Offertory Love Divine, All Loves Excelling John Stainer
Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav’n to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev’ry trembling heart.
Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
hasten to return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Michelle Harman-Gulick, soprano — Christopher Ahart, tenor

*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 Won’t You Be My Neighbor? Rev. Leslie Straw

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 Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining Nettleton

1. Lord of light, your name out-shin - ing All the stars and suns of space,
2. By the toil of faith-ful work - ers In some far out - ly - ing field,
3. Grant that knowl- edge, still in - creas - ing, At your feet may low-ly kneel;
4. By the prayers of faith-ful watch - ers, Ne-ver si - lent day or night;

Use our tal - ents in Your king - dom As the ser - vants of Your grace;
By the cour - age where the ra - diance Of the cross is still re - vealed,
With your grace our tri - umphs hal - low, With your cha - ri - ty our zeal;
By the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing Peace to all and heal - ing light;

Use us_ to ful - fill Your pur__ pose In the gift of Christ your Son:
By the vic - to - ries of meek - ness, Through re - proach and suf - fering won:
Lift the na - tions from the shad - ows To the glad - ness of the sun:
By the love that pass - es knowl - edge, Mak - ing all your chil - dren one;

Ab - ba, as in high - est heav - en, So on earth your will be done.

*Benediction

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary Tiento de Batalla quinto tono Punto Baxo Juan Cabanilles

Worship Notes

We welcome to the pulpit this morning Rev. Leslie Straw, who serves as Team Leader of Support Ministries at Baptist General Association of Virginia. Leslie and her husband Matt, also an ordained minister, have been members of River Road Church since 2009. They are parents to Laura Jane and John.

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 anytime.

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.

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 loving memory of Forrest and Elizabeth Yeakley by Rick and Mary Beth Scherer.

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

The Preschool Committee works with the Preschool Director to develop policies and practices for our preschool. It also reviews the faculty and finances. Today it is our pleasure to honor Wendy Graves for her years of service as the Administrative Assistant for our preschool. We thank her for her dedication to and love for our school, our teachers, our children, and their families. We wish you a joyful retirement!

CONGRATULATIONS to Jeff and Emily Carretto who were united in holy matrimony on July 13 in The Bishop’s Chapel at Roslyn. Emily is the daughter of Charlie and Susan Phillips, and the sister of Sarah Phillips.

Are you getting our weekly news and announcements by email? It’s easy to sign up! In an effort to maximize our resources and improve our communications mix, we plan to phase out the printed Sunday *Connections* newssheet in the coming weeks. Announcements and events are noted in the worship bulletin, with additional details on the church website (*rrcb.org*), and in our weekly email communications. If you have not signed up to receive our email communications, including the weekly *eSpire* newsletter and additional timely announcements, please visit *rrcb.org/emailnews* to sign up and choose the electronic communications you would like to receive.

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.

Back-to-School Collections

We are collecting **school supplies for CrossOver Ministry** (by July 31) and **toiletry bags and undergarments for the Church Hill Baptist Center** (by August 18). Please place your donations in the designated bins beneath the mission table in the Lower Commons. You'll find shopping lists on the missions tables in the Lower and Upper Commons or at *rrcb.org/back-to-school*.

Sun, July 14	Reception , 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Vacation Bible School Volunteer Training , 12:15 p.m., UC 228 Vacation Bible School Setup , 1:30 p.m., Children’s Area Stewardship Committee , 7:00 p.m., UC 230
Mon, July 15	Vacation Bible School , 9:00 a.m., Children’s Area Yoga , 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room
Tues, July 16	Vacation Bible School , 9:00 a.m., Children’s Area Youth Lunch Bunch , 12:00 p.m., Chesterfield Town Center
Wed, July 17	Men’s Group: The Huddle , 8:00 a.m., Reception Room Vacation Bible School , 9:00 a.m., Children’s Area Building & Property Council , 4:30 p.m., UC 230 Stephen Ministry , 4:30 p.m., Parlor Vespers , 7:00 p.m., Chapel UK Music Rehearsal , 7:45 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Thurs, July 18	Vacation Bible School , 9:00 a.m., Children’s Area VBS Youth Volunteer Thank You Lunch , 12:00 p.m., Youth Suite
Fri, July 19	Vacation Bible School , 9:00 a.m., Children’s Area Vacation Bible School Closing Worship , 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary Vacation Bible School Lunch , 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Sat, July 20	Preschool Fun Morning , 10:00 a.m., Offsite

Summer Vespers Series: “This is Us”

Wednesdays, July 17-August 7, 7:00-7:45 p.m. in the Chapel

As we prepare for our upcoming mid-week services, the church family has been asked to consider how you might become involved by sharing a talent or offering a brief testimony. There has been some response and our services are taking shape. Below is a general overview:

• July 17: *The Lord Meets Us As We Journey*
with testimonies from Wendy Graves, Sandy Rooney, Megan Parrish, and Bryn Bagby Taylor

• July 24: *The Lord Meets Us In Music*
with a violin solo by Georgia Vaughan and a time for favorite hymn singing

• July 31: *The Lord Meets Us Through Artistic Expression*
with testimonies by Page Highfill, Ashley Glaze, and Ella Glaze

• August 7: *The Lord Meets Us When We Are Serving*
with testimonies of Danielle Simone, our new Preschool Director, and from church member, Catharine Broadnax, along with a summer ministry testimony by Beth Rooney

Make your plans to be with us in these special times of worship. If you, or your younger family member, would like to read scripture or light our Christ candle, please reach out to *annapmiller@rrcb.org* to express interest.

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.

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