

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 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

Paige Newcomb and Alexander Macturk, Acolytes

Voluntaries

*Prelude (from Three Improvisations)
Sicilienne*

Nadia Boulanger
Maria-Theresia von Paradis

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Introit

George Thalben-Ball

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

*Processional Hymn

There Is Now a New Creation

STUTTGART

1. There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.
2. Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone: now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.
3. Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child. All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.
4. Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast; Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.
5. There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ. Sing, with thanks and adoration, to the God of endless life!

*Call to Worship

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Draw close to the love of God that is, at once, fierce and gentle.

Our Holy Caregiver welcomes us to the feast,

where there is abundance to nourish us and quench our thirst.

In our need and in our gratitude, we give honor to Christ, who extends the invitation.

For God's mercy is wide and deep and true.

As our hearts are lifted and as we are restored, we celebrate the sweet grace that finds us.

With thankful and open hearts we rejoice. Amen.

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.

New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

John Hays

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for

** Please stand, if you are able.*

Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

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

The Stories That Shape Us

Tom Gilsdorf

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

*Hymn of Devotion 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!
2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!
3. And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
And through eternity I’ll sing on!

*Offertory Sentences

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Anthem at Offertory

Pie Jesu (from Requiem)

John Rutter

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem,
Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem,
Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them rest,
Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them rest,
Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them eternal rest.

Victoria Jackson, soprano

*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

What About the Servants?

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 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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| 1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime. | 2. When the woes of life o'er-take me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo! it glows with peace and joy. |
| 3. When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day. | 4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide. |

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Prelude in Five Parts

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ellen P. Stanton, by Elizabeth, Barbara, and Bill Stanton.

We welcome new member, John Straw, who joined our church family upon profession of faith on March 20, 2022. John, we look forward to ministering alongside you!

We extend Christian sympathy to Tim Sexton and Betty Rose Townsend Sexton upon the death of her brother, William Guy Townsend, on March 23, 2022, in Manquin, Virginia, and to John, Jamie, Townsend, and Langdon upon the death of their uncle.

We are grateful for your continued generosity to God through our church ministry. You may give securely online at rcb.org/give-online or by mailing a check. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Today is the Fourth 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.

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).

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.

Wednesday Night Supper & Fellowship—*Wednesday, March 30, 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: Italian Wedding Soup, Italian Salad, Meat Lasagna, Garlic Tomato Brussels, Garlic Cheese Bread, Cannoli

Kids Meal: Hot dog, Fries, and Apple Sauce

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. Christie Lessels, teacher of the Faith Walk Class, will guide this session.

Sun, Mar 27 **Worship**, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live
Nominating Committee, 12:15 p.m., LC 102 (Zoom option available)
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
Children's Activity, 4:15 p.m., CA 120
Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Board of Missions, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room (Zoom option available)

Mon, Mar 28 **Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts**, 9:30 a.m., LC 102 (Zoom option available)
Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Board of Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall (Zoom option available)

Tue, Mar 29 **Young Adult Gathering**, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting Online
River Road Softball Double-Header, 8:15 p.m., Glen Allen Complex #3

Wed, Mar 30 **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

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