

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 2021

*As we gather together for worship, please 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

Parker Bradley and Maggie Beth Miller, Acolytes

Voluntaries

*Vivace in E flat
Andante cantabile (from Symphony No. 4)*

Samuel Wesley
Charles-Marie Widor

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Introit

Harold Friedell

I have but myself to give; let me to thy glory live.
Let me follow day by day where thou showest me the way.

*Processional Hymn 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

1. Sing praise to God, who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!
2. What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!
3. The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!
4. Thus all my gladsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Lord, come into our hearts today; **heal us from our hurt and pain.**

Lord, come into our lives today; **console us and bring us peace.**

We worship you, O Lord, for you offer comfort and mercy, healing and hope. **We praise your holy name! Amen.**

Invocation and Our Lord's Prayer

**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

2 Samuel 1:1,17-27

Beth Rooney

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag. David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

** Please stand, if you are able.*

Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult. You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more. From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty. Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

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

*Gloria Patri

Hymn 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

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

Anthem

A Canticle of Peace

Joseph W. Clokey

Text: Isaiah 2:2-4

"And it shall come to pass in the latter day that the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountain, and many shall go and say: Come ye and let us go into the house of the Lord. And He will teach us His way, and we will walk in His paths. And He shall judge between the nations. And shall reprove many nations. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares. Nation shall not lift sword against nation. Neither shall they learn war any more. Come ye, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Come."

Chancel Choir

Mission Moment for Camp Alkulana

SaraAnne Burgess

Pastoral Prayer

Beth Rooney

*Offertory Sentences and Doxology

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

Learning to Lament

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Anthem

A Gaelic Blessing

Music: John Rutter
Text: from an old Gaelic rune

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you,
Deep peace of Christ to you.

Chancel Choir

*Recessional Hymn 181

Come Sing to God

ELLACOMBE

1. Come sing to God, O living saints;
sing praises to God's name.
God's anger is not permanent;
God's love will never wane.
Though tears may tarry for the night
with sighs of deepest pain,
yet joy comes with the morning sun,
a peace that is not vain.
2. In my success I felt secure;
how good you've been to me.
I said that this is my own work,
ascribing all to me.
But when you turned aside your face,
my life was filled with fears.
I begged for help; to you I cried
with loud and bitter tears.
3. What good is gained by my disgrace,
what profit in defeat?
My grave cannot confess your name,
nor praise for you repeat.
Now hear, O Lord, my plaintive cry;
be merciful to me.
Accept my longing heart's request
and from death set me free.
4. You change my grief to joy-filled dance;
my sorrows you destroy.
In faithfulness you hear my cry
and fill my life with joy.
And so to you my heart shall sing;
my voice your goodness raise.
You are my God, forevermore.
My life shall sing your praise.

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Postlude in D

Healey Willan

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Mark and Lisa Cipolletti in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

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.

We extend Christian sympathy to Ann and Sid Hays upon the death of her mother, Beatrice "Bea" Tyler, to Tyler Hays and Malachi Philip upon the death of her grandmother, and to Nashwell Hays and Irene Ramirez upon the death of his grandmother on June 19, 2021 in Durham, NC.

We extend Christian sympathy to Vicki Tolbert upon the death of her mother, Alice Blanton, to Alyson and Michael Stoakley upon the death of her grandmother, to Camille Stoakley and Clyde Stoakley upon the death of their great-grandmother, and to Susie Blanton upon the death of her mother-in-law on June 20, 2021 in Richmond, VA. A private graveside service was held Thursday, June 24, 2021.

Altar flowers will be available for pick up after worship. For those attending in-person worship, bouquets will be ready for pick up at 12:30 in the sacristy. Any remaining arrangements will be outside at the Lower Commons entrance. Please pick up a bouquet to take to someone and brighten their day.

Video Operators are needed to run the Sunday worship livestream. If you would like to learn this system, please contact Rev. Daniel Ingram, danielingram@rrcb.org.

Camp Alkulana Offering: June 1-30, 2021—Camp Alkulana celebrates their first day of camp, which is June 23! Please pray for this big beginning, staff and counselors, and campers. **RRCB has collected \$3,490 out of the \$10,000 goal for the Camp Alkulana Offering.** You can give to the offering by sending a check to the church office or at rrcb.org/give-online.

Food & Fellowship—Join us **tonight** from 5-7 pm for Food and Fellowship as the children's ministry is hosting their **VBS Kick Off** event. **All are welcome** to enjoy an evening of food and fellowship with friends. The food truck, Cheesmaggedon, will be parked in the North Parking Lot. You can pre-order your meal at rrcb.org/foodtruck.

Vacation Bible School will be held from 9-11 am Monday through Wednesday of this week in the North Parking Lot.

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 magnified in our hearing 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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