

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 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.*

Voluntary *Pastorale, Opus 19* César Franck
Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Lighting of the Altar Candles Ella Ryan

Processional Hymn *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* HOLY MANNA
In Silent Reflection

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| 1. Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God. Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down. Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around. | 2. Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sister aided him. Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin? Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found. Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around. | 3. Let us love our God supremely; Let us love each other, too. Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new. Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down. Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around. |
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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.**

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 23 Rose Browning

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

New Testament Lesson 1 John 3:16-18

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

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

*Gospel Lesson John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the

** Please stand if you are able.*

Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

Solo

Thy Perfect Love

K. Lee Scott

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,
Thy perfect love close in my breast
That I thee love and never rest;
And make me love thee of all thing best,
And wound my heart in thy love free,
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.
Therefore, be a reflection of God, as dearly loved children;
and lead a life of love,
just as Christ has loved us and gave himself for us.

(15th century English, Ephesians 5:1-2)

Gray Snowden, baritone

Pastoral Prayer

Sandy Rooney

Mission Moment for CBF Global Mission Offering

*Offertory Sentences and Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

In Silent Reflection

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.

Duet

Prayer of St. Benedict

Jon Payne

Holy One, please give to me: ears to hear you, eyes to see. Grant so I might understand a mind to grasp what you have planned.	Grow in me a quiet heart, lips that praise from morning's start. Let my lungs breathe holy air. Grant gentle hands to take and share.	Feet to walk on sacred earth; spirit seeking for your worth. Send a patient soul to me. Your wisdom I will wait to see. Amen.
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Louise Gallagher, alto Gray Snowden, baritone

Sermon

We Know Love By This

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Hymn

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

In Silent Reflection

1. My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.	2. When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay; one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.	3. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.
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*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

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.

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Anne Carroll Mustian Ezzelle by her family.

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 May 2 and May 9. 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 25 **Food Share for LUCHA Ministries**, 12:00 p.m., North Parking Lot
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
- Mon, Apr 26 **Yoga**, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
- Tues, Apr 27 **Softball Game v. Three Chopt Presbyterian**, 6:30 p.m., Short Pump Park
- Wed, Apr 28 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
A Walk Through Our Faiths Part 3, 7:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Thurs, Apr 29 **CARITAS Dessert Drop Off**, 4:00 p.m., North Parking Lot
- Sun, May 2 **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
First Sunday Food Share, 12:00 p.m., North Parking Lot
Shepherd-Holland Class, 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
Youth Group, 5:00 p.m., Plaza
Robert Smart Class, 5:00 p.m., South Parking Lot
Board of Missions, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

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. Our 2021 giving goal is \$8000, of which we have collected XX. 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 Wednesday, April 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 it means to be a neighbor. 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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