

# RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 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.*

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Voluntary

*Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost, BWV 667  
Chorale and Three Variations on "Veni Creator"*

J. S. Bach  
Maurice Duruflé

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

*Processional on "Come, O Spirit Dwell Among Us" (Ebenezer)*

Michael Helman

Chancel Bell Choir  
Charles Todd, director

Lighting of the Altar Candles

David Cipolletti

Processional Hymn  
*In Silent Reflection*

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER

1. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;  
come with Pentecostal power;  
give the church a stronger vision;  
help us face each crucial hour.  
Built upon a firm foundation,  
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,  
still the church is called to mission  
that God's love shall be made known.
2. We would raise our alleluias  
for the grace of yesteryears;  
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,  
hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.  
In the church's pilgrim journey  
you have led us all the way;  
still in presence move before us,  
fire by night and cloud by day.
3. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;  
give us words of fire and flame.  
Help our feeble lips to praise you,  
glorify your holy name.  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Three in One: what mystery!  
We would sing our loud hosannas  
now and through eternity.

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.**

First New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:1-11

Colin Bailey

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

The Word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

Judy Endean

Chancel Bell Choir

Second New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:12-21

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

The Word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*Rushing Mighty Wind*

Tammy Waldrop

Chancel Bell Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Sandy Rooney

\*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.

Anthem

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Dennis Robert

Chancel Bell Choir

Sermon

*Searching for the Spirit*

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Hymn

*Come, Heavenly Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

ST. AGNES

*In Silent Reflection*

1. Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with all thy quickening powers;  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
in these cold hearts of ours.
2. In vain we tune our formal songs;  
in vain we strive to rise;  
hosannas languish on our tongues,  
and our devotion dies.

3. Dear Lord, and shall we ever live  
at this poor dying rate?  
Our love so faint, so cold to thee,  
and thine to us so great!

4. Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with all thy quickening powers;  
come, shed abroad a Savior's love,  
and that shall kindle ours.

\*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing the Altar Candles

Voluntary

*Final Variation on "Veni Creator"*

Maurice Duruflé

*Beginning today, ushers will not dismiss the congregation row by row.  
By your own preference, you may dismiss yourself during or after the closing voluntary.*

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Tom and Wendy Graves on the occasion of their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

We give thanks to Seth Roberts for serving as our Cantor in worship this morning.

We extend Christian sympathy to Dan and Janet Bagby upon the death of his brother, and to Nathan, Bryn, and Will Taylor, upon the death of her uncle, Albert Ian Bagby, in Austin, Texas on May 16, 2021.

We extend Christian sympathy to Zelda Goode, RRCB Building Support Staff, upon the death of her husband, Joe Goode, on May 16, 2021. A service is scheduled for May 29 at 1:00 p.m. at Wilson's Funeral Home on Nine Mile Road in Richmond.

We extend Christian sympathy to Michael and Theresa Price upon the death of his father, and to David, Andrew, and Brian Price upon the death of their grandfather, Max Price, in Black Mountain, North Carolina on May 15, 2021.

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.

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

Sun, May 23	<b>Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy</b> , 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Life Class</b> , 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>New Horizons Class</b> , 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>FaithWalk Class</b> , 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Worship</b> , 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary, and <a href="http://rrcb.org/live">rrcb.org/live</a> <b>Cookies and Games for Children</b> , 4:00 p.m., Children's Playground <b>Youth Choir</b> , 4:15 p.m., Plaza <b>Youth Group</b> , 5:00 p.m., Plaza <b>Robert Smart Class</b> , 5:00 p.m., South Parking Lot
Mon, May 24	<b>Yoga</b> , 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Tues, May 25	<b>Softball Game vs. Redemption Hill</b> , 8:15 p.m., Laurel Softball Park
Wed, May 26	<b>Men's Group: The Huddle</b> , 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall <b>Food Truck Dinner &amp; Fellowship</b> , 5:30-7:00 p.m., North Parking Lot <b>Stewardship Committee</b> , 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room (Zoom option available)
Thurs, May 27	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> , 7:00 p.m., Courtyard
Sun, May 30	<b>Life Sunday School Class</b> , 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>New Horizons Sunday School Class</b> , 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Faith Walk Sunday School Class</b> , 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Worship</b> , 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary, and <a href="http://rrcb.org/live">rrcb.org/live</a> <b>Shepherd-Holland Sunday School Class</b> , 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Cookies and Games for Children</b> , 4:00 p.m., Children's Playground <b>Robert Smart Class</b> , 5:00 p.m., South Parking Lot

*Thank you for worshipping 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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+ thoughtful faith +

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