

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 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

David Cipolletti and Paige Newcomb, Acolytes

Voluntaries

*Come Away to the Skies
O Filii et Filiae*

George Shearing
Rebecca Groom te Velde

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Introit

Text: Isaac Watts
Music: Johann Crüger

This is the day the Lord hath made; The hours are all God's own;
Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad, And praise surround the throne.

*Processional Hymn

When Thomas Heard from Jesus

AURELIA

When Thomas heard from Jesus, "Now come and follow me,"
He surely went with gladness, for there was much to see.
He witnessed Jesus' teaching and saw his healing touch;
He found a faith to guide him, a friend he loved so much.

When Jesus spoke of heaven, bold Thomas dared to say,
"We don't know where you're going! How can we know the way?"
He wanted understanding of what he could not see.
Then Jesus reassured him, "The way is here — through me."

When crowds began to murmur and leaders raised their cry,
Brave Thomas spoke out firmly, "Let's go with him and die."
He ate at Jesus' table, partaking wine and bread;
Yet later with the others, he saw the cross and fled.

What joy on Easter evening when many saw the Lord!
Yet Thomas was not with them and would not trust their word.
When Christ appeared before him, his doubts were quickly gone;
He gladly knew that evening the joy of Easter dawn.

That man of faith saw Jesus at breakfast by the sea;
At Pentecost he witnessed so others would believe.
O Lord, may we — like Thomas — keep growing day by day;
Increase our faith and guide us, for Lord, you are the Way.

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*Call to Worship

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

Praise the Lord! Praise God in the sanctuary; Praise God everywhere you go!

God's deeds are mighty and God's greatness is beyond all measure!

Praise our God with the sound of the trumpet and with melody from the lute and harp!

With tambourine and dance and strings and pipe, glorify the Lord!

Clang the cymbals! Clash them loudly!

Let every living creature, all that has breath, praise God's holy name! Amen.

—from Psalm 150

** Please stand, if you are able.*

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 150

Judy Collins

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

John 20:19-31

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

Anthem

Carol of St. Thomas

Anthony Greening

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of Heaven, the glorious King,
Over death today rose triumphing.
Alleluia!
2. When Thomas first the tidings heard,
How they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!
3. "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see;
My hands, My feet, I show to thee;
Not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia!
4. No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia!
5. How blessed are they who have not seen,
And yet whose faith has constant been;
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!

The Stories That Shape Us

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

*Hymn of Devotion 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

MCKEE

1. In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.
3. Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

*Offertory Sentences

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

Anthem at Offertory

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Simon Lindley

1. Now the green blade riseth
from the buried grain.
Wheat that in dark earth
many days has lain;
Love lives again,
that with the dead has been;
Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.
2. In the grave they laid him,
Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never
he would wake again,
Laid in the earth
like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.

3. Forth he came at Easter
like the risen grain.
He that for three days
in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead
my risen Lord is seen;
Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.

4. When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us
back to life again;
Fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.

Christopher Ahart, tenor

*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

A Community Embracing Doubt

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Time of Reflection and Response

*Recessional Hymn 108

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

3. In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

4. Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Toccata on "O Filii et Filiae"

Lynnwood Farnam

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Ryan Butler and Anna Mathews that took place on April 23, 2022 at River Road Church, Baptist.

We celebrate with Sheridan Cowardin, Elisabeth Dixon, Ellie Dixon, and John Straw upon their baptisms this morning in the Chapel. We also celebrate with Alexander Gary upon his baptism following the worship service at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

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.

A Church Business Meeting will be held today, immediately following worship in the sanctuary and via the Zoom. Details for the meeting were emailed at 8:00 a.m. today. Please remember that we need a quorum of 100 to be able to conduct the meeting.

Wednesday Night Supper & Fellowship—*Wednesday, April 27, 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: Cream of Cauliflower, Fiesta Salad, Chipotle Lime Chicken Breast, Vegetable Rice Pilaf, Roasted Root Vegetables, Rolls, Rice Pudding

Kids Meal: Grilled Chicken, Tater Tots, & 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. Ed Pruden, teacher of the Robert Smart Class, will guide this session.

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.

CBF Season of Prayer and Global Missions Offering: *Because Presence Matters* (Luke 24:13-25)
April 2022 | RRCB Goal: \$10,000 | Collected: \$2,825.00 | Last Sunday of Collection is May 1, 2022

“I am grateful to the Offering for Global Missions because it enables me to walk alongside people as they explore faith in Christ even amidst their doubts. We do this through a new worship expression created in partnership with a local church called Mosaic.” —Michelle Norman, Field Personnel in Barcelona, Spain

“I am grateful to the Offering for Global Missions because it enables me to work with wonderful pastors like Nelson Araujo of First Baptist Church of Sabadell, Barcelona, Spain to share the love of Christ.” —Matt Norman, Field Personnel in Barcelona, 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 serving in the U.S. and around the world. 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.

Sun, Apr 24	Worship , 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live Business Meeting , 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary (Zoom option available) Earth Day Celebration Lunch and Show 12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall Preschool Anniversary Committee , 1:00 p.m., Assembly Room (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., UC 232 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 , 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room (Zoom option available)
Mon, Apr 25	Women’s Bible Study: Joyful Hearts , 9:30 a.m., LC 102 (Zoom option available) Yoga , 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Tue, Apr 26	Young Adult Gathering , 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) Coordinating Group for Continuous Improvement and Vitality , 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Wed, Apr 27	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
Sat, Apr 30	Youth Flying Squirrels Game , 5:00 p.m., Offsite

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