

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 9, 2022

*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

Ella Glaze and Ben Blanchard, Acolytes

Voluntaries

Christ, Our Lord, Came to Jordan, BWV 684
Christ, Our Lord, Came to Jordan, BuxWV 180

J. S. Bach
Dietrich Buxtehude

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

*Hymn 285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

AUSTRIA

1. God, you spin the whirling planets,
fill the seas and spread the plain,
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms,
call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
We, created in your image,
would a true reflection be
of your justice, grace, and mercy
and the truth that makes us free.
2. You have called us to be faithful
in our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship
joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image,
focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as your people,
we move onward toward your goal.
3. God, your word is still creating,
calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas
where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion.
Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in your image,
We'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

People of God, the Light of God shines in the darkness.

We have seen a great light and come to worship.

Come as you are and offer gifts as you are able.

We bring the gift of our very selves to offer to our Lord.

Let us bow before the Creator, the One who sustains life.

Humbly, we behold and proclaim God's goodness and Light.

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.

** Please stand, if you are able.*

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Anthem

When Jesus Came to Jordan

Lynn Trapp

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon, but as God's holy one.

Refrain

*Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.
This is God's chosen One.*

He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins. *Refrain*

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss;
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross. *Refrain*

So when the dove descended on him, the holy one,
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace begun. *Refrain*

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

*Hymn of Devotion 70

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

CAITHNESS

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| <p>1. Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove and yet
as urgent as a flame.</p> | <p>2. God called you "My Beloved Son,"
the suffering servant true,
sent you the kingdom to proclaim,
God's holy will to do.</p> |
| <p>3. Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed God's call
freely as son of man to serve
and give your life for all.</p> | <p>4. Baptize us with your spirit, Lord,
your cross on us be signed,
that, likewise in God's service, we
may perfect freedom find.</p> |

*Offertory Sentences

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

Anthem at Offertory

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

Richard Shephard

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day,
I would my true love did so chance
to see the legend of my play,
to call my true love to my dance;

Chorus:

Sing O my love,
This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance.
Thus was I knit to man's nature,
to call my true love to the dance.

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,
So very poor; this was my chance,
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
to call my true love to my dance.

Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above,
to call my true love to my dance.

*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

Standing Alongside Us

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.*

*Hymn 540

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

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| 1. God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
may the Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again. | 2. God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings, protecting, hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. |
| 3. God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again. | 4. God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threat'ning wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again. |

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux (from Suite on the First Tone)

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Henry Holland by his family.

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.

2022 Altar Flower Calendar is now available. The cost of the flowers is \$90. **Immediate dates available are January 23, February 6, February 13, February 20**, 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.

Christmas Season Bible Study with Elizabeth Newman—Today at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom. Join us for our final session, "Risking Hospitality: Following a Star." Email anna@rrcb.org for the Zoom link. Catch up on the first four sessions on our YouTube channel, search River Road Church on the YouTube app (phone or tablet) or visit youtube.com/riverroadchurch on your computer or laptop.

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.

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

Sun, Jan 9	Worship , 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live First Sunday Food Share , 12:00 p.m., Lower Commons Christmas Season Study , 5:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Board of Missions , 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Mon, Jan 10	Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts , 9:30 a.m., Reception Room Yoga , 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room Finance Committee , 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Wed, Jan 12	Men's Group: The Huddle , 8:00 a.m., Reception Room Chancel Choir Rehearsal , 7:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room



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