

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

CELEBRATING THE 50th Anniversary OF THE CONSECRATION OF THE SANCTUARY AT RIVER ROAD CHURCH

> The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 13, 2019 Eleven o'clock in the morning

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LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Ella Glaze and Alexander Macturk

MEDITATION

Suffer us now, O merciful God, who have built upon the foundations of others, and have been led to this glad hour through the sacrifices of many, to be renewed in vision, awakened to the claims of thy will upon us, pardoned in transgression and re-established in grace, to the end that all these blessings in stone and symbol shall be revealed in the faithfulness of our lives to the service of thy Kingdom, now and forever through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—From the *Prayer of Consecration of People and Building* by Rev. Dr. Vernon Richardson, October 12, 1969

VOLUNTARIES

Canzon Quarta Girolamo Frescobaldi

Brian Strawley and Aaron Lovelady, Trumpet; Scott Cochran and Scott Winger, Trombone

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia, Arr. Robert James Lamb

Chancel Bell Choir Charles Todd, director

Canzon Sesta

Frescobaldi

Brass Quartet

INTROIT David Gulick

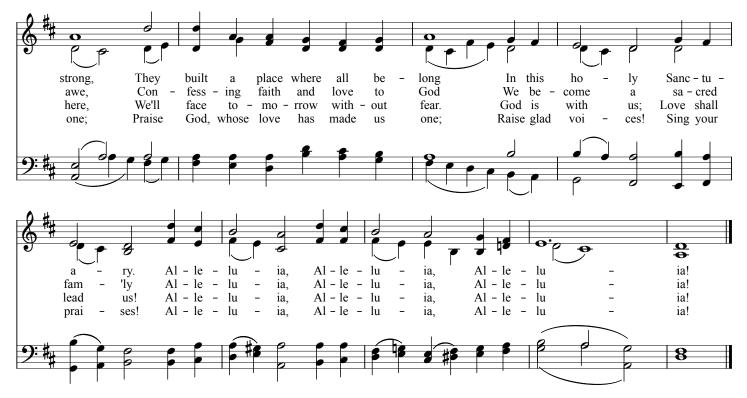
I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and come before his courts with praise. Lift your voice unto the Lord, and sing praises to our God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Love Formed a New Community

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Hymn text by Daniel E. Glaze, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the River Road Church Sanctuary.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God in this magnificent sanctuary!

We give heartfelt praise for God's mighty works and for God's excellent greatness.

Honor and glory are before God. Majesty and wonder are in God's sanctuary.

May the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us.

As we worship this day, we remember and give thanks that God so moved the heart of our church family to build this house of worship and prayer.

We rejoice in this great gift from God and we celebrate its sacredness.

For in this very room, God has met us as we have professed our faith, dedicated our children, spoken sacred vows, and said goodbye to loved ones.

May our worship in this space always give glory to God, from whom all blessings flow.

Amen!

—Adapted from the River Road Sanctuary Service of Consecration, October 12, 1969

*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.

GREETINGS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 28:10-17 (p. 22)

Margaret Phelps

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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Peter 2:1-7 (p. 984)

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM The House of Faith has Many Rooms Craig Phillips

The house of faith has many rooms where we have never been:

there is more space within God's scope

than we have ever seen.

We dare not limit God's domain to what our creeds declare.

or shrink from probing things unknown

lest God should not be there.

The way to God is not escape, though truth does make us free: the life of chosen servanthood

is perfect liberty.

Yet still we seek at journey's end the last and sweetest grace, the gift of room to turn around and know God face to face.

Chancel Choir, Brass, and Organ

CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Nathan Taylor

Executive Director, Virginia Baptist Historical Society

O Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

You moved the hearts of your servants to build this house for your worship; let us continue to fulfill this Godly purpose.

For designers who first beheld this beauty in their minds, and for skilled craftspeople whose toil has carried it through to the joy of the beholder, we give thanks.

We rededicate this sanctuary to your worship, to the proclamation of the Gospel, to the teaching of the Word.

Blessed are the poor, for theirs is the Kingdom of God.

May the sorrowing find solace here.

Blessed are those who mourn.

For they shall be comforted here.

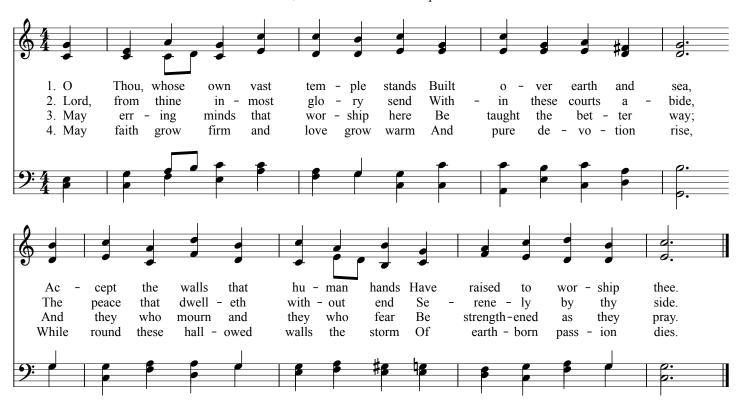
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,

For they shall be filled here.

Blessed are those who seek God; blessed are those who come to this place to worship and pray.

May they find grace, friendship, forgiveness, and renewal as we lift our hearts in praise. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit: one God, forever. Amen!

> —Adapted from a litany written by Rev. Dr. Vernon Richardson Pastor of River Road Church from 1964-1970



—Sung at the Service of Consecration of People and Building, October 12, 1969

*OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY

You, living Christ, our eyes behold, Amid your church appearing, All girt about your breast with gold And bright apparel wearing; Your countenance is burning light, A sun resplendent in its might; Lord Christ, we see your glory.

The Glory of Christ

Your glorious feet have sought and found Your own of every nation; With everlasting voice you sound The call of our salvation; You search us still with eyes of flame, You know and call us all by name: Lord Christ, we see your glory. K. Lee Scott
O Risen Christ, today alive,

Amid your church abiding,
Who now your blood and body give,
New life and strength providing,
We join in heavenly company
To sing your praise triumphantly:
Lord Christ, we see your glory!

Chancel Choir, Chancel Bell Choir, Brass, and Organ

*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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. Doxology, HYMN 592

Children in grades 1-3 may meet Mrs. Sandy Rooney at the front of the Sanctuary, on the pulpit side, to continue worship in the Chapel.

SERMON Christ, our Cornerstone

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.

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Eternal God, mighty in power and of incomprehensible majesty,

Whom the heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made by hands.

You have promised your presence whenever two or three are assembled in your name.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, consecrate this sanctuary and consecrate us as your children.

Bless us and sanctify our worship, that this place may be holy for us and a house of prayer for all people.

Grant to us today the same Spirit you gave to those for whom this Sanctuary was but a dream. Grant to us today the courage you placed in the hearts of those first persons to call this place home.

May we continue to proclaim your word, to celebrate your sacraments, to pour out prayer, to sing your praise, to profess our faith, and give testimonies to your grace.

Save us from any failure of vision which would confine our worship within these walls,

And send us out from this sanctuary to be your servants in this world, sharing the love of Christ with the world he came to redeem. Amen.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY Fanfare in C David N. Johnson

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.

A SPECIAL 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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Linda Wentzel by Frank Wentzel.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by the Social Committee and Deacons Cam McGuire, Charlie Sorrell, Laura Thorne, and Oliver Way. Everyone is invited to attend, especially our guests in worship today.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nash Hays and Irene Ramirez upon the birth of their daughter, Cora Natalia Hays, on September 26. The proud grandparents are Sid and Ann Hays, and the proud aunt is Tyler Hays.

CONGRATULATIONS to Meghan and Trey Akridge who were united in holy matrimony on October 5 in Charlottesville, Virginia. Meghan is the daughter of John and Rhonda Zukowsky, and the sister of Caroline Zukowsky.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Sarah J. MacLellan upon her death on October 6 in Culpeper, Virginia.

This Week at River Road Church

Sunday, October 13

Reception, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Nominating Committee, 12:15 p.m., LC 102
Board of Christian Ed. and Spiritual Formation, 4:00 p.m., Parlor
River Road Camerata, 4:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Chancel Bell Choir, 5:00 p.m., Bell Room
Youth Choir, 5:00 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room
Youth Snack Supper, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Adult Bible Study: Soul Feast, 6:00 p.m., UC 228

Monday, October 14

Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts, 9:30 a.m., LC 102 Yoga, 5:45 p.m., LC 102 Watercolor 101 Class, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Room

Youth Program, 6:15 p.m., Youth Area

Tuesday, October 15

WMU Connectors, 7:00 p.m., Home of Ray Nelson

Wednesday, October 16

Men's Group: The Huddle, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room House and Grounds Committee, 4:30 p.m., UC 230 River Road Camerata, 4:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room Stephen Ministry, 4:30 p.m., Parlor Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall TFC-Kids: Pre-K to 5th Grades, 5:45 p.m., UC 228 TFC-Youth, 6:00 p.m., Youth Area Cherub Choir, 6:15 p.m., UC 232 Carol Choir, 6:15 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room Crusader Choir, 6:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room TFC-Adults, 6:15 p.m., Assembly Room Finance Committee, 7:15 p.m., Parlor

Thursday, October 17

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room

Saturday, October 19

Rise Against Hunger, 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Thoughtful Faith Community — Wednesday, October 16, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Dinner: Ethiopian Braised Pork OR Split Pea Fritters, Garlicky Greens, Berbere Potato Stew, Raspberry Mango Pudding **Kids Entrée:** Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup

River Road Camerata TFC-Kids: Missions Education TFC-Youth: Games & Dessert Cherub Choir: preschool and kindergarten Carol Choir: 1st-2nd grades Crusader Choir: 3rd-5th grades TFC-Adults: Blessings and Gifts with Don Campbell and Eddie Stratton from the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV)

Together as One (1 Cor. 12:25-27) Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Baptist Missions RRCB Goal: \$3,000 | Received: \$2,833

Please help us reach our goal (we're so close!) for this year's Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Baptist Missions. This offering supports, among many other causes, new churches in our state. Please give generously as you are able. Specially marked envelopes are in the pew racks.

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event Saturday, October 19, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

As a church family, we will pack nutritiously sound meals for distribution through the Rise Against Hunger network. The meals we packed in March were sent to South Africa in April! This is a great opportunity for children 4 and older to participate alongside adults and youth in a mission project. Please visit rrcb.org/rah to sign your family up for this event. We are in need of 8-10 individuals to help unload the RAH truck at 7:30 a.m. Please contact Chris Macturk (macturk91@gmail.com) if you are able to assist. Please contact Sandy Rooney (sandyrooney@rrcb.org) if you need childcare for your child under 4.

Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 26, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the North (back) Parking Lot

Kids of all ages are invited to an evening filled with games, crafts, and snacks, followed by a time of trick or treating from car to car in the safe surroundings of our church parking lot. Volunteers are needed to help make this event successful! Even if you don't have children, we'd love to have you participate. Volunteer opportunities include: trunks and candy, set-up, parking, clean-up, games attendants, and food attendants. For more information, to reserve FREE tickets, and to volunteer, please visit *rrcb.org/tot*.



Thank you for worshiping with us! At River Road Church, we are...

A community of believers coming from many faith traditions to worship and grow together in Christian fellowship, focusing on those aspects of faith on which we can agree rather than disagree as we journey together.

Baptist in heritage, espousing core Baptist truths as foundational to our faith journey: the centrality of Christ, the priesthood of all believers, the commitment to theological education, and the autonomy of the local church.

Encouraging of intellectual freedom—in pursuit of a thoughtful faith, seeking always to learn about God's nature and ways in the world, supporting a free pulpit and welcoming intellectually challenging sermons and educational programs.

Worshiping in reverence and beauty a transcendent God, following the liturgical style and augmented by the performance of traditional sacred music.

Serving God in our church, our community and the world by investing our energy and resources in ways that reflect the character and likeness of Christ and follow his teachings.

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