

# RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

**Pentecost Sunday**

**May 31, 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.*

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Voluntary

*Prelude on "Munich" (Hommage to Brahms)*

Eugenia Earle

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

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

MUNICH

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| 1. On Pentecost they gathered<br>quite early in the day,<br>a band of Christ's disciples,<br>to worship, sing, and pray.<br>A mighty wind came blowing,<br>filled all the swirling air,<br>and tongues of fire aglowing<br>inspired each person there. | 2. The people all around them<br>were startled and amazed<br>to understand their language,<br>as Christ the Lord they praised.<br>What universal message,<br>what great good news was here?<br>That Christ, once dead, is risen<br>to vanquish all our fear. |
| 3. God pours the Holy Spirit<br>on all who would believe,<br>on women, men, and children<br>who would God's grace receive.<br>That Spirit knows no limit,<br>bestowing life and power.<br>The church, formed and reforming,<br>responds in every hour. | 4. O Spirit, sent from heaven<br>on that day long ago,<br>rekindle faith among us<br>in all life's ebb and flow.<br>O give us ears to listen<br>and tongues aflame with praise,<br>so folk of every nation<br>glad songs of joy shall raise.                 |

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:1-11  
(see last page)

Kathryn Norman

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.**

The Word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God.**

Solo

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

Donald Hustad

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| 1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;<br>wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;<br>stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,<br>and make me love thee as I ought to love.     | 2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,<br>no sudden rending of the veil of clay,<br>no angel visitant, no opening skies;<br>but take the dimness of my soul away.                 |
| 3. Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh.<br>Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,<br>to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh.<br>Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer. | 4. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,<br>one holy passion filling all my frame;<br>the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,<br>my heart an altar, and thy love the flame. |

Chris Ahart, tenor

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Offertory Sentences

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

\*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

*Grieve Not the Holy Spirit of God*

T. Tertius Noble

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Christopher Ahart, tenor

Sermon

*Fanning the Flames*

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

\*Hymn

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

ST. AGNES

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| 1. Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,<br>with all thy quickening powers;<br>kindle a flame of sacred love<br>in these cold hearts of ours. | 2. Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,<br>with all thy quickening powers;<br>come, shed abroad a Savior's love,<br>and that shall kindle ours. |
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\*Benediction

Voluntary

*Veni Creator Spiritus: Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux*

Nicolas de Grigny

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### **Acts 2: 1-11**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

### **Acts 2:12-21**

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’