

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Nineteenth 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.

October 20, 2019 Eleven o’clock in the morning

MEDITATION

“What is God doing (or seeking to do) in our churches and communities? Where do we see evidence of God’s presence, God’s coming, and where does God’s word need to be written on hearts? How can we cooperate with this work of God in ways that bring justice, grace, compassion and the reality of God’s reign into the lives of ordinary God-Beloved people?”  
—J. van de Laar

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Grace Johnson and Elizabeth Wilkinson

VOLUNTARY Pastorale (from Sonata No. 12) Josef Rheinberger

INTROIT At the River Adapted by Aaron Copland  
Choral Arrangement by R. Wilding-White

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel’s feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:  
Yes, we’ll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we’ll reach the shining river. Soon our pilgrimage will cease.  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

University of Mary Washington Chorus  
Dr. Christopher O. Ryder, Director — Cathy Hoskins, Accompanist

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty  
LOBE DEN HERREN

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Daniel Ingram

Wondrous and amazing God, we gather in awe in your presence.  
You created the universe and you are present with us in this space.  
Holy Spirit that came down upon the disciples, move within and around us.  
You swept over the waters of creation and you are in our very breath.  
Savior Jesus, you became flesh and lived among us and died for us.  
You live again and give us the promise of new life.  
Triune God, Three-in-One, we praise you, we pray to you,  
and we follow you in this world. Amen.

\*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.

\*Please stand if you are able

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

ANTHEM Amazing Grace Arr. Jay Althouse

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come.  
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise  
than when we first begun.

River Road Church Youth Choir  
Anne James, piano

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 32:22-31 (p. 26) Fred Anderson

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 18:1-8 (p. 853)

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

ANTHEM Deep River African-American Spiritual  
Arr. Donald Patriquin

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.  
Deep river, Lord. I want to cross over into campground.  
Oh don’t you want to go to that gospel feast,  
to that promised land, where all is peace?  
Lord, I want to cross over into campground.  
Won’t you go to that gospel feast to that promised land, where all is peace?

CALL TO PRAYER Sandy Rooney

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and  
spirit, through caring for your creation and loving our sisters and  
brothers. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on  
behalf of the needs of the church and this world.

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN OF DEVOTION 326 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart MORECAMBE

\*OFFERTORY SENTENCES Rev. Anna Perry Miller

We thank you, God, for the opportunity to express our love to you  
through the gifts we bring to support and encourage your work in near  
and distant places. Make our hearts glad that we can share in extending  
the gospel and helping to heal humanity’s pain, for we bring these gifts  
to you with grateful hearts. Amen.

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY When in Our Music God is Glorified  
Arr. Keith Benniston

1. When, in our music, God is glorified,  
and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. How often, making music, we have found  
a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. So has the church, in liturgy and song,  
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night,  
when utmost evil strove against the Light?  
Then let us sing for whom he won the fight:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. 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! Alleluia!

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

SERMON The Power of Persistent Prayer Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

ANTHEM Simple Gifts Traditional Shaker Hymn  
Arr. Amy Dalton

‘Tis a gift to be simple, ‘tis a gift to be free,  
‘tis a 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.  
When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed  
To turn, to turn will be our delight,  
‘til by turning, turning, we come round right.

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 386 O for a World AZMON

\*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY Toccata in B minor Eugène Gigout

Next Sunday, October 27, is Commitment Sunday

Perhaps you’ve seen the new banners hung in the narthex and other places around church. These banners show memories of ministry from the past year and encourage us to *Donate It Forward* to Make a *DIF*ference at River Road Church! Over the coming week, we encourage you to be in prayer, thinking about how you can commit to River Road Church in 2020. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks and were mailed last week. You are encouraged to place your pledge card in the model steeple, located in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity to River Road Church!



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 pencil pouches 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 Scott and Sandy Rooney's 25th Wedding Anniversary by their children, Beth, Meg, Matt, and Amanda.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by deacons Mary Murphy, Peter Schowalter, Nancy Gayle Smith-Jackson, and Oliver Way. Everyone is invited to attend, especially our guests in worship today.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Frank Halloran who joined our church family on September 1 (baptized October 6), Jason and Jackson Koskinen who joined our church family on September 15, Deborah and Joseph Davidson who joined our church family on October 6, and Ashley Glaze who joined our church family on October 13. We look forward to ministering alongside all of you!

**Church Business Meeting**  
**TODAY, October 20, 2019 at 12:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

The Board of Trustees has called a Special Business Meeting for the purpose of electing Messengers to the following meetings. We need a quorum of 100 to conduct the meeting.

River City Faith Network of the Richmond Baptist Association Annual Meeting  
Sunday, October 20, 2019, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Derbyshire Baptist Church

BGAV Annual Meeting  
November 11-13, 2019, Bonsack Baptist Church (Roanoke)

If you would like to be messenger for either meeting, please speak with Daniel Glaze. For more information about both meetings, please visit [rrcb.org/businessmeeting](http://rrcb.org/businessmeeting).

**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](http://rrcb.org/tot).

Sun, October 20

**Church Business Meeting & Reception, 12:00 p.m.,**  
Fellowship Hall

**Columbarium Committee, 12:15 p.m., UC 232**

**High School Lunch, 12:30 p.m., UR**

**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**

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

**Board of Administration, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room**

Mon, October 21      **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  
**Communications Committee**, 7:00 p.m., Parlor

Tues, October 22      **RRCB Preschool Committee**, 11:00 a.m., Reception Room  
**Watercolor Art Party**, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Room

Wed, October 23

**Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room  
**Building & Property Council**, 4:30 p.m., UC 230  
**River Road Camerata**, 4:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room  
**Wednesday Night Dinner**, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
**TFC-Kids: Pre-K to 5th Grades**, 5:45 p.m., Chapel Hall  
**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  
**Member Engagement Committee**, 7:15 p.m., LC 104

Thurs, October 24     **Book Lovers**, 7:30 p.m., LC 102  
                               **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room

Fri, October 25      **Youth Fifth Quarter**, 9:30 p.m., Youth Area

Sat, October 26      **Trunk or Treat**, 4:00 p.m., North Parking Lot

**Thoughtful Faith Community — Wednesday, October 23, 4:30-7:00 p.m.**

**Dinner, 5:15-6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

**Menu:** Hunter's Chicken Stew OR Savory Lentil Croquettes, Creamy Polenta, Roasted Root Vegetables, Ginger Molasses Cookies  
**Kids Entrée:** Chicken Nuggets & Mac n Cheese

**River Road Camerata, 4:30-5:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room**  
**TFC-Kids, 5:45-6:15 p.m., Chapel Hall: Games & Snacks**  
**TFC-Youth, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Youth Area: Games & Dessert**  
**Cherub Choir, 6:15-6:45 p.m., UC 232: preschool and kindergarten**  
**Carol Choir, 6:15-7:00 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room: 1st and 2nd grades**  
**Crusader Choir, 6:15-7:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room: 3rd-5th grades**  
**TFC-Adults, 6:15-7:00 p.m., Assembly Room: Blessings and Gifts with Don Campbell and Eddie Stratton from the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV).**



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