

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST
THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 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 *Processional Fanfare* Charles Callahan

Welcome, Invocation, and Our Lord's Prayer Sandy Rooney

**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 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

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| 1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? | 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand. |
| 3. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine. | 4. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake." |

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 22:1-14 Taylor Bostic
(see last page)

New Testament Lesson Romans 7:15-25a
(see last page)

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment Megan Parrish
Summer Ministry Intern

Pastoral Prayer Sandy Rooney

** please stand as you are able*

Solo

Simple Gifts

Aaron Copland

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down, where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gain'd,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight
Till by turning, turning we come round right.

Eleanor Roberts, soprano

Offertory Sentences

Sandy Rooney

*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.**

Anthem

The House of Faith Has Many Rooms

Craig Phillips

The house of faith has many rooms where we have never been; there is more space within God's scope than we have ever seen.	We dare not limit God's domain to what our creeds declare, or shrink from probing things unknown lest God should not be there.
The way to God is not escape, though truth does make us free: the life of chosen servanthood is perfect liberty.	Yet still we seek at journey's end the last and sweetest grace, the gift of room to turn around and know God face to face.

—Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Chancel Choir, Sung on October 13, 2019
for the 50th anniversary of the consecration of the sanctuary

Sermon

A Ram in the Thicket

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

*Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

*Benediction

Voluntary

Prelude on "Nettleton"

Gerre Hancock

All music for this service was written by composers from the United States of America.

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

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.



Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Pat Burke upon his death on June 24, 2020 in Richmond.

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.

Summer Talkback Series: "Jesus, Judaism, and Justice" with Amy-Jill Levine

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

Amy-Jill Levine will invite examination of Jesus' claim to be "the way, the truth, and the life" from a interfaith perspective. 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 July 8. The talkback sessions 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

Today, 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.

Compassion Camp: Virtual Vacation Bible School

July 20-31, 2020

Our virtual VBS will be held over a two-week period, July 20-31, with videos of bible lessons and activities going out Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Each session families will receive a link that will have an opening session with the bible focus for the day and songs, a bible lesson, and a closing session describing the activity for the day. Each session will have a different activity. These activities will be either a craft/art activity, games, mission project, or music. Prior to July 20 each family will receive a VBS bag which will include directions and items needed for the activities, and a script for each day. For more information, volunteer opportunities, and registration, please visit rrcb.org/vbs.

Genesis 22:1-14

“After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!