

# RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

*Today we worship via livestream. 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.*

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Voluntary

*Choral  
Chant de mai*

Joseph Jongen

Welcome, Invocation, and Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

**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

*I Come with Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE

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| 1. I come with joy, a child of God,<br>forgiven, loved, and free,<br>the life of Jesus to recall,<br>in love laid down for me,<br>in love laid down for me.                           | 2. I come with Christians far and near<br>to find, as all are fed,<br>the new community of love<br>in Christ's communion bread,<br>in Christ's communion bread. |
| 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,<br>each proud division ends.<br>The love that made us, makes us one,<br>and strangers now are friends,<br>and strangers now are friends. | 4. The Spirit of the risen Christ,<br>unseen, but ever near,<br>is in such friendship better known,<br>alive among us here,<br>alive among us here.             |
| 5. Together met, together bound<br>by all that God has done,<br>we'll go with joy, to give the world<br>the love that makes us one,<br>the love that makes us one.                    |   |

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

John 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

Solo

*In Fear the World Is Weeping*

Music: Hassler/Bach

Text: Ruth Duck

In fear the world is weeping, and longs with every breath,  
for life and hope and seeking new paths beyond this death.  
And loving hearts are risking their lives that we may thrive.  
Praise God for those who labor, O may they stay alive.

Our lives are bound together in sorrow and in prayer.  
In life and death and nature the Holy One gives air.  
Around the world show wisdom, with open hearts give care,  
a new world calls us onward, sing hope now everywhere.

Miles Clikeman, tenor

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Offertory Sentences

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

\*Doxology

**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

*Abide in Me*

Johannes Herbst

Abide in me and I in thee. Just as the branch itself no fruit can bear,  
But it abides in the vine; no more can ye, but ye abide in me.

John 15:4

Miles Clikeman, tenor

Sermon

*The Gift We Need*

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Invitation to Holy Communion

Reflection at Christ's Table

Blessing and Giving of the Bread and Cup

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.  
**Thank you, giving God.**

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.  
**Thank you, saving God.**

\*Hymn

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS

1. Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration For Thy Gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our lives and hearts abound.  
Ever faithful, Ever faithful To the truth may we be found.
3. So that when Thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,  
Let no fear of death appall us, Glad Thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, May we ever Reign with Thee in endless day.

\*Benediction

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Voluntary

*Toccata in D flat major, Opus 104*

Joseph Jongen

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*The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and may God bless all the men and women of our armed forces, both active and retired, both here and abroad, who serve our country with love and honor by Dick and Lucille Strauss.*

*Christian sympathy is extended to Raj and Briar Chatterjea upon the death of his father, and to Campbell Chatterjea and Braelyn Chatterjea upon the death of their grandfather in Pensacola, Florida on April 24.*

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