RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 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

Braden Lesher and David Cipolletti, Acolytes

Voluntaries Corrente Italiana

Juan Cabanilles Searle Wright

Prelude on "Brother James's Air"

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Introit Richard Baker

Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto our God.

*Processional Hymn 443

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

- 1. O Christ, the great foundation on which your people stand to preach your true salvation in every age and land: pour out your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure, to keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.
- 3. Where tyrants' hold is tightened, where strong devour the weak, where innocents are frightened, the righteous fear to speak, there let your church awaking attack the powers of sin and, all their ramparts breaking, with you the victory win.
- 2. Baptized in one confession, one church in all the earth, we bear our Lord's impression, the sign of second birth: one holy people gathered in love beyond our own, by grace we were invited; by grace we make you known.
- 4. This is the moment glorious when he who once was dead shall lead his church victorious, their champion and their head. The Lord of all creation his heavenly kingdom brings: the final consummation, the glory of all things.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ—members of God's family, and brothers and sisters to one another. There are no outsiders here among us, no one has any special standing or bragging rights. For we have been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus. Let's join together in worship!

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 Psalm 23 Bill Thurston

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

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.

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

Anthem Brother James's Air Music: James Macbeth Bain,

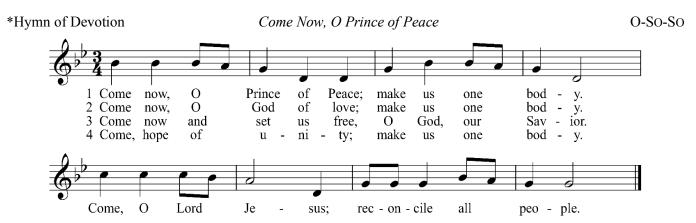
arr. Gordon Jacob Text: Psalm 23

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by. My soul He doth restore again; And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, Ee'n for His own Name's sake. Yea, though I pass thro' shadowed vale, Yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me; and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnishd In presence of my foes; My head with oil thou dost anoint, And my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my days Will surely follow me; And in my father's heart alway My dwelling place shall be.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram



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

A Dwelling Place for God

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

*Recessional Hymn 343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

- Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.
- 3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.

 Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.
- Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.
- 4. So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary Fantasia on the Sixth Tone

Giovanni Gabrieli

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of her beautiful grandchildren, Marlowe and Soren Villalon on their birthdays, July 18 and 23, by Sallie Sparks.

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.

Altar flowers will be available for pick up after worship. For those attending in-person worship, bouquets will be ready for pick up at 12:30PM 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.

Theology on Tap at Hardywood Brewery at West Creek—Rev. Dr. Bill Tuck will be the facilitator of the discussion, following the directions and hopes determined by the group. We will gather on Thursday, July 22 at 7:30PM. Bring a chair, grab your drink, and meet outside near the wooded area to the right of the big white tent. Bring your suggestions for discussion topics.

Sounds Like Summer: Live Music & Bring Your Own Picnic—*Friday, July 23, 5:30-8:30PM on the Plaza.* Grab your lawn chairs or blankets, and enjoy a summer night on the plaza. (We heard Deluca Gelato cart will be there, too!) The band Another Level will perform, and you are guaranteed to get up and dance. Invite friends and family to join; everyone is welcome! If you RSVP Yes (going) to our Facebook event, you will be entered into a drawing to win free dessert from Deluca Gelato. (Must be present to win.) RSVP and invite others at *rrcb.org/slsfb*.

Sun, Jul 18 Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy, 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Faith Walk Sunday School Class, 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Life Sunday School Class, 9:45 a.m., UC 230 (Zoom option available) New Horizons Sunday School Class, 9:45 a.m., UC 232 Worship, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live Youth Outing—Flying Squirrels Game, 4:15 p.m., Offsite Mon, Jul 19 Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room Tues, Jul 20 Youth TakeOut Tuesday, 5:00 p.m., Plaza Wed, Jul 21 Men's Group: The Huddle, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room Building and Property Council, 4:30 p.m., Reception Room Stephen Ministry, 4:30 p.m., Assembly Room Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room Pizza & Pool Night (3rd-5th graders), 5:00 p.m., Offsite Thur, Jul 22 Young Adults Gathering, 6:00 p.m., Stumpy's Hatchet House Theology on Tap, 7:30 p.m., Hardywood Brewery at West Creek Fri, Jul 23 Sounds Like Summer Concert, 5:30 p.m., Plaza Sun, Jul 25 Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy, 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Faith Walk Sunday School Class, 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Life Sunday School Class, 9:45 a.m., UC 230 (Zoom option available) New Horizons Sunday School Class, 9:45 a.m., UC 232 Worship, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live **Preschool Committee.** 1:00 p.m., Assembly Room (Zoom option available) **Shepherd-Holland Class**, 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)



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