

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twelfth 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.

September 1, 2019 Eleven o’clock in the morning

WORSHIP MEDITATION

“To claim that true, vibrant, authentic life is found in simplicity, fidelity, contentment, and humility sounds naive and out of touch. And yet, this is exactly what Jesus asks us to believe—and to embrace.”
—J. van de Laar

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Elizabeth Thorne and Matt Rooney

VOLUNTARIES Prelude on “Down Ampney” David Blackwell
Communion (Agnus Dei) Seth Bingham

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 313 Come Down, O Love Divine DOWN AMPNEY

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

We come to offer worship to our God, creator and lover of the universe;
May God accept our response of love.

We proclaim Jesus Christ, the embodiment of love and Savior of all;
May God accept our response of faith.

We are open to God’s Holy Spirit, love’s power poured out and the presence of love within;
May God accept our openness and fill us anew.
We are part of Christ’s body, the Church, the community of love.
May God renew us, and all of creation, with eternal love.

*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 Proverbs 25:6-7 (p. 530) Robert Sandford
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 14:1, 7-14 (p. 849)
The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ.

* Please stand, if you are able

HYMN Where Charity and Love Prevail MORNING SONG



1. Where char - ri - ty and love pre - vail, there
2. Let us re - call that in our midst dwells
3. Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let
4. Let us for - give each o - ther's faults as
5. Love can ex - clude no race or creed if



God is ev - er found; brought here to - geth - er
Christ, God's ho - ly Son. As mem - bers of each
all con - ten - tion cease. Be God's the glo - ry
we our faults con - fess, that we may love each
hon - ored be God's name; our com - mon life em -



by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
bo - dy joined, in him we are made one.
that we seek; be Christ our on - ly peace.
oth - er well in Christ-ian ho - li - ness.
brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

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Ubi Caritas



U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,



u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.



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*OFFERTORY SENTENCES Rev. Daniel Ingram

DUET AT OFFERTORY Like as We Do Put our Trust Charles Wesley, Jr.

Like as we do put our trust in thee,
Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.
Like as we do put our trust in thee.

Christopher Ahart, tenor—Seth Roberts, bass

*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 Follows the Rules Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PREPARATION FOR THE TABLE

Our loving God invites us to this sacred table. Christ has prepared a feast for us; a table laden with good things—the bread of life, the cup of salvation.

We are so thankful to receive the Lord’s gifts and blessed to enjoy the Lord’s presence.

All are welcome at this meal because all are loved by God, whose grace is abundantly given through Christ our Savior.

Remembering how God revealed love to us as Christ lived among us, laying down his life so we might find ours, we come to the table.

With God’s children, those on earth and those in heaven, we sing an eternal song of praise.

Glory to God, the holy one. Glory to God in the heavens.
Glory to God on the earth. Glory to God now and always,
for God’s love is neverending.
Let us sing praise!

SANCTUS (sung by all) Hymn 568

THE BLESSING AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE BLESSING AND GIVING OF THE CUP

SOLO Jesus Calls us O’er the Tumult POOR WAYFARING STRANGER

Jesus calls us o’er the tumult
of our life’s wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, “Christian, follow me!”

As, of old, apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world’s golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, “Christian, love me more.”

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
“Christian, love me more than these.”

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

C. Michael Hawn, tenor

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 426 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak CANONBURY

*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne Dietrich Buxtehude

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).

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of Marge and Bill Rusher.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by deacons Cara Bowen, Laura Lee Chandler, Keith Hare, and Tyler Hays. Everyone is invited to attend, especially our guests in worship today.

THANK YOU to Dr. C. Michael Hawn for leading the Holland Lectures and participating in worship for the past five weeks, teaching us the rich meaning of congregational song.

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.

FIRST SUNDAY CHILDREN’S WORSHIPCARE—Two volunteers are needed from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be interested, please contact Sandy Rooney at sandyrooney@rrcb.org or 804-288-1131.

THE RIVER ROAD CHURCH BANNER is currently being repaired and will return in the coming weeks.

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. 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.

- Mon, September 2Church Office Closed in observance of Labor Day
- Wed, September 4River Road Preschool First Day of School
Men’s Group: The Huddle, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
- Thurs, September 5Yoga, 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room

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 | Sunday Evening |
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| • 9:40-10:00: Children’s Sunday | • 5:00-5:15: Gather for potluck/picnic |
| School Open House | • 5:15-6:15: Dinner |
| • 9:45-10:45: Sunday School (all ages) | • 6:15-7:00: Summer Presentations |
| • 11:00-12:00: Worship | |

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.

Thoughtful Faith Community Fall 2019, rrcb.org/tfc

The Board of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation and the pastoral staff have been dreaming and planning Wednesday night experiences designed to help form our faith as a family together. We hope you will join us for these offerings, which we call Thoughtful Faith Community (TFC).

- Weekly Schedule**
- 5:15-6:15 p.m.: Dinner and Prayer Time
 - 5:45-6:15 p.m.: TFC-Kids
 - 6:00-7:00 p.m.: TFC-Youth
 - 6:15-7:00 p.m.: TFC-Adults
 - 6:15-7:00 p.m.: Children’s Choirs

Wednesday Night Dinner—We will continue to be delighted by the culinary skills of Chris Ahart and Madelyn Albright!

Children’s Choirs—Please visit rrcb.org/choirregistration to sign your children up for choir.

- Crusader Choir with Bob Gallagher (3rd-5th grades)
- Carol Choir with Suzanne Spicer (1st and 2nd grades)
- Cherub Choir with Ken Wilson (Pre-K and K)

TFC-Kids—Missions education and recreation on alternating weeks.

TFC-Youth—Activities, fellowship, and discipleship for teenagers.

TFC-Adults—A variety of educational opportunities including discussions, studies, and lectures.

TFC-Churchwide—On October 30 and December 18 we will gather as a church family for churchwide programs: “The Blessings of Gratitude” with Anna, Marnie, and Sandy, and “Christmas Carols & Hot Chocolate” with David Gulick.



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