THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Eleventh 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 25, 2019 — Eleven o'clock in the morning

MEDITATION

"'This lesson invites all of us who seek to follow Jesus today to ponder the ways in which our own rules, customs, and habits of what is right and proper have in fact become "Bad News" for the poor, the blind, and the oppressed—and to break those bonds so that we might ourselves be proclaimers of Good News of release, recovery, and freedom.'"

—David Ewart

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES — Matt Rooney and Abigail McAllister

VOLUNTARIES — *Tune in E (in the style of John Stanley)* — George Thalben-Ball
The Gift to Be Simple — Dale Wood

INTROIT — *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* — Arr. Ovid Young

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always Alleluia!

Jubilation Choir

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 466 — *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* — AZMON

*CALL TO WORSHIP — Rev. Anna Perry Miller

We are welcome in God's presence when we are thirsty and parched, like an unwatered garden.

The Divine One is a spring of water!

God welcomes us when we are weary from worry and work.

The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!

When we are lost or confused, we welcome God's presence.

The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!

If we are bent over with struggle or pain, God is with us.

The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!

*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 — Jeremiah 1:4-10 (pp. 609-610) — Nancy Anderson

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**Please stand if you are able*

*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 13:10-17 (p. 848)

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

ANTHEM — *Hear My Prayer* — Moses Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin' when I rise.
It's Your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within Your arms.

When my work on earth is done, and You come to take me home.
Just to know I'm bound for glory. And to hear You say well done.
Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy. Amen.

Jubilation Choir

CALL TO PRAYER — Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

With confidence in your healing and forgiving nature, O God, we place our lives in your care.

We cast all our cares upon you and lay our burdens down at your feet.

Whenever we don't know what to do, we seek your direction and comforting presence.

In prayer and meditation, we seek your will and guidance now.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEVOTION — *When Words Alone Cannot Express*
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1. When words alone cannot express
all that our hearts ache to confess,
bring music! Alleluia!
Bring melody and rhythmic fire!
Bring instruments, bring bells and choir!
Bring music! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. When speech erodes and tempers flare,
when peace give way to idle dare,
bring music! Alleluia!
Let psalms restore our memory
that God has made us to be free!
Bring music! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. When hatred seems to reign supreme,
when it is hard to have a dream,
bring music! Alleluia!
When cruel injustice makes us numb;
sing boldly, we shall overcome.
Bring music! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (2016)

4. When bread is broken, wine is poured,
when we encounter Christ the Lord,
bring music! Alleluia!
When children teach us how to pray,
when simple heroes show the way,
bring music! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. Within each season of our lives,
when every passageway arrives,
bring music! Alleluia!
Sing when the infant draws a breath,
sing when the elder yields to death.
Bring music! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*OFFERTORY SENTENCES — Sandy Rooney

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY — *Psalm 139* — Mark Patterson

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me,
You know when I sit and when I rise.
You know my thoughts from far away;
My going out, my lying down, Lord, God you know all my ways.
Before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
You go behind me and before me, You have laid your hand upon me.
Where can I go from your spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go to heaven you are there,
If I reach the depths of hell you are there,
And if I rise on the wings of the dawn,
If I dwell on the far side of the sea,
Even there you will find me, even there your hand with guide me,
Your right hand will hold me fast. Search me, O God, know my heart.
Lead me, Lord, in the way everlasting.

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*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 — *Jesus Breaks the Rules* — 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 288 — *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* — ELLACOMBE

*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY — *Sinfonia from Cantata 29* — J. S. Bach/Marcel Dupré

Worship Notes

The *Jubilation Choir*, a senior adult community choir for adults age 55 and older, is in its nineteenth season as an outreach program of the Music Ministry of Salisbury Presbyterian Church. The seventy-two member choir represents approximately thirty-two churches from eight denominations in the Richmond area. Founded in 2001, the choir meets weekly from September through May to sing sacred, secular, and patriotic music. Its mission is to spread fellowship and goodwill through music. Their director is the Rev. Paul S. Honaker, a member of River Road Church, and Mr. Robert R. Ford, a retired United Methodist Church musician, is their pianist.

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 WORSHIP the Jubilation Choir, directed by Rev. Paul Honaker and accompanied by Mr. Robert Ford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for 60 years since being married in the Chapel, by Ransone and Carolyn Hartz.

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

The Shepherd-Holland Bible Study Sunday School Class engages adults of different ages in a concentrated study of the Bible, one book at a time, as selected by the class. The teacher is Dr. Thomas Graves, former President of Baptist Theological Seminary of Richmond. Visitors and new members are always welcome. The class begins at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in Room 102 off the Lower Commons.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Linda and Ron Benton upon the death of her mother, Kristi Scholz upon the death of her grandmother, Braxton and Wes Scholz upon the death of their great-grandmother, Mary Beth Atkinson, who died August 16 in Asheville, NC.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Griz and Judy Dixon upon the death of his brother, Charles Aubrey Dixon, on August 17 in Frederick, Maryland, and upon the death of his brother, Melvin Thomas Dixon, on August 19 in Sylva, NC.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kristen and Neil Groseclose upon the birth of their son, Thomas Anderson Groseclose, born August 1. The big sister is Kennedy, the grandparents are Jaye and Doug Groseclose, and the great-grandfather is Tom Ligon.

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.

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 25	**Reception**, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall **Preschool Fun Afternoon**, 3:00 p.m., Bowl America in Short Pump **Boys and Girls Choirs of Washington National Cathedral**, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Mon, August 26	**Yoga**, 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room
Tues, August 27	**Youth Lunch Bunch**, 12:00 p.m., Chesterfield Towne Center **Building and Property Council**, 4:30 p.m., UC 230
Wed, August 28	**Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room **Acolyte Training**, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary **Chancel Choir "Sneak Peek" Rehearsal**, 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Thurs, August 29	**Safety Committee**, 7:00 p.m., LC 104

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series
The Choirs of Boys and Girls of Washington National Cathedral
Michael McCarthy, Director
Today 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*.

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"
Sunday, September 1 at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

- September 1: *Singing Love in a Culture of Hate*

Thank you to Dr. Hawn for leading the Holland Lectures for a second year. Dr. 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.

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

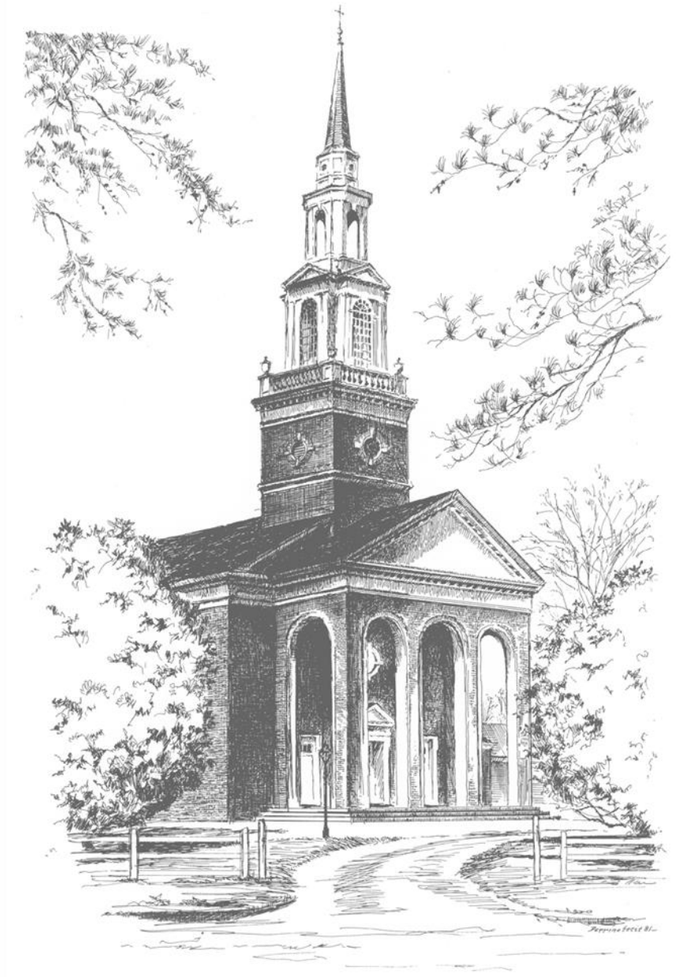
Celebration Sunday, September 8

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
- 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: Mealtime
- 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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