# RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST THE WORSHIP OF GOD

# **Third Sunday after Pentecost**

June 21, 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.

Ouiet your mind, listen to the voluntary, and prepare to worship God.

Voluntary

Canzona (from Fiori Musicali)

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Welcome, Invocation, and Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

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

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

- The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of Love; Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.
- 2. The heavenly land I see,
  with peace and plenty blest;
  a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.
  There milk and honey flow,
  and oil and wine abound,
  and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.
- 3. The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing, and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry "Almighty King! Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:

  Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM, we worship thee!"

Lessons from Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 (see last page) Megan Parrish Summer Ministry Intern

Felix Mendelssohn

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

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Solo It is Enough (from Elijah)

It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers! I desire to live no longer: now let me die, for my days are but vanity. I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts, for the children of Israel have broken thy covenant, and thrown down Thine altars, and slain all Thy prophets, slain them with the sword. And I, even I only am left: and they seek my life to take it away! It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers! Now let me die, Lord, take away my life!

Zachary Short, bass

Offertory Sentences Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

\*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.

Mission Moment

Beth Wright Director, Camp Alkulana

Sermon Rabbi Hal Schevitz

\*Hymn

# O Day of God, Draw Nigh

FESTAL SONG

- O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power; come with thy timeless judgment now to match our present hour.
- 3. Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure, and finally build for days to come foundations that endure.
- 2. Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid, the quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.
- 4. Bring to our world of strife thy sovereign word of peace, that war may haunt the earth no more, and desolation cease.
- 5. O day of God, draw nigh as at creation's birth; let there be light again, and set thy judgments on the earth.

Benediction

# A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the gentle night to you.

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.

Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.

Deep peace of Christ to you.

Chancel Choir

Voluntary Tube Tune C.S. Lang

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. School and Mr. and Mrs. David B. Alford; also, Carol's sister, Ann Elizabeth Sims, by Carol and Harper Alford.

We are grateful for your continued generosity to God through our church ministry. You may give securely online at www.rrcb.org/give-online or by mailing a check. Thank you for your faithfulness. This QR code will take you to our giving page.



We Welcome Rabbi Hal Schevitz of Congregation Or Atid, as we share in a pulpit exchange this weekend.

**Congratulations** to Daniel and Melanie Ladnier on the birth of twins: son Grayson Joseph and daughter Anna Ruth on Friday, June 12. Congratulations to big brother Jacob, to grandparents, Bill and Deb Gray, to uncle and aunt John and Erin Gray, and to cousins Millie, Tatum, Addy, and Lucy.

## The Alkulana Family: Camp Alkulana Offering

June 17-July 12, 2020

Camp Alkulana's 106th summer of ministry will be different than any other. The COVID-19 pandemic is changing their summer plans, but it will not change our mission—we will continue to support their efforts to offer programming for Richmond's low-income, at-risk children and youth. Your gifts to the 2020 Camp Alkulana Offering will help keep this ministry and its impact strong even during these challenging times! We trust that, through God's guidance and critical support from the faith community, they will continue to be *The Alkulana Family*. Visit *rrcb.org/alkulana* for details on Camp Alkulana's summer ministry and how to give online.

Now is the time to pray for the success of Camp Alkulana in the summer of 2020 and to give to the Camp Alkulana Offering. You may make donations online (select "Alkulana" for the fund) or mail a check to the church office with "Camp Alkulana Offering" in the memo.

#### Pie with Pastors

Tuesday, June 23, 8PM on Zoom

Join Dr. Bob Gallagher and Megan Parrish, Summer Ministry Intern, for an hour of fellowship and conversation while enjoying your favorite dessert item. Sign up at *rrcb.org/pie* for the Zoom link.

# Summer Talkback Series: "Wishing for the End: Responding to America's Suicide Crisis"

Wednesday, June 24, at 2PM, 6:30PM, or 8PM on Zoom

With compelling vulnerability, podcaster and author Mike McHargue de-stigmatizes suicide and calls the church to be on the front lines of addressing the crisis of suicide in our society. After you sign up for your dialogue time, you will be sent a link to listen to the TheoEd presentation online ahead of the discussion time on June 24. The talkbacks will be guided by facilitators in small groups of no more than 12. Sign up at *rrcb.org/talkback*.

## First Sunday Food Share for the Richmond Baptist Centers

Sunday, July 5, 1-3PM, North Parking Lot

If you are able to safely come to the church, please drop off donations during the designated time. There will be two volunteers at the church to assist with directions and will maintain appropriate distancing. Please wait if there are others dropping off at the same time, do not gather and socialize, and remember to wash your hands with soap and water when you get home. **Specifically, the Church Hill Wellness Center is in need of** canned corn, string beans, tuna, Vienna sausages; cereal; milk; rice; men's deodorant (fragrant and non-fragrant); men's disposable razors; men's summer and fall clothes; and toothpaste and toothbrushes.

### Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

## Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me. There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl. Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.