

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 7, 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

LJ Straw and Matthew Cipolletti, Acolytes

Voluntaries

*Sonata 3 in F major
Toccata per l'elevazione*

Andrea Lucchesi
Baldassare Galuppi

Robert Gallagher, organ

*Processional Hymn 526

For All the Saints

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| 1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia! | 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia! |
| 3. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia! | 4. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia! |

*Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

People of faith, all who seek after God's heart, let us hear God's message for us this day.

God looks from heaven and sees our ways, judging our failures to practice love, justice, and kindness in our encounters with others.

God longs to discover our reverence for the creation that surrounds us, the people we live among, and a devotion for the Lord that is sure.

Many have lived faithful lives and stand as examples to follow and witnesses to God's faithful love.

May our lives be spent seeking fairness and righteousness in all things, tenderly caring for people and all creation.

May we be found faithful. May our worship be honest and sincere, expressing love to God from the heart.

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

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (p. 977)

Suzanne Spicer

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.**

** Please stand, if you are able.*

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

Anthem

O God, My Strength and Fortitude

Text: from Psalm 18
Music: Old English Melody
Arr. Austin Lovelace

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| <p>1. O God, my strength and fortitude,
Of force I must love Thee:
Thou art my castle and defence
in my necessity.
My God, my rock, in whom I trust,
The worker of my wealth;
My refuge, buckler, and my shield,
The horne of all my health.</p> | <p>2. The pangs of death did compass me
And bound me ev'ry where;
The flowing waves of wickedness,
Did put me in great fear.
The sly and subtle snares of hell
were round about me set:
And for my death there was prepared
a deadly trapping net.</p> |
| <p>3. I thus beset with pain and grief
Did pray to God for grace;
And He forthwith did hear my plaint
Out of His holy place.
O God, my strength and fortitude,
Of force I must love Thee:
Thou art my castle and defence in my necessity.</p> | |

*Hymn of Devotion

We Walk by Faith

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1. We walk by faith and not by sight; No gra - cious words we hear
 2. We may not touch His hands and side, Nor fol - low where He trod;
 3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And may our faith a - bound
 4. That, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clear - er light

From Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke; But we be - lieve Him near.
 But in his prom - ise we re - joice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"
 To call on You when you are near And seek where you are found:
 We may be - hold You as you are, With full and end - less sight.

*Offertory Sentences

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Anthem at Offertory

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

George Frederic Handel

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy thy praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded
Hath this wondrous banquet founded.
High o'er all the heav'ns He reigneth,
Yet to dwell with us He deigneth.

Hasten as a Bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'ence greet Him,
For with words of life immortal
Now He knocketh at thy portal;
Haste to ope the gates before Him,
Saying, while thou dost adore Him,
"Suffer, Lord, that I receive Thee,
And I never more will leave Thee."

Ah, how hungers all my spirit
For the love I do not merit!
Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging,
Thought upon this food with longing,
In the battle well-nigh worsted,
For this cup of life have thirsted,
For the Friend who here invites us,
And to God Himself unites us.

**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. Deb Gray
at the front of the Sanctuary, on the pulpit side, to continue worship in the Chapel.*

Sermon

Positioning Ourselves to Be Surprised

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(in unison)*

We praise you, O Christ, for in this meal you show us the power of your love for us.

Following your call, as we love one another, may we glorify you with all that we are.

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 438

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

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| <p>1. Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.</p> | <p>2. Before our Maker's throne
We pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.</p> |
| <p>3. We share our mutual woes;
Our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.</p> | <p>4. From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.</p> |

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Symphony in D

Nicolas Lebègue

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of their 48th anniversary, by Shelley and David Barker.

Taizé Summer Vesper Services Led by Dr. C. Michael Hawn & Rev. Dr. Ken Wilson

This form of worship is a meditative, prayerful time with simple songs, scripture reading, silence. If this is new to you, you are not alone. Come spend some time in reflection in the company of friends. There is one more opportunity for this special worship time, which is August 10. We will meet in the sanctuary choir loft and chancel area and begin at 7:00 p.m. on each occasion, under the fine leadership of Dr. C. Michael Hawn and Rev. Dr. Ken Wilson.

Back to School Collections, August 7-14—We are collecting backpacks filled with school supplies, underwear and socks, and filled toiletry bags for the Church Hill Wellness Center. We hope your class or small group will consider packing a backpack or two. There will be designated bins in the Lower Commons for you to bring your supplies. You can pick up a shopping list in the Lower Commons under the bulletin board, or download and print a list at rrcb.org/backtoschool. The deadline to drop off supplies is August 14. If you have any further questions, please contact John Zukowsky. **You can drop off in the Lower Commons during church office hours, Monday-Friday, 9AM-5PM, by ringing the bell/buzzer at the Lower Commons entrance.** More information about this mission project, and more, can be found at rrcb.org/connect.

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. Can't make it to the 11:00 a.m. service? You can watch the livestream replays at youtube.com/riverroadchurch or search River Road Church on the YouTube app.

Sun, Aug 7 **First Sunday Food Share**, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Lower Commons
Back to School Collections, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Lower Commons
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Various Rooms
Worship, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live
Youth Pool Party, 2:00 p.m., Offsite

Mon, Aug 8 **Back to School Collections**, 9:00 a.m., Lower Commons
Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

Tue, Aug 9 **Back to School Collections**, 9:00 a.m., Lower Commons

Wed, Aug 10 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
Back to School Collections, 9:00 a.m., Lower Commons
Taizé Summer Vesper Service, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Thu, Aug 11 **FIXERS**, 8:30 a.m., Reception Room
Back to School Collections, 9:00 a.m., Lower Commons

Fri, Aug 12 **Back to School Collections**, 9:00 a.m., Lower Commons
FLO Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Offsite

Sat, Aug 13 **Phillip Geissler Memorial Service**, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Memorial Reception, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Youth CampRVA, 3:30 p.m., Offsite



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