

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ascension Sunday

May 24, 2020

*Today we worship via the internet. As you gather around your phone, computer, or tablet,
we encourage you to pause for a moment to become aware of God's presence.
Quiet your mind, listen to the voluntary, and prepare to worship God.*

Voluntary

Rejoice, Beloved Christians, BWV 734

J.S. Bach

Welcome, Invocation, and Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

**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.**

*Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

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| 1. In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth. | 2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind. |
| 3. Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me. | 4. In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth. |

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 47
(see last page)

Rose Browning

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI

**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 24:44-53
(see last page)

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

Solo

God Is Still Our Sun and Shield (from Cantata 79)

J.S. Bach

God is still our sun and shield,	Still, his arms are ever round us,
Therefore, in all that we are doing,	Still, his grace and love surround us,
In our coming and our going,	Guarding us from fear and hate.
Praise him for his goodness great.	God is still our sun and shield.

Louise Gallagher, alto

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Offertory Sentences

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

Solo

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Janet Sanborn

What a friend we have in Jesus,	Are we weak and heavy-laden,
All our sins and griefs to bear;	Cumbered with a load of care?
What a privilege to carry	Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Everything to God in prayer;	Take it to the Lord in prayer;
O what peace we often forfeit,	Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
O what needless pain we bear:	Take it to the Lord in prayer;
All because we do not carry	In his arms he'll take and shield thee,
Everything to God in prayer!	Thou wilt find a solace there.

Louise Gallagher, alto

Sermon

Up, but Not Away

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

*Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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| 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise. | 2. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee. |
| 3. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee. | |

*Benediction

Voluntary

Toccata in D minor

Gaston Bélier

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Myrtle Moore Harris by Mr. and Mrs. William M. Harris.

The Memorial Day Pedestal flowers are given in memory of those men and women, no longer with us, who served in the armed forces of the United States of America. May they rest in peace and may we never forget them.

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Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm. God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.