RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 16, 2022

Charles Callahan

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

Marty Halloran and Jack Ryan, Acolytes

Voluntaries

Partita on "Kingsfold"

I. Prelude

II. Chorale

III. Improvisation

IV. Trio

V. Meditation

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

*Hymn 434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

- 1. Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord, to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword, to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.
- Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream, with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
 For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease, a world that was created for a harmony of peace.
- 2. God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.
 But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
 Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.
- 4. May we in service to our God act out the living word, and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard. As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Welcome to this house of our bountiful God.

Your steadfast love, O lord, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness stretches beyond the clouds.

Welcome in the name of the Christ who does nothing by half measures.

The children of earth take refuge in the shade of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house and drink from the rivers of your delight.

-B. Prewer; based on Psalm 36:5-10

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.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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.

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

Jesus, Lead My Footsteps Ever (from Christmas Oratorio)

Jesus, lead my footsteps ever. Ever all my senses guide; From all ills my doings sever. Put all else than Thee aside! Jesus, let Thy grace attend me; From all evil e'er defend me.

Ordination of New Deacons (See Insert)

*Hymn of Devotion 343

Anthem

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

J. S. Bach

- 1. 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.

Kindle the gift of God which is in thee by the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of love. For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power.

—Adapted from 2 Timothy 1:6-7

*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.

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 Varieties of Gifts Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Time of Reflection and Response



Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

*Benediction

Voluntary We All Believe in One God, BWV 680

J. S. Bach

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of COL and Mrs. Stuart M. Seaton by their children, Carol Norfleet, Rugene Paulette, Stuart Seaton, Jr., and Stephanie Estabrooks.

We extend Christian sympathy to Michael Christian, a member of our building support team, upon the death of his father, Harold Christian, on January 10, 2022 in Williamsburg, VA.

We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Tom Ligon upon his death on January 11, 2022; to Jaye and Douglas Groseclose upon the death of her father, to Rhonda Baker upon the death of her father, to Neil and Kristen Groseclose upon the death of his grandfather, to Rachel Groseclose upon the death of her grandfather, and to Kennedy and Anderson Groseclose upon the death of their great-grandfather. A private funeral service will be held.

We extend Christian sympathy to Dick and Pat Harwood, and family, upon the death of their grandson, R. Mason Wood, on January 11, 2022.

We extend Christian sympathy to Zelda Goode upon the death of her father, Lorenzo Burrell Sr., on January 14, 2022.

We extend gratitude to God for the ministry of Susan Young, RRCB Administrative Assistant, on the occasion of her retirement Friday, January 21, 2022.

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.

A Church Business Meeting, to include discussion and a vote upon the Finance Committee report and budget recommendation, will be held Sunday, January 23, 2022, immediately following worship in the sanctuary and via the Zoom videoconference platform. The report and details for joining the meeting will be emailed to church members this week. If you do not receive your notice, please email or call the church office at info@rrcb.org or 804-288-1131 by Friday, January 21. If you have any questions ahead of the meeting, please email them to info@rrcb.org. The Zoom waiting room will open shortly after worship concludes to allow access to the meeting, with the business meeting beginning at noon. Please remember that we need a quorum of 100 to be able to conduct the meeting.

You're Invited to A Weekend of Wonder, February 25-27—a churchwide retreat for children, youth, and adults. The theme for this gathering is wonder, and it will be designed to help us reconnect, or maybe connect for the first time, with the astonishment and awe that comes with following our marvelous God. The weekend will consist of segments for the whole community and some times that are age specific. In addition, there will be topics of study and activities that you get to select based on your own interests. Learn more and register your family at rrcb.org/wow.

2022 Altar Flower Calendar is now available. The cost of the flowers is \$90. **Immediate date available is March 13**, as well as dates throughout the year. You can also sign up by calling Betsy Lowery, or online at *rrcb.org/flowers*, and Betsy will mail you a letter of explanation and the form needed for your wording.

At the present time, masks are required while in the church building. We thank you for your understanding.

Sun, Jan 16	Worship, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live
	Nominating Committee, 12:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Board of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation, 4:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) WOW Planning Team, 6:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Board of Administration, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Mon, Jan 17	Office Closed
Tue, Jan 18	WMU Connectors, 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Board of Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall (Zoom option available) Young Adult Gathering, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Wed, Jan 19	Men's Group: The Huddle, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room Building and Property Council, 4:30 p.m., Assembly Room (Zoom option available) Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Thu, Jan 20	River Road Basketball, 7:35 p.m., Quioccasin Middle School

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PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Daniel E. Glaze, D.Min., Pastor

F. David Breckenridge, D.Min., Minister of Pastoral Care
Marnie L. Fisher-Ingram, M.Div., Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families
Robert P. Gallagher, D.M.A., Minister of Music
Daniel H. Ingram, M.Div., Minister of Administration
Anna Perry Miller, M.A.C.E., Associate Pastor for Adult Discipleship
Sandy K. Rooney, M.Ed., Minister to Children and Their Families
Beth Bailey, M.T., Seminary Intern for Young Adult Ministry

James H. Slatton, Th.D., *Pastor Emeritus* Michael J. Clingenpeel, Ph.D., *Pastor Emeritus* E. Carl Freeman, Jr., Mus.B., *Minister of Music Emeritus* Chester L. Phelps, Jr., M.A., *Minister of Youth Emeritus*

Ordination of New Deacons

Introduction Cathy Whitty Chair, Board of Deacons

Today we ordain to the Diaconate and give God thanks for the giftedness of Raj Chatterjea, Carol Cruickshanks, Jay Howe, Georgia Mayo, Barb Merritt, Cathy Wilson, and Ronda Zukowsky.

Covenant of the Deacons and Congregation

Deacon Chair: That all may know your willingness and desire to take upon yourselves this servant

leadership position, please share with us your covenantal promise of care.

Deacons-Elect: We believe that we have been called by God and this church to the office of deacon. We

> pledge to pray for River Road Church and serve her members and friends with love and grace. We covenant to support the ministries of our church, lending prayerful encouragement and counsel. We promise, according to our ability and God's grace, to serve our church with faithfulness and devotion, in word and in deed, as disciples of

Jesus Christ.

Deacon Chair: We covenant with these deacons ordained here today to live out Christ's call to serve

one another in love.

Congregation: We give thanks to God for these deacons and the ministry before them. For those

> deacons who have completed their terms, we are grateful for their time and energy, and we pray for rest from their labors and for continued opportunities for ministry. For deacons in active service and those to be ordained, we pray God's grace upon

them as they serve and upon us as we receive their ministry.

Deacon Chair: Do you, the people of River Road Church, who have prayerfully chosen these persons to

be commissioned and ordained as deacons of this church, receive them as the duly

elected, instituted servants of Christ in this church?

Congregation: We do. We covenant to pray for them and encourage them in their service to this

congregation and to Christ, today and in the future.

Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

2022 Diaconate

Janet Ahl Gene Harris Julia Nixon Harper Alford Kathryn Norman Norma Hays Charles O'Neal Janet Bagby Sara Heisler Catherine Burkett Linda Honaker Susan Phillips Jean Cauble Jay Howe Bill Ranson Laura Lee Chandler Steve Knerr Seth Roberts Raj Chatterjea Ken Lantz Richard Seward Vivian Clingenpeel Steve Larson Nancy Gayle Smith-Jackson

Karen Collier Byrd Latham **Rob Spicer** Margaret Collins Joyce Lesher **Buddy Sumner** Carol Cruickshanks Steve Lowery Anita Tamagni Parker Dixon Chris Macturk Jane Terry Paul Thompson Ann Domyan Diana Mahoney Charlie Early Craig Martin Will Thorne Carolyn Foster Georgia Mayo Bill Thurston Beverly Geissler Cam McGuire Cathy Whitty Chris Gobble Cathy Wilson Barbara Merritt Sarah Wilkinson Bill Grav Cindy Mistretta Neil Groseclose Mary Murphy Ronda Zukowsky