RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 28, 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

Eliza Sundberg and Jack Ryan, Acolytes

Voluntaries

Tiento de primo tono de mano derecha

Pablo Bruna

Aria

Flor Peeters

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organist

*Processional Hymn 313

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

Come down, O Love Divine;
 Seek out this soul of mine,
 And visit it with your own ardor glowing.
 O Comforter, draw near;

Within my heart appear,

And kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

2. O let it freely burn, Till earthly passions turn

To dust and ashes in its heat consuming.

And let your glorious light Shine ever on my sight,

And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong,
 With which the soul will long,
 Shall far outpass the power of human telling.
 For none can guess God's grace,
 Till Love creates a place
 Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

*Call to Worship Rev. Daniel Ingram

Worship with me our God, who has fed us with wheat and honey.

Yes, our God has quenched our thirst with living water.

From discontent or a need for control; from blindness to what we have or ingratitude,

we insist we can provide for our own needs, digging our own wells while swelling with pride.

Yet God, in compassionate love, knows our ways and calls us to something more.

God longs for us to deeply love one another, putting the needs of others before our own.

Let us cast off then our selfish ways and short-sighted habits to live fully into the desires of God's heart.

With penitence and sincere hearts, we come, bringing our songs, our prayers, our offerings to God.

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

Jeremiah 2:4-13 (p. 610)

Andy McAllister

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.

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-8 (p. 979)

The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

Anthem

He That Shall Endure to the End (from *Elijah*)

Music: Felix Mendelssohn

Text: Matthew 24:13

He that shall endure to the end shall be saved.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Daniel Ingram

*Hymn of Devotion 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

CANONBURY

- Lord, speak to me that I may speak
 In living echoes of your tone.
 As you have sought, so let me seek
 Your erring children lost and lone.
- 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
 The precious truths which you impart.
 And wing my words that they may reach
 The hidden depths of many a heart.
- O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
 The wandering and the wavering feet.
 O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
 Your hungering ones with manna sweet.
- 4. O fill me with your fullness, Lord, Until my very heart o'erflow In kindling thought and glowing word, Your love to tell, your praise to show.
- O use me, Lord, use even me, Just as you will, and when, and where Until your blessed face I see, Your rest, your joy, your glory share.

*Offertory Sentences

Rev. Daniel Ingram

Anthem at Offertory

O Ye That Bear Christ's Holy Name

Text: John Damascene Trans. J. M. Neale Music: Godfrey Sampson

O ye who bear Christ's holy name, Give God all praise and glory; All ye who own his power, proclaim Aloud the wondrous story. The Love, the Wisdom, still adore For ever and for evermore.

Rise, Sion, rise! and looking forth, Behold thy children round thee! From east and west, from south and north, Thy scattered sons have found thee; And in thy bosom Christ adore For ever and for evermore.

O Father, O co-equal Son, O co-eternal Spirit, In persons Three, in substance One, And One in power and merit; In thee baptized, we thee adore For ever and for evermore. *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

Trading Gifts for Garbage

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 361

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

- How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
 What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
- "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
- 5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary Improvisation on "Foundation" Dr. Robert Gallagher

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Marie and Howard Brown, by Nancy Brown.

We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Alyne Kennedy upon her death on August 10, 2022 in Roanoke, VA. A family service will be held at Westminster Gardens, Greensboro.

We extend Christian sympathy to Karen DeLong upon the death of her husband, Norman DeLong, on August 21, 2022, to Stephanie DeLong upon the death of her father, to Kristopher and Erin DeLong upon the death of his father, and to Foster DeLong upon the death of his grandfather. Service arrangements are not available at this time.

September is shaping up to be a fun and spirited month! There are many events, small groups reconvening, and fellowship opportunities throughout the month—far more than we could list in the bulletin. Read the *e-Spire*, our email newsletter, on Tuesday afternoons, or visit *rrcb.org/connect* to learn more and to plug in. If you have any further questions, reach out to your deacon or call the church office.

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.

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*.

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. Dr. Baxley was a member of River Road Church from 2002-2004.

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. 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 28 Worship, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and *rrcb.org/live*

Concert Series: Choirs of Girls and Boys of WA National Cathedral, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Coordinating Group for Vitality, 6:00 p.m., Assembly Room

Summer Youth, 6:30 p.m., Offsite

Mon, Aug 29 Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room

Tues, Aug 30 First Day of Preschool

Wed, Aug 31 Men's Group: The Huddle, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room

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