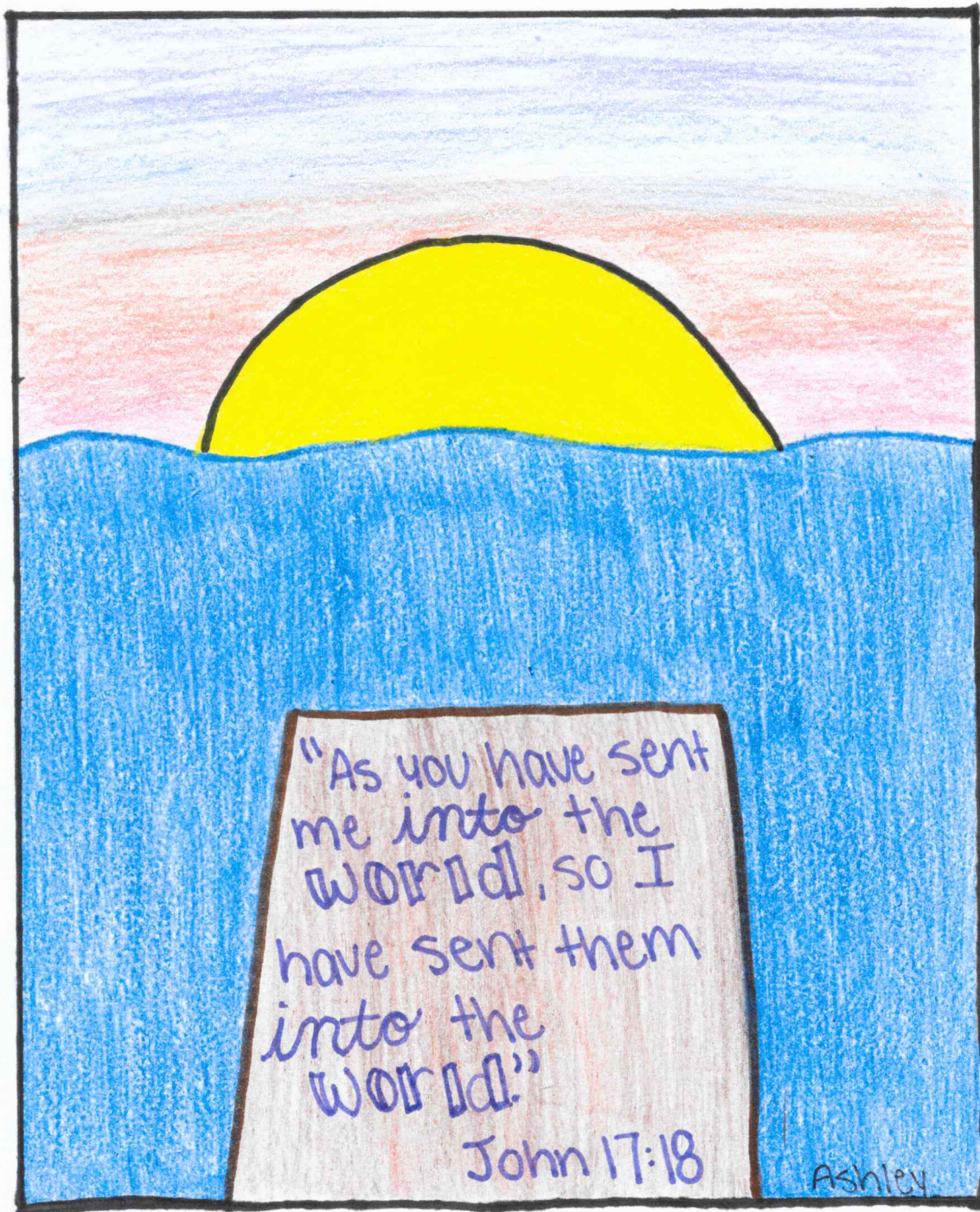


Eleanor
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Mollie
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Psalm 1:2



"As you have sent
me into the
world, so I
have sent them
into the
world."

John 17:18

Ashley

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Seventh Sunday of Easter | Youth Sunday

May 16, 2021

Voluntaries *The Lord's My Shepherd* Duane Funderburk
James Gray, piano

My Lord, What a Morning Michael Larkin
Ashley Glaze, piano

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Procession of the Cross Eliza Sundberg & Alexander Macturk

*Processional Hymn *Morning Has Broken* BUNESSAN
In Silent Reflection

1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

Welcome and Announcements Ben Blanchard & LJ Straw

Invocation and Our Lord's Prayer Abby Leshner

**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 1 David Cipolletti & Claire McAllister

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Lesson John 17:6-19 William Gray & Jack Ryan

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I

am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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

Children’s Sermon

Marty Halloran & Amanda Rooney

Anthem

Jubilate

Dan Miller

Youth Handbell Ensemble
Rev. Paul Honaker, director

Pastoral Prayer

Paige Newcomb

Anthem

I Choose Love

Mark Miller

In the midst of pain, I choose love.	When my world falls down, I will rise.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain, I await the sun again, I choose love.	When my world falls down, explanations can’t be found, I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.
In the midst of war, I choose peace.	In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score, I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.	In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain, I await the sun again, I choose love.

Members of the Youth Choir, virtual
Ella Glaze, piano

*Offertory Sentences and Doxology

Frank Halloran

In Silent Reflection

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Ella Ryan

Solo

Let Us Love One Another

Arnold B. Sherman

Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God, and all who know and call upon God’s name are children of our Lord. Beloved, this is what love is; not that we love God, but that God loves us and sent his Son to free us from our sin. How can we not know our God? God sent his only Son to die for all our sins. Is there greater love than this? Beloved, if this is how God loves, then we should love each other, and live in perfect harmony with all, and God will live in us. Let us love one another.

Holden Seward, baritone

Sermon

Elizabeth Thorne

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

In Silent Reflection

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
3. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Benediction

Mary Alice Halloran

Extinguishing the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Fanfare

Jon Schmidt

Ella Glaze, piano

*Please remain seated for the Voluntary and depart as you are guided by ushers,
from the rear to the front of the sanctuary.*

River Road Church extends a special thank you to all youth who are serving to make this day meaningful.

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Cantor: Holden Seward

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The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Barbara Merritt's birthday by Tim, Katie, Owen, and Oliver Merritt.

Our River Road 2021 graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 13, 2021. Any River Road church member who is graduating from High School, College, Graduate School, or Technical School is welcome to share their graduate information with the congregation. Please fill out the form at rrcb.org/graduates by June 1, 2021.

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 23 and May 30.

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