

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday in Lent

March 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

LJ Straw and Frank Halloran, Acolytes

Voluntary

Spiegel im Spiegel (Mirror in the Mirror)

Arvo Pärt

Ryan Lannan, cello
Dr. Robert Gallagher, piano

Introit

George Thalben-Ball

Be ye followers of God, and walk in love: even as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us.

*Processional Hymn 434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

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| 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. | 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. |
| 3. 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. | 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. Daniel Ingram

God of infinite goodness,

throughout the ages you have persevered in claiming and reclaiming your people.

Renew for us your call to repentance,

surround us with witnesses to aid us in our journey,

and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew,

Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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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.*

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Orison

Jesus, Remember Me

Hymn 599

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

After the choir has sung this simple prayer through once, the congregation is invited to sing two more repetitions.

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

The Stories That Shape Us

Deb Gray

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Daniel Ingram

*Hymn of Devotion 401

When Will People Cease Their Fighting?

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| <p>1. When will people cease their fighting?
When will armies wage no war,
Nations conquer not their neighbor,
Weapons idle, used no more?
When will guns and bombs be silent?
When will captives be set free?
All creation groans in longing
For the world's true liberty.</p> | <p>2. Floods and earthquakes, drought and famine
Plague the world with awesome ill,
But far greater is war's horror
Caused by human, stubborn will.
Blest are those who, working, praying,
Purpose in their hearts to be
Instruments of peace, committed
To the nations' harmony.</p> |
| <p>3. As we strive for peace with vigor,
Hoping to be shown the way,
We are strengthened in the knowledge
Of a future, perfect day;
For we know that deeper, richer
Peace is ours when Christ shall reign:
Then will all our swords be plowshares
And God's children free from pain.</p> | |

*Offertory Sentences

Rev. Daniel Ingram

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.
 O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.
 If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?
 For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.
 I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; and in his word is my trust.
 My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; I say, before the morning watch.
 O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.
 And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

Ryan Lannan, cello

*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

When Bad Things Happen

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Time of Reflection and Response

*Recessional Hymn 441

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

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| <p>1. I love thy kingdom, Lord,
 The house of Thine abode,
 The church our blest Redeemer saved
 With His own precious blood.</p> | <p>2. I love thy church, O God.
 Her walls before Thee stand,
 Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
 And graven on Thy hand.</p> | <p>3. For her my tears shall fall,
 For her my prayers ascend;
 To her my cares and toils be given,
 Till toils and cares shall end.</p> |
| <p>4. Beyond my highest joy
 I prize her heavenly ways,
 Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
 Her hymns of love and praise.</p> | <p>5. Sure as Thy truth shall last,
 To Zion shall be given
 The brightest glories earth can yield,
 And brighter bliss of heaven.</p> | |

*Benediction and Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Chaconne in A minor

Elisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents Eleanor and Joe Way and Peggy and Buck Buchanan, by Bonnie and Oliver Way.

We welcome new member, Elisabeth Dixon, who joined our church family upon profession of faith on March 13, 2022. Elisabeth, we look forward to ministering alongside you!

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.

Today is the Third Sunday in Lent. Lent is the Christian season in which we anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty days through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Lent is a season of inner reflection, intentionally quieting ourselves before God in a spirit of confession and openness. The liturgical color is purple, used to symbolize penance, preparation, and sacrifice.

Virtual Easter Lily to Support the Fellowship Fund—We'd love it if you would give a gift in honor or memory of a loved one, and like always, we will list that gift in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. To be sure, we will still have lilies in the sanctuary, but we are confident that our generous congregation will give more than we need! Your gift of a "virtual lily" (the amount is up to you) will support our Fellowship Fund, helping those in financial crisis in the Richmond metro area. Easter Lily envelopes are available in the pew racks. You may send a check with "Easter gift" in the memo line, or you may give online (rrcb.org/give-online) and select "Easter

gift” as the fund. Please include a note with your check or send an email to info@rrcb.org with your wording to be included in the bulletin. The deadline for virtual Easter lilies and to be listed in the bulletin is Wednesday, April 6. Thank you for your generosity.

River Road Church Ukraine Relief—Funds will be distributed to Baptist partners on the ground in Ukraine. You can give through the church by sending a check to the church office (Ukraine in the memo) or giving online at rrcb.org/give-online (select fund Ukraine). You can also give directly through Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (cbf.net) or Baptist World Alliance (baptistworld.org).

Wednesday Night Supper & Fellowship—*Wednesday, March 23, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

Reservations are required by 11AM on Mondays. Extra meals will not be available. Make your reservation online at rrcb.org/supper or call the church office. You are welcome to bring your own meal and enjoy table fellowship with us.

Menu: Navy Bean & Ham Soup, Spinach Salad, Honey Garlic Glazed Pork Loin, Jalapeno & Cheddar Corn Pudding, Candied Baked Apples, Yeast Roll, Apple Cider Donuts

Kids Meal: Chicken Nuggets, Fries, and Yogurt

Costs: \$9 per person; Kids Meal \$5 per person; Household Max is \$25; *Meal prices are not age-based*

Bible Study: “Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today” by Adam Hamilton—A team of Sunday School teachers will lead each discussion. Emily Tuck, teacher of the Friendship Class, will guide this session.

- Sun, Mar 20 **Worship**, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live
Preschool 50th Anniversary Committee, 1:00 p.m., Assembly Room (Zoom option available)
Personnel Committee, 2:00 p.m., Parlor
Children’s Choir: Pre-K-1st Grade, 3:45 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room
Children’s Choir: 2nd-5th Grade, 3:45 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Board of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation, 4:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Children’s Activity, 4:15 p.m., CA 120
River Road Camerata, 4:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Youth Choir, 5:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Youth Snack Supper, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Youth Group, 6:15 p.m., Youth Area
Board of Administration, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall (Zoom option available)
Concert Series: Harpsichord Recital—Jory Vinikour, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Mon, Mar 21 **Women’s Bible Study: Joyful Hearts**, 9:30 a.m., LC 102 (Zoom option available)
Stephen Ministry, 4:30 p.m., LC 102 (Zoom option available)
Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
- Tue, Mar 22 **River Road Softball Double-Header**, 8:15 p.m., Short Pump Park
- Wed, Mar 23 **Men’s Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
Wednesday Night Supper, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Children’s Games with Sandy, 6:45 p.m., UC 232
Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Youth Study Hall, 6:45 p.m., Youth Area
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
- Thu, Mar 24 **Young Adult Gathering at Veil Brewing Co.**, 7:00 p.m., Offsite
- Fri, Mar 25 **Youth Summit Retreat**, Offsite

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