

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 31, 2021

*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

*Chaconne in D major, P. 40
Andantino, Op. 51*

Johann Pachelbel
Louis Vierne

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Welcome, Invocation, and Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Daniel 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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 62:5-12

Cathy Whitty

Vice-Chair, Board of Deacons

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them. Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice,

came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of our Lord;
Praise be to you, O Christ.

Solo

Your Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet

Thomas Pavlechko

Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light upon my path.
When I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O Lord, according to your Word.
Accept O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgments.
My life is always in danger, yet I do not forget your teaching.
Your decrees are my inheritance forever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.
I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes forever and to the end.
Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light upon my path.

Kimberly Fehrs, soprano

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Daniel Ingram

Offertory Sentences and 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.**

Ordination of New Deacons

Catherine Burkett
Bob Halloran
Joyce Leshner
Dave Wagner

Mary Beth Scherer
Chair, Board of Deacons

Covenant of the Deacons and the Congregation

Deacon Chair: That all may know your willingness and desire to take upon yourselves this servant leadership position, please share with us your covenantal promise of care.

Deacons-Elect: *We believe that we have been called by God and this church to the office of deacon. We pledge to pray for River Road Church and serve her members and friends with love and grace. We covenant to support the ministries of our church, lending prayerful encouragement and counsel. We promise, according to our ability and God's grace, to serve our church with faithfulness and devotion, in word and in deed, as disciples of Jesus Christ.*

Deacon Chair: We covenant with these deacons ordained here today to live out Christ's call to serve one another in love.

Congregation: **We give thanks to God for these deacons and the ministry before them. For those deacons who have completed their terms, we are grateful for their time and energy, and we pray for rest from their labors and for continued opportunities for ministry. For deacons in active service and those to be ordained, we pray God's grace upon them as they serve and upon us as we receive their ministry.**

Deacon Vice-Chair: Do you, the people of River Road Church, who have prayerfully chosen these persons to be commissioned and ordained as deacons of this church, receive them as the duly elected, instituted servants of Christ in this church?

Congregation: **We do. We covenant to pray for them and encourage them in their service to this congregation and to Christ, today and in the future.**

Prayer of Dedication for New Deacons

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Solo

from *Cantata 68*

J. S. Bach

My heart ever faithful, Sing praises, be joyful, Thy Jesus is near;
Away with complaining, Faith ever maintaining, My Jesus is here;
My heart ever faithful, Sing praises, be joyful, Thy Jesus is here!

Kimberly Fehrs, soprano

Sermon

All You Need is Love

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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| 1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more. | 2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield. |
| 3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee. | |

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Voluntary

Song of Peace

Jean Langlais

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mary and Lawson Pankey, by Pat and John O'Bannon.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Deborah deTreville in the death of her husband and to Betty Martin in the death of her son-in-law, Charles Jason Allen, on January 25, in Richmond, Virginia.

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

Notice Regarding Online Worship—Until further notice, worship will be online only in an effort to contribute to the safety of our congregation. Because of our desire to love and care for our congregation, coupled with rising COVID numbers in our area, we feel this is the most prudent approach. The Ad Hoc Re-Entry Task Force will continue to closely monitor the situation and make recommendations based on their findings.

A Church Business Meeting, to include discussion and a vote upon the 2021 budget, will be held **today, January 31, 2021, at 12:15PM** via the Zoom videoconference platform. A reminder email with details for joining the meeting was sent out at 8:00 this morning. If you need another copy of the proposed budget, please email the church office at info@rrcb.org by noon today. The Zoom waiting room will be open at 12:00PM to allow access to the meeting beginning at 12:15PM. Please remember that we need a quorum of 100 to be able to conduct the meeting.

- Sun, Jan 31 **Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy**, 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Life Sunday School Class, 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Faith Walk Sunday School Class, 9:45 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
New Horizons Sunday School Class, 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Worship, 11:00 a.m., rrcb.org/live
Church Business Meeting, 12:15 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Shepherd-Holland Sunday School Class, 2:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting (Online)
Youth Choir, 4:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Mon, Feb 1 **Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts**, 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Board of Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Wed, Feb 3 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Thu, Feb 4 **Chancel Choir**, 7:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Sun, Feb 7 **Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy**, 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Life Sunday School Class, 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Faith Walk Sunday School Class, 9:45 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
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2021 Altar Flower Calendar—Anyone interested in reserving a Sunday on the 2021 Altar Flower Calendar, please call Betsy Lowery (804-338-4604) or visit rrcb.org/flowers. The cost is \$90. March 21, 2021 is still available, as well as dates in June through October.

Altar Flowers from worship will be available to pick up on Saturday morning, February 6, beginning at 11AM at the North Parking Lot/Lower Commons entrance. Pick up a bouquet to take to someone for a special occasion, in need of care, or simply to brighten their day. There will also be a bin to return and/or donate small vases for future bouquets, as well as to return Advent Wreath trays. Flower pick up dates and times for the rest of February will be announced each week in the *e-Spire*, bulletin, and on social media.

The Fellowship Fund experienced a record year in 2020 helping 452 families, most of whom are experiencing hardships due to ongoing pandemic. River Road Church members and the RRCB Endowment Fund blessed the Deacons with enough funds to expend more than \$113,000 to help these families in crisis in our community. With so many in need right now, we ask you to please consider making a gift to the Fellowship Fund. This fund is quietly administered by the Board of Deacons, with the support of the church staff, after a screening process. You may mail checks to the church office with *Fellowship Fund* in the memo, or make a gift online at rrcb.org/give-online. Thank you for your generosity.

The First Sunday Food Share Drop Off will be held on Sunday, February 7 from 1:00-3:00PM at the Lower Commons Entrance in the North Parking Lot. The food share team is in need of paper shopping bags to help with packing and delivering groceries. The suggested shopping list can be found at rrcb.org/foodshare or on our social media pages. The Church Hill Wellness Center is in high need of cans of green beans, peas, and corn; white rice, long grain, and brown rice; powdered milk; disinfectant spray and wipes; masks; and winter coats for men, women, and children.

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series at River Road Church presents Organ Interlude Series January Offering—Bob Gallagher, our minister of music, has prepared a presentation of four organ pieces. The video can be watched on our YouTube channel or at rrcb.org/organ. Additionally, for those on Facebook, we encourage you to share the videos as we post them.

Thank you for worshiping with us!

At River Road Church, we are...

A community of believers coming from many faith traditions to worship and grow together in Christian fellowship, focusing on those aspects of faith on which we can agree rather than disagree as we journey together.

Baptist in heritage, espousing core Baptist truths as foundational to our faith journey: the centrality of Christ, the priesthood of all believers, the commitment to theological education, and the autonomy of the local church.

Encouraging of intellectual freedom—in pursuit of a thoughtful faith, seeking always to learn about God's nature and ways in the world, supporting a free pulpit and welcoming intellectually challenging sermons and educational programs.

Worshipping in reverence and beauty a transcendent God, following the liturgical style and augmented by the performance of traditional sacred music.

Serving God in our church, our community and the world by investing our energy and resources in ways that reflect the character and likeness of Christ and follow his teachings.



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Daniel H. Ingram, M.Div., *Minister of Administration*
Anna Perry Miller, M.A.C.E., *Associate Pastor for Adult Discipleship*
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