

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 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

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Gottfried Homilius

Welcome, Invocation, and Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

**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

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

ST. CATHERINE

1. Jesus, thy boundless love to me
no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to thee,
and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live;
myself to thee entirely give.
2. O grant that nothing in my soul
may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O may thy love possess me whole,
my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
may every act, word, thought be love.
3. O Love, how gracious is thy way!
All fear before thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow melt away
where'er thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see,
nothing desire, or seek, but thee.

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31

Kimberly Fehrs

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

** please stand as you are able*

Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Sandy Rooney

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

Solo

Serenity

Charles Ives

O sabbath rest of Galilee!
 O calm of hills above,
 where Jesus knelt to share with thee
 the silence of eternity interpreted by love.
 Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our striving cease;
 take from our souls the strain and stress,
 and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

—*John Greenleaf Whittier*

Chris Ahart, tenor

Offertory Sentences

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

*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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Carson Cooman

O Love that will not let me go,
 I rest my tired soul in thee;
 I give thee back the life I owe,
 that in thine ocean depths its flow
 may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follows me all my way,
 I give my flickering torch to thee;
 my heart restores its borrowed ray,
 that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
 may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain,
 I cannot close my heart to thee;
 I trace the rainbow through the rain,
 and feel the promise is not vain
 that morn shall tearless be!

Chris Ahart, tenor

Sermon

Nothing Means Nothing

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Celebration of Holy Communion

*Hymn

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.
2. Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.
3. When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.
4. From sorrow, toil, and pain
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

*Benediction

Voluntary

Grand Choeur

Guy Weitz

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration and gratitude of our 46th anniversary by Shelley and David Barker.

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 E. Carl Freeman, Jr. upon the death of his brother, Meredith Lee Dickerson, on July 25, in Richmond, Virginia.

First Sunday Food Share for the Richmond Baptist Centers

Today, 1:00 AM-3:00 PM, 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. A full shopping list can be found on our Facebook, Instagram, or rrcb.org/connect (click 'Missions').

Altar Flower Calendar

Dates Remaining: August 30, October 25, and November 22

If you would like to give flowers in honor or in memory of someone, please call Betsy Lowery to reserve your Sunday. The cost is \$90.

Flower Ministry—Pick Up Flowers

Fridays, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Lower Commons Entrance

Altar flowers are available for pick up and distribution on Fridays. Pick up a bouquet of flowers to take to someone for a special occasion, in need of care, or to simply brighten their day. The flower team is also looking for donations of small and medium vases. Vases can be dropped off at the same time on Fridays.

Pancakes with Pastors

Tuesday, August 4 at 9AM on Zoom

Join David Breckenridge for an hour of fellowship and conversation while enjoying your favorite breakfast item. Sign up at rrcb.org/pancakes for the Zoom link.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 10AM-3PM, Fellowship Hall

During this uncertain time, the Red Cross is encouraging individuals to keep scheduled blood donation appointments and to make new appointments for the weeks ahead to ensure a stable supply throughout this pandemic. There is no known end date in this fight against coronavirus, and the Red Cross needs the help of blood and platelet donors and blood drive hosts to maintain a sufficient blood supply for weeks to come. It's important to remember that blood is perishable and cannot be stockpiled. Please consider donating blood with River Road Church on Wednesday, August 12. The blood drive will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Donations are by appointment only; no walk-ins. **For more information on safety procedures and to register, please visit rrcb.org/blooddrive.**

Church Hill Wellness Center Toiletry Bags

Donation Drop Off: Sunday, August 16, 1-3PM, Portico/Preschool Entrance

The Church Hill Wellness Center is requesting toiletry bags and undergarments for their back-to-school event. Please fill gallon-size Ziploc bags with shampoo, comb or brush, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, floss, soap, wash cloth, and lotion. They are also collecting socks and underwear for boys (boxers) and girls (bikini cut) ages kindergarten through high school. If you have any questions or need to drop off at another time, please contact Andrea Glaze (804-519-0524).