THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Eighth Sunday of 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 4, 2019

Eleven o'clock in the morning

WORSHIP MEDITATION

Tis a gift to be simple, tis a gift to be free; Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be; And when we find ourselves in the place just right; Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

The beloved Shaker hymn plays a corresponding chord inside each of us. Isn't this what we deeply desire? Life with space enough for the essentials, created by emptying ourselves of our preoccupations with having enough? But daily reality falls closer to the lament of William Wordsworth:

'The world is too much with us, late and soon; Getting and spending, we lay waste to our powers.'

		—The High	Calling, May 2005	
LIGHTING OF THE ALTA	R CANDLES	Elizabeth Thorne and Jessica Thorne		
VOLUNTARY	Versa and Ca Jesus, Lead Th		Domenico Zipoli Paul Manz	
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN	Listen, Now We	Tell a Mystery	ODE TO JOY	
 Listen, now we tell a m told by prophets long by We will all be changed pain and death will be r With the Spirit's healin faith becomes reality; We proclaim immortal far beyond what we car 	efore; forever; no more. g power glory	Sound the transformation trumpet; sing a song of victory; heaven and earth join in the chorus, welcoming new liberty. Ever changing, ever growing, claiming all we're meant to be, we will join the Spirit's work of setting all creation free.		
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all around us and above. With the liberating Spirit, we will rise on soaring wings, ever onward, ever forward, as the world in triumph sings.

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram God of the past who whispered in the prophets' ears;

who rescued us from sin's slavery:

we are here to thank you.

God of the future, who is tearing down the old world, and building your kingdom in our midst:

we are here because we trust you.

God of the present who, in the giftedness of our diversity, creates us to be one people:

we are here to praise you.

God of life that surprises us when we find it within us:

we celebrate your grace.

-T. Shuman

*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.			*PRESENTATION Praise God Praise God, Praise God Praise Fath Ch	
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.				at the front of the
RITUAL OF FRIEN	DSHIP			SERMON
OLD TESTAMENT	LESSON Hosea 11:	1-11 (p. 737)	Ellis West	
The Word of th Thanks be to (INVITATION TO
*GLORIA PATRI			Hymn 579	PRAYER OF CO
As it was in th World without *GOSPEL LESSON	e Father, and to the So e beginning, is now, an t end. Amen. Amen. Luke 12:13-2	nd ever shall be	Ghost;	O Holy God ignoring you not kind to o refused to co blessed com
The Gospel of Praise be to yo				ASSURANCE OF
*HYMN	In Unity We Lif	ît Our Song	EIN' FESTE BURG	SANCTUS (sung
1. In unity we lif	t our song	2. For stories told	l and told again	THE BLESSING
What cause fo For those who has kept us thr	ave and sisters strong r celebration. se faithfulness rough distress, l with us our plight, s in the night,	to every genera to give us strer to give us cons Our spirits to r to keep our dre when we are fa and evil seasor how firm is ou	agth in times of pain, olation. evive cams alive, ar from home, as come,	SOLO I never saw a I never saw t Yet know I h And what a v
a blessed trust which give us and make us w	hope when hope is gone veep with pleasure.	of all these gift Our strength, o our nurturing b	our guide, oreast	THE BLESSING SOLO
and death is cle we shall recite whose words o		whose hand wi Who keeps us when night sha when hate and and all our wo and we shall si	till the day Ill pass away, fear are gone k is done,	Deep river, r Deep river, I Oh, don't yo That promise
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*OFFERTORY SENTENCES Rev. Anna Perry Miller SOLO AT OFFERTORY Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace Eric H. Thiman		Rev	7. Anna Perry Miller	TIME OF REFLE
		•	<i>If you desire</i> to come forward	
Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever;			*RECESSIONAL I	
			*BENEDICTION	
	for in the Lord Jehova	ah is everlasting strens —Isaiah 26:	-	EXTINGUISHIN
	Michelle Harman-G		<i>,</i>	VOLUNTARY

DOXOLOGY, HYMN 592

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS** d from whom all blessings flow; d, all creatures here below; above, ye heavenly host; her, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children in grades 1-2 may meet Mrs. Sandy Rooney he Sanctuary, on the pulpit side, to continue worship in the chapel.

Rich Toward God

HOLY COMMUNION

O THE TABLE

ONFESSION

od, we are impatient children-wanting what we don't need and our loving priorities. We so often come to you in want, and are each other in the meantime. Forgive us our faults we have correct. Help us live into your will for each of us, and in mmunity with each other. Forgive us, please, we pray. Amen.

OF PARDON

g by all)

AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD

I Never Saw a Moor Richard Pearson Thomas

a Moor, the Sea; how the heather looks wave must be.

I never spoke with God, Nor visited in Heaven; Yet certain am I of the spot As if the chart was given. -Emily Dickinson

Michelle Harman-Gulick, soprano

AND GIVING OF THE CUP

Deep River

Traditional Spiritual arr. Moses Hogan

my home is over Jordan. , Lord, I want to cross over into campground. you want to go, to that gospel feast, ised land where all is peace. —based on Joshua 3

Michelle Harman-Gulick, soprano

ECTION AND RESPONSE

re to become a member of River Road Church, you are invited and to the chancel steps at this time, and our pastor will meet you.

HYMN 438 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

NG OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Festival Postlude

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Hymn 568

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

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. 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.

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 David Gulick as organist and choir director this morning.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Terry Kranseler by her sister Shelley Barker.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ron and Anita Tamagni on the birth of their grandson, Ashton James Tamagni, on July 29 to Meredith and Daniel Tamagni.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Sameh "Sam" Attalla upon the death of William E. "Bill" Savage on July 31. A memorial service was held yesterday in our Chapel.

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

Robert Smart Class is named in memory of longtime River Road Church Sunday School Director Robert Smart. This class consists of adults ages 35-55. Most participants are married and have children but there are some singles in the group. It meets in the Assembly Room, off the Lower Commons, at 9:50 a.m. for fellowship, and the lesson begins at 10:00 a.m.

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.

Tues, August 6	Youth Lunch Bunch, 12:00 p.m., Mod Pizza at Regency Evening Bridge, 7:30 p.m., LC 102
Wed, August 7	Men's Group: The Huddle, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room Vespers, 7:00 p.m., Chapel
Thurs, August 8	FIXERS, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
Fri, August 9	FLO Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Hondos Steak House at Innsbrook
Sat, August 10	Kitchen Work Day, 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall Kitchen project:HOMES Renew Crew, 9:00 a.m., Offsite

Summer Vespers Series: "This is Us" One Wednesday Remaining, August 7, 7:00-7:45 p.m. in the Chapel

We are being blessed by many who are sharing share with us in worship this summer, offering talents, testimonies, and readings. You won't want to miss this final midweek opportunity for refreshing your spirit.

• August 7: The Lord Meets Us When We Are Serving with testimonies from Danielle Simone, our new Preschool Director, and Passport summer missionaries Beth Rooney and Meg Rooney

The evening service will be followed by a brief fellowship time on the plaza with a cool ice cream treat. Audio from these services have been posted to our website at rrcb.org/sermons.

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, 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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!

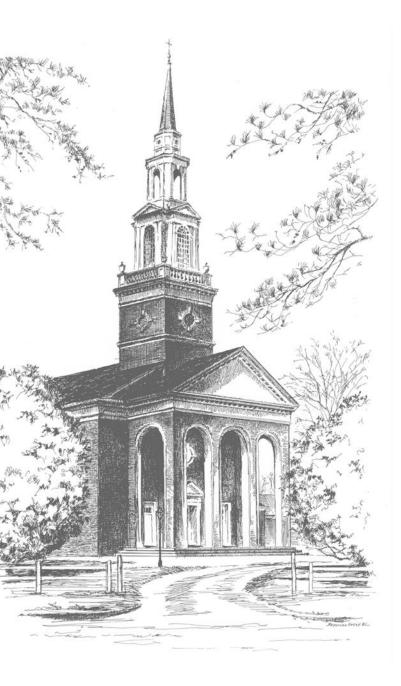
Congregational singing both forms our individual faith perspective, but also shapes us as the body of Christ in community. These lectures will examine our hymnic heritage that have shaped our faith, look at some trends that are currently influencing the ecumenical church, and consider the cultural, societal, 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 11: Ten (or more) Classic Hymns Everyone Should Sing and Why
- August 18: The Meditative and Praverful Music of the Taizé Community • August 25: Ten (or more) Hymns Written in the Twenty-first Century
- Everyone Should Learn
- September 1: Singing Love in a Culture of Hate

Daniel E. Glaze, D.Min., Pastor F. David Breckenridge, D.Min., Minister of Pastoral Care Marnie L. Fisher-Ingram, M.Div., Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families Robert P. Gallagher, D.M.A., Minister of Music Daniel H. Ingram, M.Div., Minister of Administration Anna Perry Miller, M.A.C.E., Associate Pastor for Adult Discipleship Megan N. Parrish, Youth Ministry Intern Sandy K. Rooney, M.Ed., Minister to Children and Their Families

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