

WORSHIP AT RIVER ROAD CHURCH

Easter Sunday

April 4, 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.*

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Maggie Beth Miller
David Cipolletti

Meditation for Worship

*Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.*
—Psalm 98:1

Voluntaries

Easter Glory Cathy Moglebust
(based on the hymn tunes JUDAS MACCABEUS, VICTORY, and EASTER HYMN)

Chancel Bell Choir—Charles Todd, Director

Chorale Prelude on "Judas Maccabeus" Aaron David Miller
Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Joyful, Joyful Christ is Risen Douglas E. Wagner
(based on the hymn tunes HYMN TO JOY, LLANFAIR, and ST. KEVIN)

Chancel Bell Choir—Charles Todd, Director

Haec Dies Jacques Arcadelt

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus: This is the day which the Lord has made:
Exultemus et laetemur in ea, alleluia. Let us be glad and rejoice in it, Alleluia.

Mary Magdalene (from *Songs of Mary*) Johannes Brahms

Early on that Easter Day The angel unto Mary said:
To the grave came Mary Magdalene; "Whom then seek'st thou, Mary, blest indeed!
Lo, the stone was rolled away, He is risen from the dead,
And an angel bright was seen. And thine ointment doth not need."

"Mary," spake a voice so clear;
Mary turned her at that joyful word;
'Tis no gard'ner she doth hear,
'Tis the voice of Christ the Lord!

Members of the Chancel Choir, virtual

Undrapping of the Cross

Introit

This is the Day

Anonymous

This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Members of the Chancel Choir, virtual

** Please stand if you are able.*

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection thou! Alleluia!

Welcome, Invocation, and Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

**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

Isaiah 25:6-9

Adam Miller

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

Handbell Anthem

Lift High the Cross

Diane McAninch

Chancel Bell Choir—Charles Todd, Director

*Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

Adam Miller

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but

she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Anthem at Offertory

God’s Right Hand and Holy Arm

K. Lee Scott

Refrain: God’s right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

Christ being raised from the dead shall die no more.

Why seek the living now among the dead?

Death has no power over Him; He lives to God. *Refrain*

Recall His promise unto you, He lives again. *Refrain*

Gone is death’s victory, gone is death’s sting,

Christ being raised from the dead shall die no more.

God gives to us the victory through Christ our Lord. *Refrain*

Death has no power over Him. He lives to God. *Refrain*

Members of the Chancel Choir, virtual

Mission Moment for the CBF Global Missions Offering

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

*Offertory Sentences and Doxology

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.

Sermon

Easter as a Verb

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

*Anthem

Hallelujah (from Messiah)

G.F. Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our
Lord and of His Christ: and He shall reign forever and ever.

King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah!

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Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

LLANFAIR

In Silent Reflection

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
3. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

2. But the pain which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation has procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Toccata (from *Symphony No. 5*)

Charles-Marie Widor

*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.*

Christian Sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of Barbara Kinsey upon her death on March 26, 2021. A graveside service was held on April 2, 2021.

Christian Sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of Barry Harmon upon his death on April 1, 2021.

Congratulations to Christie and Steve Lessels upon the birth of their granddaughter, Amadea Joan Chasya Lessels, on March 28, 2021 to their son, Eric, and his wife Lauren. The proud great grandmother is Betty Heuston.

We express thanks to those serving as cantor in our worship services this morning: Christopher Ahart at 9:00 a.m., and Seth Roberts at 11:00 a.m.

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 11 and 18. 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 4 **Easter Sunday Worship**, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live

Mon, Apr 5 **Church Office Closed**

Wed, Apr 7 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
TFC Adults: The Birds and the Bees and the Flowers and the Trees, 7:00 p.m.,
Zoom Meeting (Online)

Sat, Apr 10 **Camp Alkulana Work Day**, 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Camp Alkulana

Sun, Apr 11 **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., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live
First Sunday Food Share, 12:00 p.m., North Parking Lot
Youth Choir, 2:15 p.m., Plaza
Youth Group, 3:00 p.m., Plaza
Shepherd-Holland Sunday School Class, 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Board of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation, 4:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting (Online)
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. 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. Our season of prayer and emphasis for the CBF Offering of Global Missions is April 4-May 2.

TFC-Adults: The Birds and the Bees and the Flowers and the Trees—April is the month when things outside are coming alive again after a winter rest and it is when Earth Day comes around each year. As those who love and steward creation, God’s beautiful and amazing gift to us, we are happy to discover ways we can be more helpful, simple things we can do for God’s creation in our own backyards, decks, and patios. Sign up for the Zoom link at rrcb.org/tfc-spring and join Rose and Bert Browning and Jean Cauble this Wednesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Camp Alkulana Work Days—This year, instead of one large trip to Camp Alkulana, we are planning three trips in groups of eight on Saturdays, April 10, May 15, and June 12. These work days are intended to help Camp Alkulana prepare for their summer season by cleaning, repairing, and performing routine maintenance. You can sign your family up at rrcb.org/alkulana. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Rusher.

The First Sunday Food Share drop off will be held next Sunday, April 11 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. 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 or on our social media pages.

***A Walk through our Faiths* with Rabbi Hal Schevitz, Rev. Dr. Theodore Brown, and Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze**—On Wednesdays, April 14, 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. Details about signing up and receiving the Zoom links will be available soon.

Thank you for your memorial and honorary gifts made this Easter Sunday.

IN HONOR of Marla Durbin, daughter of Molly and Ronald Bacigal, by Molly Bacigal

IN GRATITUDE for Resurrection Life in Christ. May Jesus Christ be praised! by Shelley and David Barker

IN MEMORY of Dick Morris, a good and faithful servant of the Shepherd-Holland Bible Study class, by Nancy Brown

IN MEMORY of Jeanne Vickery Carretto by Jeff and Emily Phillips Carretto

TO THE GLORY OF GOD by Russ and Margaret Collins

IN MEMORY of Loyal and Helen Davis by George and Kitty Davis

IN HONOR of my mother by Kimberly Fehrs

IN LOVING MEMORY of Fred Geissler, by his family, Beverly, Fritz, and Phillip Geissler

IN LOVING MEMORY of her parents and their grandparents, Mary Louise and Sid Taylor by Beverly, Fritz, and Phillip Geissler

IN MEMORY of Mr. and Mrs. I.N. Gibson, parents of Harold Gibson, by Harold and Joyce Gibson

IN MEMORY of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Still, parents of Joyce Gibson, by Harold and Joyce Gibson

IN MEMORY of Miss Frances Still, aunt of Joyce Gibson, by Harold and Joyce Gibson

IN HONOR of our River Road Church family, by Daniel, Andrea, Ella, and Ashley Glaze

IN HONOR of the incredible River Road Church staff, by Daniel Glaze

IN MEMORY of Dick Morris, for his commitment and dedication to the Shepherd- Holland Bible Study Class, by Wendy and Tom Graves

IN MEMORY of our parents and grandparents, Elizabeth and Herman Green by Martha Lou and Patrick Green

IN HONOR of Patrick Green by Martha Lou Green

IN HONOR of Steve Pugh by Martha Lou Green

IN MEMORY of my parents, John Worth Hall and Ruth Brown Hall, by Montine Hall

IN MEMORY of Henry Holland by Brenda Holland

IN MEMORY of Doris Curtis by Brenda Holland

IN MEMORY of Dr. Henry Holland by his children and grandchildren

IN HONOR of all healthcare workers by the Holland family

IN MEMORY of Chase Ingram by the Fisher-Ingram family

IN MEMORY of Darrell St. Sing by Ronnie and Mary Iva Jones

IN HONOR of Steve and Betsy Lowery by Kate, Steve, Alex, Evan, and Charlie Knerr

IN HONOR of Sandy Rooney by Kate Knerr

IN MEMORY of Cynthia's parents, Nancy and Carlton Vaughan, and Ken's father, Kenneth Lantz, Sr., by Ken and Cynthia Lantz

IN HONOR of Ken's mother, Polly Lantz, by Ken and Cynthia Lantz

IN HONOR of our children, Sarah and Rob Collier, Bonnie and Walter Suwal, and Shelley Lantz, by Ken and Cynthia Lantz

IN HONOR of our grandchildren, Mary and Libby Collier, and Caroline Suwal, by Ken and Cynthia Lantz

IN MEMORY of her parents, George and Charlotte Harding, by Steve and Betsy Lowery

IN LOVING MEMORY of Richard Lowrance by Nancy Lowrance and family

IN LOVING MEMORY of Artley and Bess Hutton by Nancy Lowrance and family

IN LOVING MEMORY of Hazel Paine by Nancy Lowrance and family

IN HONOR of my grandsons, Owen and Oliver Merritt, by Barbara Merritt

IN HONOR of my hardworking, faithful co-workers on staff at River Road Church by Anna Miller

IN HONOR of the River Road Church family, for their faithfulness, perseverance, and encouragement by Anna Miller

IN HONOR of our children, Bray and Nathalee (wife), Adam and Erica (fiancé), and Maggie Beth, by Dean and Anna Miller

IN LOVING MEMORY of our grandparents, Dean's dad, Adam Donald Miller, and Anna's brother, Dwight Perry III, by Dean and Anna Miller

IN MEMORY of Papa, Dick Morris, by children Lei Robinson, and Sarah Bain; grandchildren Katie Dietz, Sam Dietz, Robbie Newcomb, Paige Newcomb, and Camden Bain; great grandchildren Dahlia Dietz, William Newcomb, and Eloise Newcomb

IN MEMORY of Sam Nixon, Jr. by Julia Nixon

IN MEMORY of F. Lee Overstreet by Susan Overstreet

IN HONOR of our children, Marguerite and Bryan Bostic, and Doug and Kristen Phelps, by Chester and Margaret Phelps

IN HONOR of our grandchildren, Taylor and Zachary Bostic, and Emma and Harry Phelps, by Chester and Margaret Phelps

IN MEMORY of Mr. and Mrs. Williams Evans Geiser by Susan Geiser Phillips and family

IN MEMORY of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bass Phillips by Charles William Phillips and family

IN MEMORY of our loved ones by Peggy and Ed Pruden

IN HONOR of Martha Lou and Patrick Green by Steven Pugh

IN MEMORY of Dorothy and Willard Korb by Sandy, Scott, Beth, Meg, Matt, and Amanda Rooney

IN HONOR of Don and Pam Rooney by Scott, Sandy, Beth, Meg, Matt, and Amanda Rooney

IN HONOR of first responders, essential workers, teachers and caregivers, all those who serve humanity in an hour of need, by Amber, Shawn, Ella, and Jack Ryan

IN MEMORY of Mac, Patti, Pat, and mother, by Jan Taylor

IN MEMORY of Forrest "Yeak" and Elizabeth Yeakley by Rick and Mary Beth Scherer

IN MEMORY of Wallace Scherer by Rick and Mary Beth Scherer

IN HONOR of Mildred Scherer by Rick and Mary Beth Scherer

IN HONOR of our children, Rick and Joan Scherer, and grandson, Luke Scherer, by Rick and Mary Beth Scherer

IN MEMORY of Frank Schwall by Bette Schwall and family

IN MEMORY of Gus Sledge by his family

IN MEMORY of loved ones by Roy and Jane Terry

IN HONOR of Andrew, Tiffany, and Langston Terry by Roy and Jane Terry

IN HONOR of Carl Freeman by Roy and Jane Terry.

IN HONOR of Carole Royall by Roy and Jane Terry

IN HONOR and with gratitude for the ministers and staff of River Road Church by Roy and Jane Terry

IN MEMORY of our good friend, Edley Porter, by Oliver and Bonnie Way

IN MEMORY of our good friend, Betty Gustafson, by Oliver and Bonnie Way

IN HONOR of our grandchildren, Louella, Ford, Margaret, Ames, CeCe, and Michael by Oliver and Bonnie Way

IN MEMORY of my parents, David and Mickey Knapp, by Lorraine Welker

IN LOVING MEMORY of Linda Wentzel, by her extended family

IN MEMORY of Dick Morris, faithful member of RRCB, by Beth Wilson

IN HONOR of Nancy Brown, faithful member of RRCB, by Beth Wilson

IN MEMORY of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hurd by Ann and Jim Wilson

IN MEMORY of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hurd, Jr. by Jim and Ann Wilson

IN MEMORY of Mr. and Mrs. J. Neal Dow by Ann and Jim Wilson

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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