THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Tenth 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.

August 18, 2019

Eleven o'clock in the morning

MEDITATION

...let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us...

—Hebrews 12:1b

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

John Hubbard and Julia Shelton

VOLUNTARY Adagio (Sonata in C minor, Opus 56)

Alexandre Guilmant

In Manus Tuas (Litanie)

Jeanne Demessieux

INTROIT The Call (Five Mystical Songs)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

John Tibbetts, baritone — Ray Chenault, organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 487 When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Daniel Ingram

Shepherding God, who has always guided your wayward flock, turn us back to you.

In this hour of worship, we come asking that you renew our lives.

In your grace and mercy, turn us back to you; for you alone are our hope.

Hear our cries, merciful One, and save us from the darkness.

Through your mighty power, draw us back to you and save us. You alone can warm us with the light of love that shines forth from your face.

Your radiant glory shines out like a beacon, to light our pathway of return. By your light, renew and strengthen us, giving us grace to praise and honor you again.

—Based on Psalm 80

*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 Isaiah 5:1-7 (p. 552)

Lindsey Stevens

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

Luke 12:49-56 (p. 848)

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

SOLO

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Spiritual, Arr. Moses Hogan

John Tibbetts, baritone — Beth Chenault, piano

CALL TO PRAYER

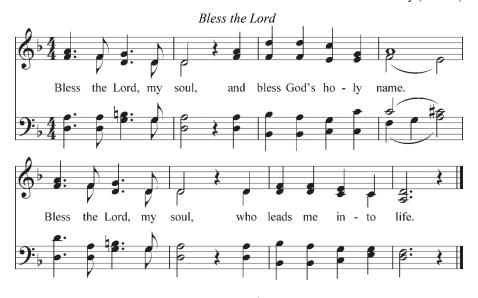
Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

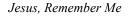
Loving and just God, we approach you to lift up the prayers of our hearts, in the knowledge that you are already working amidst the brokenness of our world and in our churches. You have beckoned us here to draw us close and call us to task. Hear our prayers, spoken aloud and from our hearts, and meet with us now, that we might join you as people called out to reflect your compassion, mercy, and justice in all we do. Hear our prayers, O Lord.

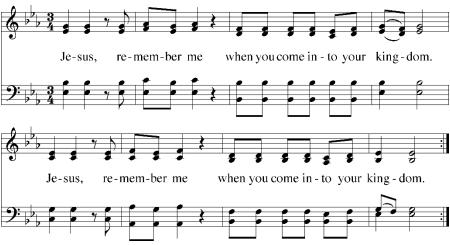
PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEVOTION

Two Chants from the Taizé Community (France)







C. Michael Hawn, recorder — Ken Wilson, guitar

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*OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Rev. Daniel Ingram

SOLO AT OFFERTORY Steal Away to Heaven Spirituals, Arr. Mark Hayes

John Tibbetts, baritone — Beth Chenault, piano

*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.

> There is no children's church today. Children in grades 1-2 will remain in the Sanctuary.

SERMON

Overtaken by Choice

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

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 a minister will meet you.

SOLO At the River

At the River Aaron Copland

John Tibbetts, baritone — Beth Chenault, piano



*BENEDICTION

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY Allegro Vivace e Maestoso (Esquisses Liturgiques) Paul Benoit

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 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 friendship register in the maroon guestbook, 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).

WE WELCOME TO THE PULPIT Rev. Anna Perry Miller, our Associate Pastor for Adult Discipleship.

WE WELCOME Raymond Chenault guest organist, Beth Chenault, pianist, and John Tibbetts, soloist this morning. Mr. Chenault and Mr. Tibbetts will be performing in our concert series May 17, 2020.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Ellis and Phyllis West.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Bette Schwall and family upon the death of Rev. Frank Schwall on August 10. A memorial service was held on Thursday in the Sanctuary.

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

WMU Connectors is a missions group open to all women. Visit our table at the reception today for our story in slides and print. We meet in the evening every third Tuesday from September until April. Our theme this year is "Friends Helping Friends" in our community and church family. Come check us out!

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.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS — Two Wednesday dishwashers are needed beginning in October. Dishwashers volunteer once per month and are typically done by 7:00 p.m. Contact Betty Damon at *badamon25@gmail.com* if you are interested. One more Wednesday night lock up volunteer is needed to lock up once each month. Lockup takes about 20 minutes following the Wednesday Night TFC programs. Contact Daniel Ingram at *danielingram@rrcb.org* if you are interested.

Sun, August 18	Reception, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Mon, August 19	Yoga , 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room Communications Committee, 7:00 p.m., Parlor
Tues, August 20	Youth Lunch Bunch, 12:00 p.m., CookOut at Short Pump
Wed, August 21	Men's Group: The Huddle, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room Building & Property Committee, 4:30 p.m., UC 230
Thurs, August 22	Youth Mission Outing, 9:00 a.m., Oregon Hill Baptist Center FIXERS, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room

Holland Lectures with Dr. C. Michael Hawn "Tell me what you sing and I'll tell you who you are: Developing a Congregational Identity through Congregational Singing" Sundays, August 4-September 1, 9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Lois Creamer Memorial Service, 1:00 p.m., Chapel

C. Michael Hawn is one of our nation's leading experts in hymnology and world music. Now a Richmonder, he recently retired after 25 years from Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, as University Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Church Music and director of the Sacred Music Program. Previously he taught at two Baptist seminaries for a total of 15 years. We are excited to welcome Dr. Hawn back to RRCB for another series of lectures!

Congregational singing both forms our individual faith perspective, but also shapes us as the body of Christ in community. These lectures will examine our hymnic heritage that has shaped our faith, look at some trends that are currently influencing the ecumenical church, and consider the cultural, societal, and ethical issues that inspire what we might sing in the future.

"Tell me what you sing and I'll tell you who you are." — Albert van den Heuvel (World Council of Churches, 1966)

- August 25: Ten (or more) Hymns Written in the Twenty-first Century Everyone Should Learn
- September 1: Singing Love in a Culture of Hate

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series The Choirs of Boys and Girls of Washington National Cathedral Michael McCarthy, Director Sunday, August 25 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The choirs attend a week-long choir retreat at nearby Roslyn Conference and Retreat Center to prepare for the upcoming year. As part of their preparation, they sing at River Road Church. Free tickets are available at *rrcb.org/eventbrite*.

Celebration Sunday, September 8

As we begin to look ahead at where God is leading this gathered community of faith called River Road, we will celebrate the past summer as well as the beginning of a new season, expressing our gratitude for all that makes us the people of God in this time and place.

Sunday Morning

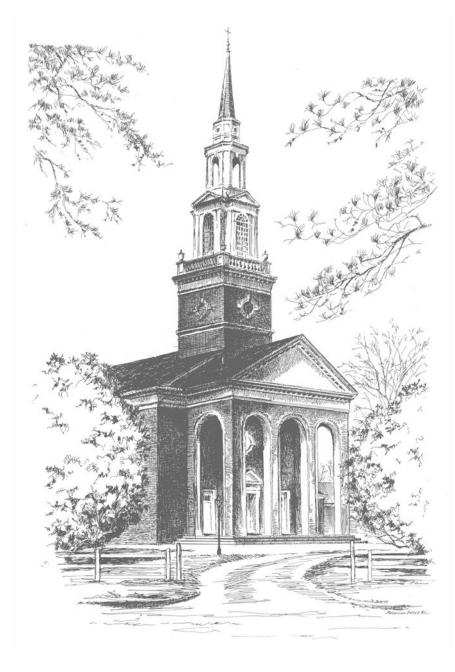
Sat, August 24

- 9:40-10:00: Children's Sunday School Open House
- 9:45-10:45: Sunday School (all ages)
- 11:00-12:00: Worship

Sunday Evening

- 5:00-5:15: Gather for potluck/picnic
- 5:15-6:15: Food is served
- 6:15-7:00: Summer Presentations

Return to church that evening for a church-wide picnic. The deacons are providing fried chicken and the rest of us providing sides and desserts (if your last name begins with... A-J: bring a dessert, K-S: bring a salad, T-Z: bring a starchy side). Sign up for the potluck by noon on Wednesday, September 4 at *rrcb.org/picnic* or call the church office.



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