

# RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 7, 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

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness  
Sarabande on "Land of Rest"*

J. S. Bach  
Gerald Near

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Welcome, Invocation, and Our Lord's Prayer

Sandy Rooney

**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

*We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

LAND OF REST

1. We come to you for healing, Lord,  
of body, mind, and soul,  
and pray that by your Spirit's touch  
we may again be whole.
2. As once you walked through ancient streets  
and reached toward those in pain,  
we know you come among us still  
with power to heal again.
3. You touch us through physicians' skills,  
through nurses' gifts of care,  
and through the love of faithful friends  
who lift our lives in prayer.
4. Through nights of pain and wakefulness,  
through days when strength runs low,  
grant us your gift of patience, Lord,  
your calming peace to know.
5. We come to you, O loving Lord,  
in our distress and pain,  
in trust that through our nights and days  
your grace will heal, sustain.

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Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-31

Rev. Dean Miller

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

Solo

*Be Thou My Vision*

Arr. Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise.  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Cindy Mistretta, soprano

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Offertory Sentences and Doxology

Sandy Rooney  
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.**

## Invitation to Holy Communion

*Blessing and Giving of the Bread*  
*Blessing and Giving of the Cup*

## Hymn

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

QUEBEC

1. Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,  
thou fount of life, thou light of all,  
from the best bliss that earth imparts  
we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.
2. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
thou savest those that on thee call;  
to them that seek thee thou art good,  
to them that find thee, all in all.
3. We taste thee, O thou living bread,  
and long to feast upon thee still;  
we drink of thee, the fountainhead,  
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
4. Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
where'er our changeful lot is cast,  
glad when thy gracious smile we see,  
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
5. O Jesus, ever with us stay;  
make all our moments calm and bright.  
O chase the night of sin away;  
shed o'er the world thy holy light.

## Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

## Voluntary

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

Johannes Brahms

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The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our youth who have enriched our worship in such a meaningful way during these times, by Bev Geissler.

**Christian sympathy** is expressed to Page and Doris Highfill in the death of their son-in-law, and to Laura Corbett in the death of her husband, Arthur Corbett, in Quantico, Virginia.

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.

**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.

**Virtual Ash Wednesday Service**—At 12:00PM on February 17, our Ash Wednesday service will become available at [rrcb.org/live](http://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.

Sun, Feb 7	<b>Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy</b> , 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Life Sunday School Class</b> , 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Faith Walk Sunday School Class</b> , 9:45 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>New Horizons Sunday School Class</b> , 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Worship</b> , 11:00 a.m., <a href="http://rrcb.org/live">rrcb.org/live</a> <b>Youth Group</b> , 4:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Mon, Feb 8	<b>Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts</b> , 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Tues, Feb 9	<b>Board of Missions</b> , 7:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Wed, Feb 10	<b>Men's Group: The Huddle</b> , 8:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>TFC-Adults: Pandemic Perspective</b> with Mr. Keith Hare, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Thu, Feb 11	<b>Chancel Choir</b> , 7:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Sun, Feb 14	<b>Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy</b> , 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Life Sunday School Class</b> , 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Faith Walk Sunday School Class</b> , 9:45 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>New Horizons Sunday School Class</b> , 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Worship</b> , 11:00 a.m., <a href="http://rrcb.org/live">rrcb.org/live</a> <b>Shepherd-Holland Sunday School Class</b> , 1:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>VaLENTine's Day Drive-Thru</b> , 3:00 p.m., North Parking Lot

**The First Sunday Food Share Drop Off** will be held today from 1:00-3:00PM at the Lower Commons Entrance in the North Parking Lot. The food share team needs paper shopping bags to help with packing and delivering groceries. The suggested shopping list can be found at [rrcb.org/foodshare](http://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.

**Altar Flowers from worship will be available to pick up today**, February 7, beginning at 1:00PM during the First Sunday Food Share 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.

**TFC-Adults: Pandemic Perspective with Mr. Keith Hare**, President and CEO of Virginia Health Care Association, will be held on Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00PM on Zoom. Hear from someone on the inside of the healthcare community about current issues related to COVID-19. He will share from his experiences over this year as he has faced the challenges of the pandemic. Sign up at [rrcb.org/tfc-hare](http://rrcb.org/tfc-hare) to receive the Zoom link.

**Our Churchwide VaLENTine's Drive-Thru** will be on Sunday, February 14 from 3:00-4:00PM. 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](http://rrcb.org/drivethru). We can't wait to see you!

**Lent at River Road Church**—Our listing of services and events, including any sign-ups or reservations, is available at [rrcb.org/lent](http://rrcb.org/lent). As plans are finalized, further updates will be available, including sign-up and reservation information.

*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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