

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 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

*Bergamasca (from Fiori Musicali)
Larghetto, Opus 80, No. 5
Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ*

Girolamo Frescobaldi
Max Reger

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Ella Glaze

Processional Hymn
In Silent Reflection

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

AUSTRIAN HYMN

1. God, you spin the whirling planets,
fill the seas and spread the plain,
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms,
call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
We, created in your image,
would a true reflection be
of your justice, grace, and mercy
and the truth that makes us free.
2. You have called us to be faithful
in our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship
joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image,
focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as your people,
we move onward toward your goal.
3. God, your word is still creating,
calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas
where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion.
Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in your image,
We'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

Welcome, Invocation, and Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

**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 98

Zachary Short

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

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

** Please stand if you are able.*

*Gospel Lesson

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

Solo

from *The Creation*

Franz Joseph Haydn

Recitative

And God said: Let the earth bring forth grass,
the herb yielding seed and the fruit tree yielding fruit after His kind,
whose seed is in itself upon the earth; and it was so.

Aria

With verdure clad the fields appear delightful to the ravish'd sense;
by flowers sweet and gay enhanced is the charming sight.
Here fragrant herbs their odours shed; here shoots the healing plant.
With copious fruits th'expanded boughs are hung; in leafy arches twine the shady groves;
o'er lofty hills majestic forests wave.

Victoria Jackson, soprano

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

*Offertory Sentences and Doxology

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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

That Your Joy May Be Complete

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

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In Silent Reflection

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Refrain:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*
3. For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven: *Refrain*

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing 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 by Hilton and Margaret Almond in honor of the 2021 graduates, especially granddaughter Emily Margaret Phelps, as she graduates from the University of Richmond.

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. Next Sunday is Youth Sunday, and due to high demand, reservations are almost full. Please note, to accommodate seating for everyone in attendance, including deacons and youth, reservations are required. Reservations are also open for worship on May 23 and May 30.

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, May 9 **Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy**, 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Life Class, 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
New Horizons Class, 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
FaithWalk Class, 9:45 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Worship, 11:00 a.m., rrcb.org/live
- Mon, May 10 **Yoga**, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room (Zoom option available)
- Tues, May 11 **Softball Game v. WEAG**, 8:15 p.m., Glen Allen Complex #2
- Wed, May 12 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Food Truck Dinner & Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., North Parking Lot
Board of Missions Subcommittee, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room
- Thurs, May 13 **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, 7:00 p.m., Courtyard
- Sat, May 15 **Youth Sunday Rehearsal**, 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Sun, May 16 **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
Nominating Committee, 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Shepherd-Holland Sunday School Class, 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Board of Christian Education, 4:00 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 Administration, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

Food Trucks & Fellowship on Wednesdays in May—Mark your calendars to join us on Wednesday evenings from 5-7 p.m. for Food Trucks and Fellowship in the North Parking Lot. After dinner, activities for youth and children will take place, adults will continue to fellowship in the North Parking Lot. The trucks' schedules and menus can be found at rrcb.org/foodtrucks.

2021 Educators of the Year Celebration—Each year, one of our Thoughtful Faith Community evenings entails expressing our thanks to all who teach in Sunday school at our church. We recognize and thank them, as well as offer special thanks to one or more individuals who are celebrated as Educator of the Year. We are having an in-person celebration on Wednesday, May 19 during our Food & Fellowship event. This year, two individuals have been selected as our Educators of the Year! Keep an eye on your email for details on who we are honoring this year. You are invited to celebrate them in a couple of special ways. Visit rrcb.org/educator for more information on how you can submit thank you videos or cards.

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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