

# RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Seventh Sunday After Easter | Ascension Sunday

May 29, 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

Maggie Beth Miller and Eliza Sundberg, Acolytes

Voluntary

*Prayer of Christ Ascending Towards His Father*

Oliver Messiaen

Dr. Robert Gallagher, Organ

\*Processional Hymn 155

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

DARWALL'S 148TH

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| 1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!<br>Your Lord and King adore!<br>Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,<br>and triumph evermore.<br>Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!<br>Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!  | 2. Our Savior, Jesus, reigns,<br>The God of truth and love;<br>When he had purged our stains,<br>He took his seat above.<br>Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!<br>Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! |
| 3. His kingdom cannot fail;<br>He rules o'er earth and heaven;<br>The keys of death and hell<br>Are to our Jesus given.<br>Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!<br>Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! | 4. Rejoice in glorious hope!<br>For Christ, the Judge, shall come<br>And gather all the saints<br>To their eternal home.<br>Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!<br>Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! |

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Children of God: welcome!

**Welcome to this place of love and grace,**

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

**God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,**

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

**We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.**

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

**Amen.**

—Beth Merrill Neel

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

Acts 1:1-11 (p. 884)

Bob Shoemake

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

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

**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

Luke 24:44-53 (p. 861)

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

Anthem

*Spirit, Come*

Evelyn R. Larter

Spirit, come, bring your Fire, all your people inspire.  
Holy wind, Holy fire, show the Savior's glory,  
tell the ancient story!  
Spirit, come in wind! Spirit, come in flame!  
Come in wind, come in flame, tell again the story!

Spirit, come in the flame, to your people proclaim:  
Christ our God, man became,  
that we may inherit God the Holy Spirit.  
Spirit, come in wind! Spirit, come in flame!  
Come in wind, come in flame, tell again the story!

Spirit, come, bring your Light! We would serve you aright.  
Through your gifts grant insight to your congregation,  
blessing ev'ry nation.  
Spirit, come in wind! Spirit, come in flame!  
Come in wind, come in flame, tell again the story!

Holy One, Spirit blest, ever our welcome guest,  
be all honor addressed, endless praise be given to the  
Lord in heaven.  
Spirit, come in wind! Spirit, come in flame!  
Come in wind, come in flame, lead us on to glory!

The Stories That Shape Us

Rev. Daniel Ingram

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

\*Hymn of Devotion 150

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

Come, Christians, join to sing  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with hear and voice,  
Before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice;  
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend;  
To us he'll condescend;  
His love shall never end:  
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore  
His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore:  
Alleluia! Amen!

\*Offertory Sentences

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Anthem at Offertory

*Go Forth and Tell*

David Ogden

Go forth and tell!  
O Church of God, awake!  
God's saving news to all the nations take.  
Proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour Lord and King,  
That all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell!  
God's love embraces all;  
He will in grace respond to all who call.  
How shall they call if they have never heard  
The gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell!  
Where still the darkness lies,  
In wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:  
Give us, O Lord, concern for heart and mind,  
A love like yours which cares for humankind.

Go forth and tell!  
The doors are open wide:  
Share God's good gifts—let no one be denied.  
Live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose;  
Your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell!  
O Church of God arise!  
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies.  
Go till all the nations his great name adore  
And serve him, Lord and King, for ever more.

\*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.**

*There is no Children's Church today.*

Sermon

*Reimagining Presence*

Rev. Lacey Wondree

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 151

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

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| 1. Crown him with many crowns,<br>The Lamb upon his throne;<br>Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns<br>All music but its own!<br>Awake, my soul, and sing<br>Of him who died for thee,<br>And hail him as thy matchless King<br>Through all eternity.                       | 2. Crown him the Lord of love;<br>Behold his hands and side,<br>Rich wounds, yet visible above,<br>In beauty glorified:<br>No angel in the sky<br>Can fully bear that sight,<br>But downward bends his burning eye<br>At mysteries so bright. |
| 3. Crown him the Lord of peace,<br>Whose power a scepter sways<br>From pole to pole, that wars may cease,<br>Absorbed in prayer and praise.<br>His reign shall know no end;<br>And round his pierced feet<br>Fair flowers of paradise extend<br>Their fragrance ever sweet. | 4. Crown him the Lord of years,<br>The potentate of time;<br>Creator of the rolling spheres,<br>Ineffably sublime.<br>All hail, Redeemer, hail!<br>For thou hast died for me;<br>Thy praise shall never, never fail<br>Throughout eternity.   |

\*Benediction

Rev. Lacey Wondree

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

*Preludio in D major*

Antonín Dvořák

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The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of those men and women, no longer with us, who served in the armed forces of the United States of America. May they rest in peace and may we never forget them.

We welcome the Rev. Lacey Wondree, Ministries Coordinator, to the pulpit this morning. Lacey is a member of our administrative team and has been working at River Road Church since July 2021.

We welcome new members, Camille Stoakley, Clyde Stoakley, Trisha and David Tetlow, and Laura and Louis O'Neal, who joined our church family on May 22, 2022. We look forward to ministering alongside all of them!

We extend Christian sympathy to Judy Dixon upon the death of her husband, Harold "Griz" Dixon, on May 23, 2022, to Chris Gobble and Julie Goble upon the death of their stepfather, and to extended family and friends. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, June 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

**Our River Road 2022 graduates will be recognized on Youth Sunday, June 12, 2022.** Any River Road church member who is graduating from High School, College, Graduate School, or Technical School is welcome to share their graduate information with the congregation. Please fill out the form at [rrcb.org/graduates](http://rrcb.org/graduates) by June 3, 2022.

**River City Faith Network Missions Offering: *Our Work is in Your Hands***  
**May 22-June 19, 2022 | RRCB Goal: \$10,000**

Each year Camp Alkulana prepares for camp and campers with two work days. They depend heavily on volunteers to get camp ready each spring after dust has settled and leaves have collected on pathways. Tasks could include anything from cleaning and yard work to painting and light construction. A team from River Road Church will head to camp this Saturday, June 4. Please pray for Camp Alkulana, our River Road team, other church groups, camp alumni, and camper families.

The 2022 River City Faith Network Missions Offering has a tiered goal of \$120,000. The first \$70,000 will support Camp Alkulana, Alkulana RVA, and related ministries. The next \$50,000 will fund the Haircutting Ministry at Oregon Hill Baptist Center, the GED ministry at Church Hill Christian Wellness Center, and help renovate part of the South Richmond Baptist Center Satellite to start a furniture ministry, and more. You may give to the Offering by using one of the green 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). Please make checks payable to RRCB with RCFN Missions Offering in the memo.

**Worship Livestream Available**—Sunday worship at 11:00 a.m. is livestreamed each week on YouTube. You can tune in every Sunday at [rrcb.org/live](http://rrcb.org/live). Can't make it at 11AM? You can watch the livestream replays at [youtube.com/riverroadchurch](http://youtube.com/riverroadchurch) or search River Road Church on the YouTube app.

Sun, May 29	<b>Worship</b> , 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and <a href="http://rrcb.org/live">rrcb.org/live</a> <b>Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal</b> , 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Mon, May 30	<b>Yoga</b> , 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Tue, May 31	<b>RRCB Softball Double-Header</b> , 8:15 p.m., Short Pump Park
Wed, June 1	<b>Men's Group: The Huddle</b> , 8:00 a.m., Reception Room <b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> , 7:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Fri, June 3	<b>Young Adult Retreat</b> , Offsite
Sat, June 4	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> , 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary

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