RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 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

Tierce en taille (from Livre d'Orgue)

Pierre Dumage

Welcome, Invocation, and Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

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

God of Mercy, God of Grace

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- 1. God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of your face. Shine upon us, Savior, shine; Fill your world with light divine; All your saving health extend Unto earth's remotest end.
- 2. Let the people praise you, Lord; Be by all that live adored. Let the nations shout and sing; may their praises ever ring; At your feet their tribute pay, And your holy will obey.
- 3. Let the people praise you, Lord; earth shall then its fruits afford. Unto us your blessing give; we to you devoted live, all below and all above, one in joy and light and love.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Andy McAllister

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

New Testament Lesson

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

Recitative and Duet

from Cantata No. 79 (God is My Sun and Shield)

J.S. Bach

Praise God! We know where to find the way to blessedness, for Jesus, you show the way through your word and teaching; your name we will be therefore ever praising. But since so many here on earth dismiss your word and walk in blindness, with the worldly, ah, in thy mercy Lord, forgive their foolishness, deliver them from the power of evil, and lead them in the path of righteousness.

God, ah, God, forsake thy faithful nevermore. Keep thy word a beacon shining, we implore. Let our foes no more assail us; praise we thee who never fails us.

Louise Gallagher, soprano Seth Roberts, bass

Offertory Sentences Rev. Anna Perry Miller

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 Alma Hunt State Missions Offering

Duet Hear My Prayer, O God James Kent
Arranged by Crawford R. Thoburn

Hear my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my petition.

Louise Gallagher, soprano Seth Roberts, bass

Sermon For All People Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Hymn There's A Wideness in God's Mercy BEECHER

 There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea. There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. But we make God's love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify God's strictness with a zeal he will not own. 2. For the love of God is broader than the measure of one's mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word, and our lives would be more loving in the likeness of our Lord.

Benediction Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Voluntary Plein jeu (from Livre d'Orgue) Pierre Dumage

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Tom's sister, Katherine Starke Lyman, by Tom and Mary Lee Starke.

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.



Alma Hunt Offering: Meeting Real Needs in Real Time August 11-September 13, 2020

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions will look different in the coming year, reflecting the changing world in which we live as we face the challenges of a global pandemic. This annual state missions offering is a joint venture of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV).

As always, this critical offering seeks to meet real needs of real people by funding ministries in a variety of specific areas. For the rest of 2020 and looking toward 2021, the allocations of this offering are being redirected in a way that will allow us to focus on human needs arising from the COVID-19 crisis.

The state missions offering will be distributed as follows:

- 70% of funds to WMUV-directed projects.
- 30% of funds to BGAV-directed projects
- All projects have a direct correlation to COVID-19 relief effort.

Please pray for the Alma Hunt Offering and consider giving to the offering. If you would like to give to the Alma Hunt Offering, you can do so online at *rrcb.org/give-online* or mail a check to the church office with "Alma Hunt Offering" in the memo.

Church Hill Wellness Center Toiletry Bags

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

The Church Hill Wellness Center is requesting toiletry backs 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).

Coffee with Clergy

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 9AM on Zoom

Join Bob Gallagher for an hour of fellowship and conversation while enjoying your favorite breakfast beverage. Sign up at *rrcb.org/coffee* for the Zoom link.

Vesper Services

Wednesday, August 19 and 26, 2020

Many individuals of all ages from within our church family have offered their gifts of talent, word, and heart. Please enjoy our short and meaningful vesper services, which will be available on each of the remaining Wednesdays in August. Each service will be available at *rrcb.org/vespers* as well as sent vial email. May these service offerings encourage you as you journey with Christ.

South Richmond Baptist Center Children's Masks Donation Drop Off: Sunday, August 23, 1-3PM, North Parking Lot/Lower Commons Entrance

The South Richmond Baptist Center is requesting masks for children ages 7 and up, homemade or purchased. If you have any questions or need to drop off at another time, please contact Bonnie Livick (804-338-0413).