

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

*Today we worship as one congregation in two locations: in-person and via the internet.
Wherever your location, we encourage you to pause for a moment to become aware of God's presence.
Quiet your mind, listen to the music, and prepare to worship God.*

Voluntaries

*Fantasia No. 5
Come Away to the Skies (Tune: Middlebury)
Adagio in E major*

Adriano Banchieri
George Shearing
Frank Bridge

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Alexander Macturk

Processional Hymn
In Silent Reflection

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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1. Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.
2. 'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen.
All the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from the Light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.
3. Neither could the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal
hold you as a mortal:
but today, among your own,
you appear, bestowing
your deep peace, which evermore
passes human knowing.

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.**

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 4

Rev. Dr. Timothy Norman

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him. When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord. There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!" You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

New Testament Lesson

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or

** Please stand if you are able.*

known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

Solo	<i>The Christ Who Died</i>	Alfred V. Fedak
The Christ who died and rose again, Triumphant from the grave, Now pleads our cause at God's right hand All powerful to save. What now can separate us from The love of Christ our Lord? Can persecution, nakedness, Or peril, or the sword?	The troubles that are ours to bear Are trials we cannot flee, Yet he who loved us from the first Ensures our victory. Thus nothing in the heights or depths No power earth can afford, Will separate us from the love Of Jesus Christ our Lord. Yes, he who loved us from the first is Jesus Christ our Lord.	

Christopher Ahart, tenor

Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram
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Mission Moment for CBF Global Mission Offering

*Offertory Sentences and Doxology <i>In Silent Reflection</i>	Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram OLD HUNDREDTH
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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.

Solo	from <i>Cantata 15</i>	J. S. Bach
Entsetzet euch nicht. Ihr suchet Jesum von Nazareth, den Gekreuzigten; Er ist auferstanden und ist nicht hie.	Do not be shocked. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified; He is risen and is not here.	

Christopher Ahart, tenor

Sermon	<i>Now!</i>	Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze
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Hymn <i>In Silent Reflection</i>	<i>Go, My Children, with My Blessing</i>	AR HYD Y NOS
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1. "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."	2. "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
3. "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."	

*Benediction	Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze
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Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary	<i>Fantasia No. 10</i>	Adriano Banchieri
<i>Ushers will begin dismissing the congregation during the closing voluntary, from the rear to the front of the sanctuary. If you prefer, you may remain seated during the voluntary and dismiss yourself afterward.</i>		

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of my children Brenton and Erin Luper, for their unconditional love and support, by their mother, Karen.

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.

In-person worship reservations are available at rrcb.org/reservations. Please note, to accommodate seating for everyone in attendance, including deacons, reservations are required. Reservations are open for worship on April 18 and 25. To watch Dr. Glaze's re-entry video, please visit rrcb.org/live.

For information regarding upcoming events and activities, please visit rrcb.org/connect, read the *e-Spire* on Tuesdays, or follow us on social media.

- Sun, Apr 18 **Shepherd-Holland Sunday School Class**, 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Nominating Committee, 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Cookies and Games for Children, 4:00 p.m., Children's Playground
Youth Choir, 4:15 p.m., Plaza
Re-Entry Task Force, 4:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Youth Group, 5:00 p.m., Plaza
Robert Smart Class, 5:00 p.m., South Parking Lot
Board of Administration, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Mon, Apr 19 **Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts**, 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Tues, Apr 20 **WMU Connectors**, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Softball Game, 8:00 p.m., Laurel Softball Park
- Wed, Apr 21 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Home of Gary Tyer
Building and Property Council, 4:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Stephen Ministry, 4:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
A Walk Through Our Faiths Part 2, 7:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Thurs, Apr 22 **Great Hymns of the Church with Dr. Michael Hawn**, 7:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Sat, April 24 **Youth Family Mission Madness**, Off-site
- Sun, Apr 25 **Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy**, 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Life Sunday School Class, 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
New Horizons Sunday School Class, 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Faith Walk Sunday School Class, 9:45 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Worship, 11:00 a.m., rrcb.org/live
Preschool Committee, 1:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Cookies and Games for Children, 4:00 p.m., Children's Playground
Youth Choir, 4:15 p.m., Plaza
Youth Group, 5:00 p.m., Plaza
Robert Smart Class, 5:00 p.m., South Parking Lot

CBF Global Missions Offering *Share Abundant Life*—When you give to the Offering for Global Missions, you will help a person live more abundantly. In Togo, West Africa, your gift will offer community, opportunities to pray and study the Bible, programming and life skills for kids, and helping adults learn new skills to increase their income and grow more food. In Fort Worth, Texas, your gift will offer school preparedness for children and English classes for women, a year-round library program, and summer programs for children. 100% of your gift to the Offering will support CBF Field Personnel serving in the U.S. and around the world. You may make donations online at rrcb.org/give-online or mail a check to the church office with “Global Missions Offering” in the memo.

***A Walk through our Faiths* with Rabbi Hal Schevitz, Rev. Dr. Theodore Brown, and Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze**—On Wednesdays, April 21, and 28 at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom, Rabbi Hal Shevitz of Congregation Or Atid, Rev. Dr. Theodore Brown of Quiocasin Baptist Church, and our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze will *walk through* different aspects of our faiths and discuss what is unique and what is similar with our experiences. This week we will walk through what makes a Jew and what makes a Christian. Sign up for the Zoom link at rrcb.org/tfc-faiths.

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.

Worshiping 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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