

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 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 Zachary Stevens, Acolytes

Voluntaries

*Be Thou My Vision
Pastorale on "Forest Green"*

Dale Wood
Richard Purvis

Rev. Paul Honaker, organ

*Processional Hymn 292

All Beautiful the March of Days

FOREST GREEN

1. All beautiful the march of days,
As seasons come and go;
The hand that shaped the rose has wrought
The crystal of the snow;
Hath sent the hoary frost of heaven,
The flowing waters sealed,
And laid a silent loveliness
On hill and wood and field.
2. O'er white expanses sparkling pure
The radiant morns unfold;
The solemn splendors of the night
Burn brighter through the cold;
Life mounts in every throbbing vein,
Love deepens round the hearth,
And clearer sounds the angel hymn,
"Good will to all on earth."
3. O Thou, from whose unfathomed law
The year in beauty flows,
Thyself the vision passing by
In crystal and in rose,
Day unto day doth utter speech,
And night to night proclaim,
In ever-changing words of light,
The wonder of thy name.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Sandy Rooney

Within us, we hear your call to worship you, O God.

But following you every day, through the ins and outs, proves to be harder.

Sometimes it is hard to discern your ways, O God, and it is difficult to remain faithful.

But we have received life from Christ and are compelled to follow.

Saving God, nothing and no one satisfies our hearts and souls as you do.

We believe in you, Holy One, and gladly 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.

** Please stand, if you are able.*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

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.**

*Gospel Lesson

John 6:56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

Solo

Be Thou My Vision

Edwin T. Childs

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.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, Thy child let me be;
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Victoria Jackson, soprano

Pastoral Prayer

Sandy Rooney

*Hymn of Devotion 388

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL’S STORY

1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle;
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer
and shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.

*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.**

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Text: John 14:15-18

Music: Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

Conducted by Rev. Dr. Ken Wilson

Sermon

Love Tells the Truth

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

*Recessional Hymn 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

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| <p>1. God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.</p> <p>3. Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.</p> | <p>2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.</p> <p>4. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.</p> |
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*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Reverend Daniel Ingram and Reverend Marnie Fisher-Ingram in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary.

We welcome Rev. Paul Honaker as our guest organist today, and Rev. Dr. Ken Wilson as conductor for our Chancel Choir.

We extended Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Richard Manson upon his death on August 14, 2021. A funeral service was held on August 20, 2021 in the sanctuary.

A memorial service was held for Lee Schaffer on August 21, 2021 in the Sanctuary.

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.

Sounds Like Summer: Live Music & Food Truck—*Friday, August 27, 5:30-8:30PM on the Plaza.* Grab your lawn chairs or blankets, and enjoy a summer night on the plaza. Hawks BBQ & Extreme Concessions Food Truck and Deluca Gelato will be there for dinner and dessert. The Whiskey Rebellion band will perform, and you are guaranteed to have a good time. 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.

Lloyd Jackson Memorial Bland Mission Trip—*September 19-24, 2021 in Bland County, VA.* Please consider joining the team this fall. The cost per person (to cover your meals) is \$75 payable to RRCB with Bland on the memo line. All checks need to be mailed to the church by August 31. Scott Leake has graciously volunteered to be our cook once again. If you are able to join us on this trip, please contact Steve Lowery.

Sun, Aug 22 **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)
Worship, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live
Lloyd Jackson Memorial Bland Mission Trip Informational Meeting, 12:15 p.m., UC 228
Youth Pool Party, 2:00 p.m., Ridgetop Pool
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Mon, Aug 23 **Yoga**, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room

Wed, Aug 25 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
Stephen Ministry, 4:30 p.m., Assembly Room

Thur, Aug 26 **FIXERS**, 8:30 a.m., Plaza
Theology on Tap, 7:00 p.m., Home of John and Cathy Whitty

Fri, Aug 27 **Sounds Like Summer Concert**, 5:30 p.m., Plaza

Sat, Aug 28 **Picnic and Splash Park (Infants-5th Grade)**, 11:00 a.m., Twin Hickory Splash Park

Sun, Aug 29 **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)
Worship, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live
Food Share Drop Off, 12:00 p.m., Lower Commons Entrance
Youth Outing, 1:00 p.m., King's Dominion
Re-Entry Task Force Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

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