

# RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

February 20, 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

Eliza Sundberg and Drew Gilliam, Acolytes

Voluntaries

*Sonata in D major, K. 287  
Intermezzo (from Sonata No. 8)*

Domenico Scarlatti  
Josef Rheinberger

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

\*Hymn 473

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.
3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.
4. For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.
5. For thy church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Off'ring up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

\*Call to Worship

Sandy Rooney

Rise above the ways of the world:

**We are called to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.**

Rise above the ways of the world:

**We are called to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.**

Rise above the ways of the world:

**We are called to do unto others as we would have them do unto us.**

Rise above the ways of the world:

**We are called to live into the ways of Jesus.  
Come, let us worship Christ, and follow him.**

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.**

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 37:7-11, 39-40

Oliver Way

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall

*\* Please stand, if you are able.*

be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land. Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity. The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble. The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

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 6:27-38

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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

Anthem

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Moses Hogan

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Pastoral Prayer

Sandy Rooney

\*Hymn of Devotion

*Christ, Your Words of Love Confound Us*

BEACH SPRING

Christ, your words of love confound us, even as we give you praise,  
for the lessons that you teach us seem so far from this world's ways.  
How can we love those who hate us? How can we love enemies?  
What of people who abuse us? How can we love even these?

Make us mindful: love is action, not a feeling that uplifts.  
In each daily situation, love's the greatest of all gifts.  
It's the wiser, stronger person who will break the chain of hate.  
Love can usher in redemption; love can make a people great.

Faced with those who seek to hurt us, make us confident and free:  
you don't call us to be helpless but to stand with dignity.  
Lord, when others are demanding, may we know they matter more  
than our money or possessions. May we share, not keeping score.

If we love just those who love us, where's the giving? Where's the grace?  
Even sinners try to do this; they have friends that they embrace.  
May we do, Lord, unto others as we'd have them also do.  
You have shown us: Love is action. May we love, and make things new.

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\*Offertory Sentences

Sandy Rooney

Anthem at Offertory

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier

Music: C. H. H Parry

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard  
Beside the Syrian sea  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow Thee.
3. Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.
4. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm!

\*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

*But I Say to You*

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Time of Reflection and Response

\*Hymn 563

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died.  
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our parents sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

\*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

*Fugue in A minor*

Josef Seger

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God, with hope for healing in our world, by Beverly Geissler.

We extend congratulations to Dick and Pat Harwood upon the birth of their great-granddaughter, Hazel Eliana Harwood, on February 13, 2022.

We prepare for the pivotal church season of Lent with our **Ash Wednesday Service of Worship on March 2 at 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel**. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the season of spiritual renewal leading up to Easter. On Ash Wednesday, we express sorrow for the ways we have not lived into the fullness of our calling, and we recognize our humanity through the receiving of ashes. The service will include the imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them. *Please note this service will not be livestreamed.* We will share a meal before the service at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall. Details about Wednesday Night Supper and reservations will be shared in the coming days at [rrcb.org/supper](http://rrcb.org/supper) and via email.

We are grateful for your continued generosity to God through our church ministry. You may give securely online at [rrcb.org/give-online](http://rrcb.org/give-online) or by mailing a check. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Sun, Feb 20	<b>Worship</b> , 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and <a href="http://rrcb.org/live">rrcb.org/live</a> <b>WOW Planning Team</b> , 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall <b>Nominating Committee</b> , 12:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Children's Choir: Pre-K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b> , 3:45 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room <b>Children's Choir: 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> , 3:45 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room <b>Children's Activity</b> , 4:15 p.m., UC 232 <b>River Road Camerata</b> , 4:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room <b>Youth Choir</b> , 5:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room <b>Youth Group</b> , 5:45 p.m., Youth Area <b>Board of Administration</b> , 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall (Zoom option available)
Mon, Feb 21	<b>Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts</b> , 9:30 a.m., LC 102 (Zoom option available) <b>Yoga</b> , 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Tue, Feb 22	<b>Communications Committee</b> , 6:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>River Road Basketball</b> , 8:25 p.m., Quioccasin Middle School
Wed, Feb 23	<b>Men's Group: The Huddle</b> , 8:00 a.m., Reception Room <b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> , 7:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Thu, Feb 24	<b>FIXERS</b> , 8:30 a.m., Reception Room <b>WOW Planning Team</b> , 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Fri, Feb 25	<b>Weekend of Wonder Retreat</b> , 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Sat, Feb 26	<b>Weekend of Wonder Retreat</b> , 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Sun, Feb 27	<b>Weekend of Wonder Retreat</b> , 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall <b>Worship</b> , 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and <a href="http://rrcb.org/live">rrcb.org/live</a>

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