

# RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 21, 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

Paige Newcomb and Zachary Stevens, Acolytes

Voluntaries

*Grazioso*  
*There is a Happy Land*

Betty Roe  
Dale Wood

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organist

\*Processional Hymn 483

*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

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| <p>1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,<br/>The God of all creation,<br/>The God of power, the God of love,<br/>The God of our salvation.<br/>With healing balm my soul is filled,<br/>And every faithless murmur stilled:<br/>To God all praise and glory!</p> <p>3. The Lord is never far away,<br/>But, through all grief distressing,<br/>An ever-present help and stay,<br/>Our peace and joy and blessing,<br/>As with a mother's tender hand<br/>God gently leads the chosen band:<br/>To God all praise and glory!</p> | <p>2. What God's almighty power has made<br/>God's gracious mercy keepeth;<br/>By morning glow or evening shade<br/>God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.<br/>Within the kingdom of God's might,<br/>Lo! all is just and all is right:<br/>To God all praise and glory!</p> <p>4. Thus all my toilsome way along<br/>I sing aloud thy praises,<br/>That all may hear the grateful song<br/>My voice unwearied raises.<br/>Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;<br/>Both soul and body, take your part:<br/>To God all praise and glory!</p> |
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\*Call to Worship

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

We have entered this sacred space in hopes that we may be found out:

**Found out and still accepted, we hope, we have come from the safety of our hiddenness**

To plead for the refreshing openness by which your grace receives us as we are!

**We lead imperfect lives, and we plead again for your wisdom and direction when we lose the way.**

You know our faults and can bring healing and renewal to our worn ambitions.

**You understand our pain and can provide relief and comfort in our disappointments.**

You also offer a superior path to our self-focused preferences.

**Refurbish our untended priorities to fit your will and wisdom, and plant our feet on higher ground and worthier ways!**

—Daniel Bagby

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.**

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

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

Luke 13:10-17 (p. 848)

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

Anthem

*O Holy City, Seen of John*

Text: Walter Russell Bowie  
Music: Brother James' Air, arr. Roger Price

O holy city, seen of John,  
Where Christ the Lamb, doth reign,  
Within whose foursquare walls shall come  
No night, nor need, nor pain,  
And where the tears are wiped from eyes  
That shall not weep again.

Give us, O God, the strength to build  
The city that hath stood  
too long a dream, whose laws are love,  
Whose crown is servanthood,  
And where the sun that shineth is  
God's grace for human good.

Already in the mind of God  
That city riseth fair:  
Lo, how its splendor challenges  
The souls that greatly dare;  
Yea, bids us seize the whole of life  
And build its glory there.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

\*Hymn of Devotion 325

*Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers* NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

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| <p>1. Spirit divine, attend our prayers,<br/>And make this house your home.<br/>Descend with all your gracious powers.<br/>O come, great Spirit, come!</p> | <p>2. Come as the light. To us reveal<br/>Our emptiness and woe.<br/>And lead us in those paths of life<br/>Where all the righteous go.</p>              | <p>3. Come as the fire and purge our hearts<br/>Like sacrificial flame.<br/>Let our whole soul an offering be<br/>To our Redeemer's name.</p> |
| <p>4. Come as the dove and spread your wings,<br/>The wings of peaceful love.<br/>And let the church on earth become<br/>Blest as the church above.</p>    | <p>5. Spirit divine, attend our prayers.<br/>Make a lost world your home.<br/>Descend with all your gracious powers.<br/>O come, great Spirit, come!</p> |                                                                                                                                               |

\*Offertory Sentences

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

Anthem at Offertory

*God Is My Strong Salvation*

Text: James Montgomery  
Music: Austin C. Lovelace

God is my strong salvation:  
What foe have I to fear?  
In darkness and temptation,  
My light, my help is near:  
Though hosts encamp around me,  
Firm in the fight I stand;  
What terror can confound me,  
With God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance;  
my soul, with courage wait;  
God's truth be thine affiance,  
when faint and desolate.  
God's might thy heart shall strengthen,  
God's love thy joy increase;  
mercy thy days shall lengthen;  
the Lord will give thee peace

\*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

*The Grit and Grace of Baby Girl*

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

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

*That Woman in the Crowd*

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1. That wo - man in the crowd-- she could not stand up tall,  
2. He saw a - no - ther thing, when oth - ers thought her odd;  
3. A lead - er said, "You're wrong!" for sin was what he saw.  
4. Christ said, "What mat - ters most! What rules will you o - bey?  
5. What bar - riers do we build to God's a - bun - dant grace?

Her back was bent, her head was bowed-- and Je - sus saw.  
He was a child of A - bra - ham, a child of God!  
He could not un - der - stand this One who broke the law.  
You care for ox and don - key on the Sav - bath day!"  
Do we want church to be a per - fect, law - filled place?

That Sab - bath day of rest, he saw her mi - se - ry;  
And soon she saw it, too! She must have been a - mazed!  
the Sab - bath rules were strict and work was not al - lowed--  
For Je - ssus knew the truth-- that peo - ple mat - ter more,  
Or will we dare to love-- to see what Je - sus saw--

He told her, "Wo - man, from your ail - ment you are free.  
She stood up tall and of - fered God her thanks and praise.  
Not ev - en when it healed a wo - man bent and bowed.  
And God loves things that heal, en - cour - age and re - store.  
That God's great wel - come mat - ters more than rule and law.

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\*Benediction and Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

*Joyful Recessional*

Rosalie Bonighton

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Tom Gilsdorf on his birthday, by Susan Gilsdorf.

We extend Christian sympathy to Doris Highfill upon the death of her husband, C. Page Highfill, on August 17, 2022, and to his family and friends. Visitation will be held today, August 21, 2022 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Woody's Funeral Home (Parham). A service will be held Monday, August 22, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. with a reception following at Woody's Funeral Home (Parham).

### **Celebration Sunday—September 11, 2022**

Celebration Sunday is our official kick off of our fall ministry season. We have a full day of worship and fellowship planned. For more information, to sign up for the picnic (reservations required), and to sign up to volunteer, please visit [rrcb.org/celebration](http://rrcb.org/celebration).

We will welcome Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley, the Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF), our national denominational relationship. He will lead a combined adult Sunday School hour at 9:45 a.m. and will preach in our worship service.

Our annual churchwide picnic will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on the plaza. Dinner will consist of hamburgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs, baked beans, chips, and pasta salad—\$5 per person (family max \$20), and the Mr. Softee ice cream truck will provide dessert (additional cost). At the picnic, we will also have fun and games for the whole family, including a bounce house and volleyball net.

### **Save the Dates—October 16 and October 30**

In addition to our Celebration Sunday festivities, and special guest Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley, it is our hope you will “save the dates” and celebrate alongside us for these other special events.

River Road Preschool celebrates its 50th Anniversary on October 16, 2022. The Rev. Chris Burton will be our guest preacher. Rev. Burton serves as Vice-President at Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities and is currently a doctoral student at Union Presbyterian Seminary. He and his wife, Brianna Burton, sent their son, Garvey, to our Preschool in 2021-2022.

The 75th Anniversary of River Road Church on October 30, 2022. Delayed a year due to the pandemic, we are excited to remember our heritage, give thanks for God's blessings, and look forward to a rich future of ministry faithfulness together. Dr. Diana Butler Bass will preach in our morning worship service. Dr. Bass is a world-renowned speaker, award-winning author, and the foremost expert on religion and the contemporary church.

More details will be made available at [rrcb.org/connect](http://rrcb.org/connect). That webpage remains the best place to find the most up-to-date information about church activities and schedules. Please make plans now to attend these events!

Sun, Aug 21	<b>Worship</b> , 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and <a href="http://rrcb.org/live">rrcb.org/live</a> <b>Children's Sunday School Meeting</b> , 12:15 p.m., Reception Room <b>Summer Youth</b> , 6:30 p.m., Offsite
Mon, Aug 22	<b>Yoga</b> , 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Wed, Aug 24	<b>Men's Group: The Huddle</b> , 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
Thu, Aug 25	<b>FIXERS</b> , 8:30 a.m., Reception Room <b>Theology on Tap</b> , 7:00 p.m., Home of Ed and Peggy Pruden
Sat, Aug 27	<b>Children and Families Back-to-School Cookout</b> , 5:00 p.m., Home of Scott and Sandy Rooney
Sun, Aug 28	<b>Baptisms</b> , 9:45 a.m., Chapel <b>Sunday School</b> , 9:45 a.m., Various Rooms <b>Worship</b> , 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and <a href="http://rrcb.org/live">rrcb.org/live</a> <b>Concert Series: Choirs of Girls and Boys of Washington National Cathedral</b> , 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary <b>Coordinating Group for Vitality</b> , 6:00 p.m., Assembly Room <b>Summer Youth</b> , 6:30 p.m., Offsite

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