THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost | World Communion Sunday

The Worship of God begins with the Opening Voluntary. As you enter, pause for a moment to become aware of God's presence.

October 6, 2019

Eleven o'clock in the morning

MEDITATION

"...saying 'I'm grateful' does not simply express our thanksgiving but actually gives voice to a counter-cultural witness that has the power to shape those around us, push back the tide of resentment and complaint that ails us, and make room for a fresh appreciation of God's renewing, saving grace."

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Abigail McAllister and Wilson Gilliam

VOLUNTARY Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness, BWV 654 J. S. Bach

INTROIT

George Thalben-Ball

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee; for thou art my God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

In the midst of your hectic week, you have come to worship God.

Our lives are pulled in so many directions; we seek God's guidance.

Let go of the burdens that weigh you down; God will take them.

May God receive our thanks for the respite we are given.

Tune your hearts and voices in praise to God.

May our hearts and voices reflect the joy we feel because of God's love for us.

*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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Sandy Rooney

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 37:1-9 (p. 443)

Parker Bradley

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.

* Please stand, if you are able

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 17:11-19 (p. 852)

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

*HYMN OF DEVOTION 522 Lord, When I Came Into This Life LAND OF REST

*OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, For when humbly, in thy name, Two or three are met together, Thou are in the midst of them: Alleluia! Alleluia!

As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup. Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Touch we now Thy garment's hem. So knit thou our friendship up.

> All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of thee, That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

*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

A Heart Full of Grateful Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Richard Lloyd

PREPARATION FOR THE TABLE

God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbors near and far. May this fruit of the vine remind us of the interconnectedness of people around the world. May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people, and your world, as we are united in the one body of Christ. Amen.

SANCTUS Vincent Persichetti

THE BLESSING AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE BLESSING AND GIVING OF THE CUP

ANTHEM View Me, Lord

2. Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel

1. View me, Lord, a work of thine. Shall I then lie drown'd in night? Might thy grace in me but shine. I should seem made all of light.

Endless, know nor days, nor years.

- Gaze no more on earth's delight. 3. Worldly joys, like shadows, fade When the heav'nly light appears; But the cov'nants thou hast made,
 - 4. In thy word, Lord, is my trust, To thy mercies fast I fly; Though I am but clay and dust, Yet thy grace can lift me high.

At thine altar, pure and white:

They that once thy mercies feel.

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 509 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

CROSS OF JESUS

*BENEDICTION Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY Fantasia in G major, BWV 572

Bach



JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND CELEBRATING THE 50th Anniversary of the Church Sanctuary

Saturday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Chanticleer in Concert

Chanticleer performs TRADE WINDS: Songs from exotic climes and the music of seagoing peoples. Tickets are \$35/person Available at rrcb.org/chanticleer

Sunday, October 13 at 11:00 a.m.

Anniversary Worship Service

Featuring the Chancel Choir, Organ, and Brass Sermon celebrating the Sanctuary Consecration by the Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze. Pastor of 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. 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 pencil pouches are in the narthex (foyer at the back of the Sanctuary).

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Cynthia and Ken Lantz in honor of our 40th wedding anniversary.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by deacons Janet Ahl, Bev Geissler, Bill Gray, and David Gulick. Everyone is invited to attend, especially our guests in worship today.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Sam and Katherine Hall upon the death on his father, and to Brooks Hall and Anne Carrington Hall upon the death of their grandfather, Samuel A. Hall III, on September 29 in Lottsburg, VA.

Together as One (1 Cor. 12:25-27) Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Baptist Missions Received: \$1,433 | River Road Church Goal: \$3,000

In Lebanon, a country where a third of its population are refugees, it seems impossible that a small family of Baptist churches could make an impact. But they are and Virginia Baptists are giving support to those efforts. Together they are reaching out even beyond their borders to help those in Syria and Iraq. Pray for our sisters and brothers in Lebanon assisting refugees; pray for joy, stamina, and safety as they do so. Pray for us in Virginia that we may reach out to our neighbors and refugees, and give to the Alma Hunt Offering. Specially marked envelopes are in the pew racks.

Would you like to be more intentional in how you journey with God? Have you wanted an opportunity to think on and practice your faith more deeply?

Soul Feast

Adult Bible Study with Rev. Anna Miller Sundays, October 6-December 8, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Upper Commons 228

Come join Anna Miller on Sunday nights, we will use the book Soul Feast as our guide.

This study, by Marjorie Thompson, will challenge all of us to explore the ways we engage with God individually and in community. The author is "less interested in giving you information about the spiritual life than she is in giving you the tools to engage the spiritual life—both for your health and the health of the world," says Barbara Brown Taylor.

Soul Feast books are available at church for \$15. Let us know if you will be joining us by signing up online at *rrcb.org/soulfeast* or by contacting Anna Miller.

Reception, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Sun, October 6

Nominating Committee, 12:15 p.m., LC 102

Organ Recital: Dr. Robert Gallagher, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Chancel Bell Choir, 5:00 p.m., Bell Room

River Road Camerata, 5:00 p.m., Main 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 Missions, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room

Mon, October 7 Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts, 9:30 a.m., LC 102 Board of Deacons Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Tues, October 8 The Comma Club Outing, 9:30 a.m., Black History Museum

Wed, October 9 Men's Group: The Huddle, 8:00 a.m., UC 232

> 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., 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

Thurs, October 10 Yoga, 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room

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

Fri, October 11 FLO Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., The Grapevine on Three Chopt Rd

Chancel Choir Fall Retreat, 10:00 a.m., Music Suite Sat, October 12

Children's Outing: 1st to 5th Graders, 12:00 p.m.,

Boomerang Sports at Short Pump

Concert Series: Chanticleer, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series at River Road Church Organ Recital – Robert Gallagher Today, October 6 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Opening event of the 47th Annual Convention of the American Institute of Organbuilders

Works by Bach, Schumann, Langlais, Mary Beth Bennett, and Sowerby FREE tickets are available at *rrcb.org/eventbrite*.

Thoughtful Faith Community — Wednesday, October 9, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

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

Menu: Lemon Basil Chicken OR Spinach & Mushroom Lasagna, Creamy Linguine,

Herbed Peas & Carrots, Limoncello Shortcake Kids Entrée: Cheese Ravioli with Marinara

River Road Camerata, 4:30-5:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room **TFC-Kids**, 5:45-6:15 p.m., UC 228: Missions Education

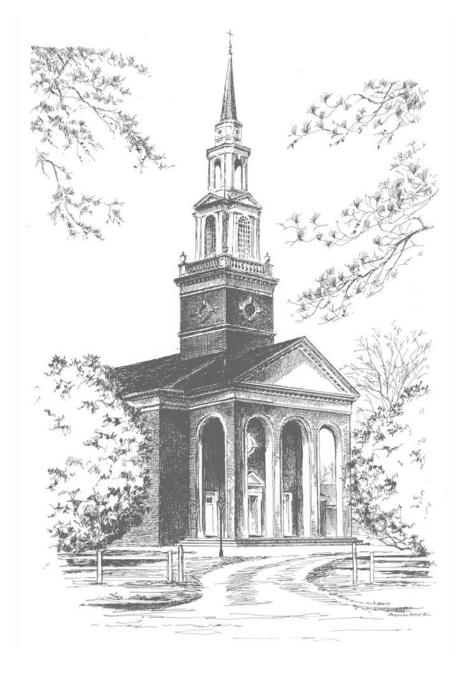
TFC-Youth, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Youth Area: Games & Dessert

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:

Doctors Without Borders with Dr. David Elliott

Dr. David Elliott and his wife Cecilia have been attending worship at RRCB for some time now. Maybe you've had a chance to get to know them. Did you know that David serves as a physician with the non-profit organization Doctors Without Borders, also called Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)? After graduating from Hermitage High School, US Military Academy at West Point, and the Medical College of VA, he served as an Army trauma surgeon and then moved into private practice. In retirement, David has served several stints through MSF in S. Sudan, Nepal, Jordan, and the Central African Republic. This organization seeks to send doctors to places that have the least served populations with great need. Come hear Dr. Elliott share how the Lord used, touched, and blessed him in this ministry.



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