

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 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

*Master Tallis's Testament
Cantabile*

Herbert Howells
César Franck

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

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

The God of Abraham Praise

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| 1. The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days,
the God of love!
The Lord, the great I am,
by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name,
forever blest. | 2. Your spirit still flows free,
high surging where it will.
In prophet's word you spoke of old
and you speak still.
Established is your law,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart
by your strong hand. |
| 3. Your goodly land we seek,
with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty
and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned. | 4. You have eternal life
implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay,
while ages roll.
We praise you, living God!
We praise your holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought,
and still the same! |

Children's Message

Sandy Rooney

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

Joyce Leshner

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

The Word of the Lord;

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 8:31-38

Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of our Lord;

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Handbell Meditation

Solemn Melody

John S. Dixon

Quartet: Louise Gallagher, Linda Honaker, Paul Honaker, Charles Todd

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Marnie Fisher-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.**

Handbell Meditation

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Jason W. Krug

Quintet: Bob Gallagher, Louise Gallagher, Linda Honaker, Paul Honaker, Charles Todd

Sermon

Losing Ourselves

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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| 1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride. | 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood. |
| 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown? | 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all. |

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Voluntary

Kyrie, O God Eternal Father, BWV 672

J. S. Bach

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Berry on the 70th anniversary of their marriage by Tom Berry, Jr.

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.

We give thanks to Louis Gallagher for serving as our Cantor this morning.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Judy Morris upon the death of her husband, J. Richard “Dick” Morris on February 22. We express Christian sympathy also to Dick’s family: to daughters, Sarah Bain (Brian) and Lei Robinson (Dale); grandchildren Robbie Newcomb (Mimi Swanson), Paige Newcomb, Camden Bain, Sam Dietz (Alexander Parsons), and Katherine Dietz (Jarred Bass); great-grandchildren Dahlia Dietz, and William and Eloise Newcomb; and the rest of their family. At this time, funeral arrangements for Dr. Morris are incomplete.

Resuming In-Person Worship—RRCB’s Re-Entry Task Force has closely monitored pandemic risks and we are encouraged to see the numbers and trends showing improvement. We believe we are nearing the time when we will be able to accommodate in-person worship, with limitations in place, for those who would desire that. Our virtual worship will continue alongside this in-person option. **Our goal for resuming in-person worship is March 14, 2021.** Please monitor your email as information about attending worship in-person and making your reservation will be sent very soon. If you do not receive church emails, please visit rrcb.org/connect, scroll down to the blue box ‘RRCB Email Communications,’ and follow the instructions to sign up. Alternatively, you may contact Cassandra Ducca in the church office.

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.

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 Shepherd-Holland Sunday School Class , 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Re-Entry Task Force , 4:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Youth Choir Rehearsal , 4:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Lenten Dialogue , 6:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Mon, Mar 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, Mar 3	Men’s Group: The Huddle , 8:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Thurs. Mar 4	Chancel Choir Rehearsal , 7:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Sun, Mar 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) New Horizons Sunday School Class , 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Worship , 11:00 a.m., rrcb.org/live First Sunday Food Share , 1:00 p.m., North Parking Lot Youth Choir Rehearsal , 2:15 p.m., Location TBD Youth Group , 3:00 p.m., Plaza Board of Missions , 7:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

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.*

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, 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 tonight Sunday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Sign up to receive the Zoom link at rrcb.org/reflections.

The First Sunday Food Share Drop Off will be held on Sunday, March 7 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. 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. Over the next several months, the Richmond Baptist Centers are in a great need of food donations. Please mark your calendars for the first Sunday of each month to stop by the church and drop off food.

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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