

# RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 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.*

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Voluntaries

*Introit, Kyrie, Agnus Dei (from Missa Brevis)*

Zoltan Kodaly

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Invocation and Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

**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

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

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| 1. Lord, who throughout these forty days<br>for us did fast and pray,<br>teach us with you to mourn our sins<br>and close by you to stay. | 2. As you with Satan did contend<br>and did the victory win,<br>O give us strength to persevere,<br>in you to conquer sin.  |
| 3. And through these days of penitence,<br>and through this Passiontide,<br>yes, evermore, in life and death,<br>O Lord, with us abide.   | 4. Abide with us, till when this life<br>of suffering shall be past,<br>an Easter of unending joy<br>we may attain at last. |

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

Dave Wagner

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of our Lord;

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Anthem

*Out of the Depths*

K. Lee Scott

Out of the depths I cry to thee,  
Lord, my sins bewailing!  
Bow down thy gracious ear to me,  
Make thou my prayer availing.

Hear my prayer, hear my cry,  
Hear my supplication,  
Thou my hope, thou my light,  
Thou my soul's deliverance.

Mark not my misdeeds in thy book,  
Gracious Lord, most holy;  
On my sins in mercy look;  
Who can stand before thee?

With thee there is forgiveness, Lord,  
Love and grace abounding,  
The greatest thought or deed or word  
Were else but empty sounding.

Sung by Eleanor Roberts, Emelia Roberts, Elizabeth Roberts, and Seth Roberts

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Offertory Sentences and Doxology

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze  
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

*When I'm Afflicted, Poor, and Low*

William Bradley Roberts

When I'm afflicted, poor, and low, and light and peace depart,  
my God beholds my heavy woe, and bears me on his heart.  
I waited patient for the Lord, he bowed to hear my cry;  
He saw me resting on his word, and brought salvation nigh.

He raised me from a horrid pit, where mourning long I lay,  
and from my bonds released my feet, deep bonds of miry clay.  
Firm on a rock he made me stand, and taught my cheerful tongue  
to praise the wonders of his hand, in a new thankful song.

How many are thy thoughts of love! Thy mercies, Lord, how great!  
We have not words nor hours enough, their numbers to repeat.  
When I'm afflicted, poor, and low, and light and peace depart,  
my God beholds my heavy woe, and bears me on his heart.

Sung by Eleanor Roberts, Emelia Roberts, Elizabeth Roberts, and Seth Roberts

Sermon

*Deadly Waters*

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

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| 1. When we are tested and wrestle alone,<br>famished for bread when the world offers stone,<br>nourish us, God, by your word and your way,<br>food that sustains us by night and by day. | 2. When in the desert we cry for relief,<br>pleading for paths marked by certain belief,<br>lift us to love you beyond sign and test,<br>trusting your presence, our only true rest.                  |
| 3. When we are tempted to barter our souls,<br>trading the truth for the power to control,<br>teach us to worship and praise only you,<br>seeking your will in the work that we do.      | 4. When we have struggled and searched through the night,<br>sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,<br>Savior, surround us with circles of care,<br>angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer. |

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Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Voluntary

*Fugue sur les jeux d'anches - Lord Have Mercy  
 (from Mass for the Parishes)*

François Couperin

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our River Road Church family by Karen and Carl Collier.

We are grateful for your continued generosity to God through our church ministry. You may give securely online at [rrcb.org/give-online](http://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.

**Congratulations** to David and Leigh Ann Breckenridge upon the birth of their grandchild, Nelda Jane Purdy, on February 15, in Maryland. The proud parents are Hannah and Anson Purdy, and the proud uncles are Seth Breckenridge and Micah Breckenridge.

**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. 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](http://rrcb.org/give-online). Thank you for your generosity.

- 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](http://rrcb.org/live)  
**Nominating Committee**, 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)  
**Re-Entry Task Force**, 4:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)  
**Youth Group**, 4:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)  
**Board of Administration**, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Mon, Feb 22      **Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts**, 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Wed, Feb 24      **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)  
**Stewardship Committee**, 8:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Sun, Feb 28      **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](http://rrcb.org/live)  
**Shepherd-Holland Sunday School Class**, 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

**Altar Flowers from worship will be available to pick up on Monday**, February 22, beginning at 1:00 p.m. 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.

**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](http://rrcb.org/lent). *Please note, this page will continue to be updated as more plans are finalized.*

**Weekly Meditations**—Each week via email you will receive a short video clip created by a fellow River Roder, providing opportunity to focus on seemingly ordinary physical objects in Christ's life and how they impact us. These meditations will be shaped from readings in *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill Duffield. You may get your own copy and read chapters weekly as you hear insights from others. (See Amazon or your preferred bookstore.) If you do not currently receive emails from the church, please visit [rrcb.org/connect](http://rrcb.org/connect), scroll down to the blue box, and follow the instructions to sign up.

**Community Dialogue and Lenten Reflection**—Join in for three group conversations relating to the meditations and chapters, and Lent in general. The first dialogue is on Sunday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Sign up to receive the Zoom link at [rrcb.org/reflections](http://rrcb.org/reflections).

*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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