

# RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 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.*

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Lighting of the Altar Candles

Eliza Sundberg and Drew Gilliam, Acolytes

Voluntaries

*Toccata in D minor, BWV 538*  
*Our Father in Heaven, BWV 636*

J. S. Bach  
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Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Introit

Spiritual

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

\*Processional Hymn 306

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God to earth come down,  
Thee will I cherish,  
Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,  
Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring.  
Jesus is fairer;  
Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,  
Fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling, starry host.  
Jesus shines brighter;  
Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

\*Call to Worship

Sandy Rooney

Both in our scarcity and in our abundance, it is our joy to share what we have in honoring our God.

**Christ, out of steadfast and merciful love, gave everything for us so we might know the depths of our Creator's love.**

Nothing else is so valuable as gaining new life in Christ our Lord and recognizing the depths of the riches we receive because of God's pursuing love.

**We set aside distractions, worldly power and pursuits, and our need to impress—everything that once mattered most.**

And we discover that in giving these things up, we make space for joy, generosity, and gratitude.

**We announce that true and meaningful life is found in our Saving God and we pour out our love and thanks.**

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 126

Colin Bailey

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

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

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

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.  
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*After the choir has sung this simple prayer through once, the congregation is invited to sing two more repetitions.*

## \*Gospel Lesson

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

## The Stories That Shape Us

Cara Bowen

## Pastoral Prayer

Sandy Rooney

## \*Hymn of Devotion 427

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

BEACH SPRING

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| <p>1. Lord, whose love through humble service<br/>         Bore the weight of human need,<br/>         Who up on the cross, forsaken,<br/>         Offered mercy's perfect deed,<br/>         We, Your servants, bring the worship<br/>         Not of voice alone, but heart,<br/>         Consecrating to Your purpose<br/>         Every gift that You impart.</p>         | <p>2. Still Your children wander homeless;<br/>         Still the hungry cry for bread;<br/>         Still the captives long for freedom;<br/>         Still in grief we mourn our dead.<br/>         As, O Lord, Your deep compassion<br/>         Healed the sick and freed the soul,<br/>         Use the love Your Spirit kindles<br/>         Still to save and make us whole.</p> |
| <p>3. As we worship, grant us vision,<br/>         Till Your love's revealing light,<br/>         In its height and depth and greatness,<br/>         Dawns upon our quickened sight,<br/>         Making known the needs and burdens<br/>         Your compassion bids us bear,<br/>         Stirring us to tireless striving,<br/>         Your abundant life to share.</p> | <p>4. Called from worship to Your service<br/>         Forth in Your dear name we go,<br/>         To the child, the youth, the aged,<br/>         Love in living deeds to show;<br/>         Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,<br/>         Counsel, aid, and peace we give,<br/>         That Your servants, Lord, in freedom<br/>         May Your mercy know and live.</p>     |

## \*Offertory Sentences

Sandy Rooney

## Anthem at Offertory

*Agnus Dei (from Requiem)*

John Rutter

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
 dona eis requiem.

Man that us born of a woman  
 hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery.

In the midst of life, we are in death;  
 of whom may we seek for succour?

He that believeth in me, though he were dead,  
 yet shall he live;

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the  
 world, grant them rest.*

He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower;  
 he fleeth as it were a shadow.

I am the resurrection and the life,  
 saith the Lord;

and whosoever liveth and believeth in me  
 shall never die.

**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

*The Smell of Love*

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Invitation to Holy Communion

The Blessing and Giving of the Bread and Cup

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 310

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

ST. AGNES

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| <p>1. Jesus, the very thought of thee<br/>With sweetness fills my breast;<br/>But sweeter far thy face to see,<br/>And in thy presence rest.</p> | <p>2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,<br/>Nor can the mind recall<br/>A sweeter sound than thy blest name,<br/>O Savior of us all.</p>     |
| <p>3. O hope of every contrite heart,<br/>O joy of all the meek,<br/>To those who fall, how kind thou art!<br/>How good to those who seek!</p>   | <p>4. But what to those who find? Ah, this<br/>Nor tongue nor pen can show:<br/>The love of Jesus, what it is<br/>None but his loved ones know.</p> |
|  | <p>5. Jesus, our only joy be thou,<br/>As thou our prize wilt be;<br/>Jesus, be thou our glory now,<br/>And through eternity.</p>                   |

\*Benediction

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

*Fugue in D minor, BWV 538*

J. S. Bach

**Today is the Fifth 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.

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Anne Carroll Mustian Ezzelle, by her family.

We welcome Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge, Minister of Pastoral Care, to the pulpit this morning.

We extend Christian sympathy to Jim Moses upon the death of his wife, Nancy Moses, on March 26, 2022, to Alice and Daniel Lynch upon the death of her mother, and to Caroline Lynch upon the death of her grandmother. A memorial service was held April 2, 2022 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](http://rrcb.org/give-online) or by mailing a check. Thank you for your faithfulness.

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 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 to the Offering for Global Missions because it allows me to walk alongside refugee preschoolers and their families in our Ready for School program as they transition to life here and prepare to enter Kindergarten." —Karen Morrow, Field Personnel in Fort Worth, Texas*

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](http://rrcb.org/give-online).

- Sun, Apr 3      **Worship**, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and [rrcb.org/live](http://rrcb.org/live)  
**First Sunday Food Share**, 12:00 p.m., Lower Commons  
**Concert Series: College of William and Mary Choir**, 2:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
**Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal**, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Mon, Apr 4      **Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts**, 9:30 a.m., LC 102 (Zoom option available)  
**Yoga**, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
- Wed, Apr 6      **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, 7:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room



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