RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 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

Jack Ryan and Frank Halloran, Acolytes

Voluntaries

from Suite on the Second Tone Basse de Cromorne - Flûtes - Récit de Nazard Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

*Processional Hymn 211

Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place

WINCHESTER NEW

- Lord, You have been our dwelling place,
 A refuge where our feet have trod.
 Before You placed all things in space,
 From everlasting You are God.
- 3. Our years are but threescore and ten, With special health they reach fourscore. But still they're filled with pain and sin, Soon gone, and then we live no more.
- Your words can turn us back to dust,
 Our lives are fragile, like a dream.
 As grass which sprouts yet fades at dusk
 We're born, we live, but pass unseen.
- So teach us how to count our days,
 That wisdom might fill all our time.
 Return, O Lord, accept our praise,
 That through our lives Your love may shine.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

The word of God is alive and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides joints from marrow;

it can judge our thoughts and intentions of our hearts.

We cannot hide, for we are laid bare to the one to whom we must render an account.

Therefore, let us hold fast to Jesus, who was tested as you and I are, and yet without sin.

We approach the throne of grace with boldness,

so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need.

—Hebrews 4:12-16

Welcome, 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.

Anthem from Psalm 95 Felix Mendelssohn

Come let us sing to the Lord with gladness. For the Lord is a mighty God and a mighty ruler over all false idols.

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 90:12-17 Christie Lessels

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!

The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

* Please stand, if you are able.

*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.

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother." He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

Anthem

O How Amiable

Text: Psalms 84 and 90 and Isaac Watts Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter in to the courts of the Lord:

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,

And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:

They will be alway praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:

Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.

O prosper thou our handy work.

O God, our help in ages past,

Our hope for years to come,

Our shelter from the stormy blast,

And our eternal home.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

*Hymn of Devotion 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

 God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever,

gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:

all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

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.

Children in grades 1-3 may meet Mrs. Sandy Rooney at the front of the Sanctuary, on the pulpit side, to continue worship in the Chapel.

Sermon

What Camels and Monkeys Can Teach Us About Giving

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Time of Reflection and Response

Take a moment to consider how the Spirit is leading you to respond to worship and the Word proclaimed this day. If you desire to follow Christ as a disciple, or if you desire to become a member of River Road Church, you are invited to come forward to the chancel steps at this time, and our pastor will meet you.

*Recessional Hymn 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

CANONBURY

- Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
 As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.
- 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.

 And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
- O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
 O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.
- 4. O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
- 5. O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary Caprice sur les Grands Jeux (from Suite on the Second Tone)

Clérambault

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. School and Mr. and Mrs. David B. Alford, and Carol's sister, Ann Elizabeth Sins, by Carol and Harper Alford.

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 welcome new member, Ellie Dixon, who joined our church family upon profession of faith on October 3, 2021. Ellie, we look forward to ministering alongside you!

The Alma Hunt Offering provides funding for all WMUV missions and ministries and makes possible other BGAV special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving. You may give to the offering by using one of the envelopes in the pews and dropping it in the offering plate, mailing a check to the church office, or giving online at *rrcb.org/give-online*. We have collected \$2,400 of our \$7,500 goal.

A Church Business Meeting, to include discussion and a vote upon messengers for annual meetings of our mission partners Richmond Baptist Association/River City Faith Network (October 17, Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church) and Baptist General Association of Virginia (November 9-10, virtual), will be held Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 12:15 p.m. immediately following worship in the sanctuary and via the Zoom videoconference platform. If you would like to be a messenger for either annual meeting, please contact Lacey Wondree in the church office at *laceywondree@rrcb.org* or 804.288.1131. Details for joining the meeting will be emailed to church members on October 10. If you do not receive your notice, please email or call the church office at *info@rrcb.org* or 804-288-1131 by Friday, October 15. The Zoom waiting room will open shortly after worship concludes to allow access to the meeting, with the business meeting beginning at 12:15 p.m. Please remember that we need a quorum of 100 to be able to conduct the meeting.

Wednesday Night Family Supper & Fellowship—Wednesday, October 13, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Plaza

Supper, 6:00-6:50 p.m.

Menu: Cola-Braised Pork OR Black Bean Croquettes, Creamy Polenta, Garlicky Mixed Greens

Kids Entrée: Grilled Cheese and Tots

Dinner reservations are required by noon on Monday, October 11. Please make your reservation and select your dinner

entrée by filling out the form at rrcb.org/supper or by calling the church office.

Costs: \$9/adults and youth (6th grade and up), \$5 children (5th grade and younger), \$25/household max

Mission Project: 7:00-7:30 p.m.: Pack Lunches for CARITAS

Children and youth and their families are encouraged to participate. If you need childcare for children 4 and under, please contact *sandyrooney@rrcb.org* by noon Tuesday.

Sunday School Classes are meeting. To find the details of when and where your class is meeting, please contact your class leader or teacher. If you are interested in joining a Sunday School class, please contact a member of our pastoral staff, Rev. Anna Perry Miller (adults), Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram (youth), or Mrs. Sandy Rooney (children).

For more information about the events listed below and more, please read the e-Spire (emailed on Tuesdays), or visit *rrcb.org/connect*.

Sun, Oct 10 Worship, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live

Board of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation, 3:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

Children's Choirs, 3:45 p.m., Courtyard

Children's Activity: Missions and More, 4:15 p.m., Playground

Re-Entry Task Force, 4:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) River Road Camerata, 4:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room

Youth Choir, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Youth Snack Supper and Youth Group, 5:45 p.m., Plaza

Mon, Oct 11 Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts, 9:30 a.m., LC 102 (Zoom option available)

Yoga, 5:00p.m., Assembly Room

Watercolor Class, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

Wed, Oct 13 Men's Group: The Huddle, 8:00 a.m., Plaza

Wednesday Night Supper, 6:00 p.m., Plaza

Missions Event, 7:00 p.m., Plaza

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room

Thu, Oct 14 FIXERS, 8:30 a.m., Plaza

WOW Planning Team, 6:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Young Adult Gathering, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

Sat, Oct 16 Family Movie Night, 5:30 p.m., Plaza

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