

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday in Lent

March 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.*

Voluntaries

*Cantabile (from Symphony No. 2)
Communion*

Louis Vierne
Richard Purvis

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

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

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| 1. The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead. | 2. Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die. |
| 3. Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity. | 4. We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread Christ's liberating word. |

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Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 19:7-14

Cindy Mistretta

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Solo

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Spiritual
 Arr. Clarence Cameron White

I want Jesus to walk with me.	In my trials, walk with me,
All along my pilgrim journey,	When the shades of night are falling,
I want Jesus to walk with me.	Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
In my sorrows, walk with me.	In my troubles, walk with me;
When my heart within is aching,	When my life becomes a burden,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.	Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Michelle Harman-Gulick, soprano

Pastoral Prayer

Sandy Rooney

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

Braiding His Anger

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Solo

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

César Franck

For the bread which you have broken,
 For the wine which you have poured,
 For the words which you have spoken,
 Now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 By your call to heav'n above us,
 Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us,
 In our hearts keep watch and ward,
 In the world where you do send us,
 Let your kingdom come, O Lord.
 In the world to which you send us,
 Let your kingdom come, O Lord.

Michelle Harman-Gulick, soprano

Invitation to Holy Communion

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

Hymn

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

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| 1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above. | 2. Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares. |
| 3. We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear. | 4. From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity. |

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Voluntary

Communion

Paul Benoit

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our son, Dr. Ryan Nelson's birthday by his parents, Ray and Ralph Nelson.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Doris Curtis upon her death on March 2. A private Columbarium service is tentatively planned for March 13.

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.

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. **The first Sunday for 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.

In-Person Worship Reservations—In-person worship reservations are available at rrcb.org/reservations. To watch Dr. Glaze's re-entry video, please visit rrcb.org/live. Reservations must be received by noon on Friday.

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.

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).

Community Dialogue and Lenten Reflection—Join in for group conversations relating to the meditations and chapters, and Lent in general. The second dialogue is on Sunday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. Sign up to receive the Zoom link at rrcb.org/reflections.

- 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, 2:15 p.m., Plaza
Youth Group, 3:00 p.m., Plaza
Cookies & Games for Children, 3:00 p.m., Playground
Board of Missions, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Mon, Mar 8 **Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts**, 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Wed, Mar 10 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Stewardship Committee, 8:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Thurs, Mar 11 **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, 7:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Sat, Mar 13 **Spring Church Workday**, 8:00 a.m., Plaza
- Sun, Mar 14 **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
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)

The First Sunday Food Share Drop Off will be held today 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.

Spring Church Workday—The House and Grounds Committee is hosting a **spring church workday on March 13, 2021, 8:00 a.m. to noon**. This workday we are being conscious about being physically distanced, so we are asking families to sign up for a team, and each team has a set of tasks—divide and conquer. Different households may serve on the same team so long as distancing is maintained. The tasks and teams range in age allowing children, youth, and adults to work together. What a great way to spend a Saturday morning and welcome folks for in-person worship! Visit rrcb.org/spring for details about the teams, tasks, and tools, and to sign your family up.

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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