

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Transfiguration Sunday

February 14, 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.*

Voluntaries

Prelude and Fugue in G minor, BWV 149
Adagio in D flat major
Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Dietrich Buxtehude
Franz Liszt

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

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

GENEVA

1. Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,
Heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish;
Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent,
turning from the summit's rise
downward toward the shadowed valley
where their Lord has fixed his eyes.
2. Glimpsed and gone the revelation,
they shall gain and keep its truth,
not by building on the mountain
any shrine or sacred booth,
but by following the Savior
through the valley to the cross
and by testing faith's resilience
through betrayal, pain, and loss.
3. Lord, transfigure our perception
with the purest light that shines,
and recast our life's intentions
to the shape of your designs,
till we seek no other glory
than what lies past Calvary's hill
and our living and our dying
and our rising by your will.

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Children's Moment

Sandy Rooney

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 50:1-6

Catherine Burkett

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

The Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of our Lord;

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Solo

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Allan Robert Petker

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till thy inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Zachary Short, baritone

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

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.**

Sermon

Life in the Valley

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Hymn

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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| <p>1. From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> | <p>2. In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise
and fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>3. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends thy word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> | |

Solo

Benediction

Don Michael Dicie

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 God, the ruler of the world, to you.
 Alleluia, Amen.

Zachary Short, baritone

Voluntary

Sonata in D major, K. 288

Domenico Scarlatti

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ellen P. Stanton on the seventh anniversary of her death by Elizabeth, Barbara, and Bill Stanton.

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.

Christian sympathy is extended to Dick Schaffer upon the death of his wife, A. Lee Schaffer, on February 11, 2021. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. This announcement is not announced in our service this morning due to our early recording schedule this week.

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.

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. In January of 2021 we have helped 97 clients in financial crisis. 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.

- Sun, Feb 14 **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
Nominating Committee, 12:15 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Shepherd-Holland Sunday School Class, 1:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
VaLENTine's Day Drive-Thru, 3:00 p.m., North Parking Lot
- Mon, Feb 15 **Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts**, 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Tues, Feb 16 **WMU Connectors**, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Wed, Feb 17 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Building and Property Council, 4:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Stephen Ministry, 4:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Virtual Ash Wednesday Service, available 12:00 p.m., rrcb.org/live
- Thu, Feb 18 **Chancel Choir**, 7:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Sun, Feb 21 **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
Youth Group, 4:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Board of Administration, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

Altar Flowers from worship will be available to pick up on Monday, February 15, beginning at 1:00PM 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.

Our Churchwide VaLENTine's Drive-Thru will be held today from 3:00-4:00 PM. Come *drive-thru* the North Parking Lot, ministers will be on hand to pass out information and goodies regarding Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, and Lent for the entire family. Our mission collection will support the WMU Connectors and their ministry partner, The Doorways, which seeks to provide housing and support for patients and their loved ones who need to be close to hospital during a patient's care and treatment.

An entrance and exit will be marked off of Ridge Road. Please follow the path marked, being sure to stay in your car for the duration of the drive-thru, and wear masks while in the car greeting ministers. Sign-ups are not mandatory, but are helpful when planning. Sign up and view the mission collection at rrcb.org/drivethru. We can't wait to see you!

Virtual Ash Wednesday Service—At 12:00PM on February 17, our Ash Wednesday service will become available at rrcb.org/live so that your family can participate in it when it suits you best. Beforehand, make a small amount of ashes by burning a piece of paper over a glass bowl. After you light it, allow it to burn in part and then place it in the bowl. When it goes out, allow it to cool. Use the ashes that result as your ashes during the service.

Lent at River Road Church—Lent is the season in which we anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty days through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Because Lent is the most strongly penitential season of the year, the liturgical color is purple. The symbol of the crown of thorns represents the suffering of Christ, which reaches its apex during Holy Week. While worshiping and gathering are still different this year, join us as we prepare for the holiness of this season together! Our listing of services and events, including any sign-ups or reservations, is available at rrcb.org/lent. *Please note, this page will continue to be updated as more plans are finalized.*

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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