

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Palm Sunday

April 10, 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

Maggie Beth Miller and Braden Leshner, Acolytes

Voluntaries

Solemn Procession

Lloyd Webber

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!
Hosanna!*

Graham George
Kevin McChesney

Chancel Bell Choir - Charles Todd, director

Introit

David Gulick

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

*Processional Hymn 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One. (Refrain)
2. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present. (Refrain)
3. To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. (Refrain)
4. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)

*Call to Worship

Beth Bailey

Raise your voices, people of God. Proclaim God's enduring love.

Yes! God is good and God's love is powerful and everlasting.

Wave your palm branches and sing and shout of God's salvation.

When we are in need, Christ comes to us and grants us the gift of salvation.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

In this sanctuary we bless God's Holy name! 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

Philippians 2:5-11

Tyler Hays

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a

** Please stand, if you are able.*

cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

The Stories That Shape Us

Ken Lantz

Anthem

Sanctus (from Requiem)

John Rutter

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Pastoral Prayer

Beth Bailey

*Hymn of Devotion 89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer;
the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice.

*Offertory Sentences

Beth Bailey

Anthem at Offertory

The Way to Jerusalem

Harold Friedell

And it came to pass when the time was come that He should be received up, He steadfastly set His face to Jerusalem.

And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way, others cut down branches from the trees and strewed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before and that followed cried, saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest!"

And when He was come near, He beheld the city and wept over it, saying, "If Thou had'st known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace, but now they are hid from thine eyes, Jerusalem!, Jerusalem!" Who watched while Majesty rode on to die, Crying "Hosanna" in a joyous song, "Could'st thou not heed the distant warning cry of heaven's apprehensive waiting throng?"

”Hosanna to our King!
 Thine acclamations ring,
 While God the Father veils His face,
 And God the Son His griefs embrace,
 Sing thine own griefs, Jerusalem, Jerusalem!
 Jesus sayeth, “Father save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour, Father, glorify Thy name.”
 Then came there a voice from heaven saying, “I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.”
 Jesus answered and said, “This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.”

Seth Roberts, Baritone

*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

Hope for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Time of Reflection and Response

*Recessional Hymn

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

WINCHESTER NEW

1. Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the
 2. In low - ly
 3. The wing - ed
 4. Thy last and
 5. In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -
 pomp rides on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs
 squad - rons of the sky look down with sad and
 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his
 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

sues his road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
 mor - tal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Litanies

Jehan Alain

- Sun, Apr 10 **Worship**, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and *rrcb.org/live*
Easter Egg Hunt, 12:00 p.m., Plaza
Nominating Committee, 12:15 p.m., LC 102
Concert Series: University of Richmond, Schola Cantorum, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary
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
- Mon, Apr 11 **Yoga**, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Tue, Apr 12 **RRCB Softball Double-Header**, 6:30 p.m., Short Pump Park
Labyrinth Walk, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall (open until 4:00 p.m.)
Young Adult Gathering, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Wed, Apr 13 **Men’s Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
Labyrinth Walk, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall (open until 8:00 p.m. by reservation)
- Thu, Apr 14 **Labyrinth Walk**, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall (open until 12:00 p.m.)
Stations of the Cross, 12:00 p.m., Chapel (open until 6:00 p.m.)
Maundy Thursday Meal, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion, 6:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Chancel Choir and Brass Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Fri, Apr 15 **Stations of the Cross**, 8:00 a.m., Chapel (open until 7:00 p.m.)
Good Friday Service, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Sat, Apr 16 **Stations of the Cross**, 9:00 a.m., Chapel (open until 12:00 p.m.)
Easter Decorating, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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E. Carl Freeman, Jr., Mus.B., *Minister of Music Emeritus*
Chester L. Phelps, Jr., M.A., *Minister of Youth Emeritus*

Today is Palm, or Passion, Sunday marking the beginning of Holy Week in the Christian calendar. The blessing and procession of palms reenacts the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. During Holy Week, which are some of the most significant days in the church year, we focus intensely on Jesus' last days, his execution, his burial, and finally, with Easter Sunday, his resurrection.

Today is River Road Church Founder's Day. Celebrated today, our church was founded April 14, 1946. As we remember the vision of the charter members and all who have followed, we recommit ourselves to this fellowship through the reading of the Church Covenant and by offering our prayers for the continued journey we make together for the glory of God.

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the members of the Re-Entry Task Force in appreciation of their dedicated work on behalf of our church family, by Karen and Carl Collier.

The pedestal flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of our church. It is in memory and honor of our charter members but also members, past and present, who have shared this journey of faith.

We extend Christian sympathy to Robbie Williams upon the death of her husband, Chandler Williams, on April 5, 2022. A memorial service will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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.

Maundy Thursday Meal, Worship, & Holy Communion Around Tables—*Thursday, April 14, 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: Tomato Basil Soup, Wedge Salad, Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Italian Green Beans, Blondie

Kids Meal: Grilled Cheese, Tater Tots, and Apple Sauce

Worship: On Maundy Thursday, the night when Jesus gave us the *Mandatum Novum* (the new commandment that we love one another) and instituted the Last Supper or the Lord's Supper, we will share a meal in the Fellowship Hall (by donation) and share a brief worship around the table culminating in communion.

Good Friday Service—*Friday, April 15, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary*

On Good Friday we will gather to worship and experience the service that is, for many of us, the most meaningful one of the year. We will share in a Tenebrae service, from the Latin word for darkness or shadows. This service involves hearing moving music by the Chancel Choir and the reading of the Scriptural narrative of the betrayal and crucifixion of Christ.

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 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 tomorrow, April 11. Thank you for your generosity.

CBF Season of Prayer and Global Missions Offering: *Because Presence Matters* (Luke 24:13-25)

April 2022 | RRCB Goal: \$10,000

"I am grateful for the Offering for Global Missions because it allows me to demonstrate God's love." —Eddie & Macarena Adalpe, Field Personnel in Albacete, Spain

The mission God gave us to share the Gospel in word and deed has never been more important than it is now. When you give to the Offering for Global Missions, you support the long-term presence of field personnel in 19 countries as they cultivate beloved community, bear witness to Jesus Christ and seek transformational development among people and places otherwise forgotten and forsaken by the world. 100% of your gift to the Offering will support CBF Field Personnel. You may give to the Offering by using one of the envelopes in the pews and dropping it in the offering plate, mailing a check to the church office, or giving online at rrcb.org/give-online.

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Founder's Day, April 10, 2022

River Road Church was constituted on Sunday, April 14, 1946, with 66 charter members; and for over 75 years the church has remained remarkably true to the early vision of the founders.

In the summer of 1945, a group of area residents began meeting for worship on the campus of the University of Richmond. The area westward of UR was rapidly developing and there was a need for a church. The new congregation received sponsorship from First Baptist Church; and while many of the founders were Baptists, from its beginning, the church was ecumenical in spirit and welcoming to those of other denominational backgrounds. The founders chose to name the church after its location and added a distinctive “comma” followed by Baptist to further distinguish it from churches of other denominations along the road. The name stuck and River Road remained ecumenical in spirit and Baptist in heritage, principles and affiliations. The church owed much of its foundation to its first three trustees: Dr. Oscar Hite, Dr. Donald Daniel, and Mr. Wilton Thomas.

The new church purchased four acres at the northwest corner of River and Ridge Roads for a cost of \$10,000. A large brick fireplace was built on the property and became the focal point for gatherings for worship and building relationships. The fireplace and the meetings kept the property off the real estate tax rolls.

Even with modest beginnings, the founders preferred a formal worship style with music from the grand tradition of the Christian faith. They dreamed of buildings which would reflect this same appreciation. The first building (1950) was the Chapel House, designed to resemble Colonial Virginia architecture in its exterior and interior; and over its entrance was placed a crest which the church adopted. As the congregation began to grow beyond the Chapel's capacity, an educational building (1957) of Georgian design was built and what is now known as Fellowship Hall was used as the place of worship.

The third, and long-anticipated, building was the Sanctuary designed in classic Colonial architecture with arched covered walkways to connect the two earlier buildings. The completion of the Sanctuary and its educational space was marked with a series of dedicatory events from November 16, 1969 to March 1971 including dedicatory recitals for the Möller Organ. Later additions include the Columbarium Memorial Garden (1997) and an expanded education and music wing (2001) which connected the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall and provided a new rear entrance.

River Road Church became noted for its outstanding pulpit ministry and pastoral care. The following served as pastor: Dr. David Earl Browning, 1947-1950; Dr. Woodrow Wilson Hasty, 1950-1964; Dr. Vernon Britt Richardson, 1964-1970; Dr. James Hoyt Slatton, 1971-2003; Dr. Michael James Clingenpeel, 2004-2015; and Dr. Daniel Edgar Glaze, 2016-present.

The congregation participates in a myriad of hands-on missions activities as well as supporting denominational missions especially through the River City Faith Network (Richmond Baptist Association), the Baptist General Association of Virginia, and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. In 1972, the church began a preschool which soon proved its worth for the community. From its beginning, the church offered education through a Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, WMU, and youth activities. Fully three generations have experienced the youth ministry which long has included hands-on missions experiences. “Thoughtful Faith” midweek programming has offered Bible study and speakers on a variety of subjects. For over 70 years, the Board of Deacons has promoted and administered the Fellowship Fund which has benefited individuals and families in need as well as worthy causes. An early donation was to Quioccasin Baptist Church which had suffered from a devastating fire.

The late Dr. Robert Smart once stated that “right from the start the founders were interested in a music program of the first quality.” As early as 1958, when he was pastor of University Baptist Church, Baltimore, Dr. Richardson knew a gifted young Peabody Conservatory student, E. Carl Freeman; and as pastor of River Road, Dr. Richardson called upon Freeman to design an organ for the planned Sanctuary. In 1968, Freeman became minister of music and began creating a superior music ministry which became a hallmark of River Road. He served from 1968-2010 when he was named minister of music emeritus. The annual concert series bears his name. Dr. Robert Gallagher, who earned a masters from The Juilliard School and a doctorate from Catholic University of America, became minister of music in 2011. He has taken the Chancel Choir on two choral tours of England including a week at Canterbury Cathedral and performances at four cathedrals and abbeys in Western England including Bath Abbey. In recent years, the concert series has included world-class performing groups including The St. Olaf Choir, The Tallis Scholars, and Chanticleer. In 2014, an ambitious capital fund campaign called “Rejoice & Give Thanks” almost immediately secured \$2 million to renovate and enlarge the organ and complete other projects. In 2017, dedicatory organ recitals were held; and the Chancel Choir with organ, brass and timpani presented a musical celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. The celebration was the opening event of the American Guild of Organists Regional Convention which brought a full house of church musicians to River Road Church.

Near the beginning of Dr. Glaze's pastorate, a churchwide friendship developed with Quioccasin Baptist Church and Congregation Or Atid. After the highly-successful organ renovation campaign, the River Road Church, Baptist Endowment Fund made a generous gift directed to the Board of Missions; and it was determined that the gift would be used to aid a sister Richmond church, Westover Baptist Church, in serving their immediate community.

For the two years plus, 2020-2022, of the COVID-19 pandemic, the church's ministerial staff and lay leaders pursued creative and resourceful means to maintain worship and a sense of community. They quickly employed technology for livestreaming and navigated the changing scene as the virus spread, abated and returned. The founders would be amazed and proud of the ways in which today's members have kept the vision, enlarged the ministries, engaged in missions and continued to dream.