

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 4, 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

Zachary Stevens and Claire McAllister, Acolytes

Voluntaries

from *Suite on the First Tone*
Duo - Trio - Recits en dialogue

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Robert Gallagher, organ

*Processional Hymn 268

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

1. God, who stretched the spangled heavens
Infinite in time and place,
Flung the suns in burning radiance
Through the silent fields of space,
We, your children in your likeness,
Share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating,
Show us what we yet may do.
2. We have ventured worlds undreamed of
Since the childhood of our race;
Known the ecstasy of winging
Through untraveled realms of space;
Probed the secrets of the atom,
Yielding unimagined power,
Facing us with life's destruction
Or our most triumphant hour.
3. As each far horizon beckons,
May it challenge us anew,
Children of creative purpose,
Serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise,
Each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance
Till our goals and yours are one.

*Call to Worship

Sandy Rooney

You have searched us, O God, and you know our ways.

Our gifts and talents, our shortcomings and rough edges—these are laid bare before you.

You are aware of our weaknesses and understand how we are caught in prisons of our own making.

God, in Christ you provide strength and offer freedom for our journey.

As those who have received much, may we set aside all that would keep us from following you,

allowing you to shape and form us according to your will and way. Amen.

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

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (p. 163)

Scott Rooney

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 14:25-33 (p. 850)

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

*Hymn of Devotion 427

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

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

Sandy Rooney

Anthem at Offertory

Dear Lord, Creator Good and Kind

Text: Matthew 24:13

Music: Irish Melody, arr. Austin Lovelace

<p>Dear Lord, Creator good and kind, Forgive our foolish ways; Reclothe us in our rightful mind, In purer lives thy service find, In deeper reverence, praise.</p>	<p>Drop thy still dews of quietness, Till all our strivings cease; Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our ordered lives confess The beauty of thy peace.</p>	<p>Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and thy balm; Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!</p>
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*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

Tough Choices

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. Amen.

Sanctus

Vincent Persichetti

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 101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Dialogue sur les grands jeux (from Suite on the First Tone)

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Robert E. Shepherd, Jr., by his children and grandchildren.

We welcome new members Michael Cipolletti and Bonnie Gates, who joined our church family on August 28, 2022. Michael joined upon profession of faith. Bonnie re-joined the church after transferring to another congregation; she and her husband, David, live out of town, but they are some of our virtual worshippers. We look forward to ministering alongside Michael, and Bonnie and David!

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.

Be Light: Alma Hunt Offering 2022 | September 4-October 2, 2022 | RRCB Goal: \$10,000

Indigenous Church Planters: Ministering within Cultural Contexts— Pray for the four indigenous church planters we support as they follow God's call to *Be Light* in Eastern Europe and in the Middle East. Charbel Khoueiry is planting a church in Tabarja, Lebanon. Every month he visits around 100 households, including refugee families, to distribute food parcels, food vouchers, and medicine. Basel Kanso is in Al Shouf, Lebanon, and you can pray for his family and church as they continue to deal with Covid and with a volatile economy. In Strumica, Macedonia, Dimitar Janevski's church plant sees around 30 people each Sunday. Our most recent church planter is Samuel Skrzypkowski in Bydgoszcz, Poland. Samuel is also involved in ministering to the many Ukrainian refugees who have come to his country.

The Alma Hunt offering provides funding for all Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) missions and ministries and makes possible other Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving.

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 (select "Alma Hunt State Missions" from the fund drop down).

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.

The deadline to make your picnic reservation is this Wednesday, September 7.

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!

Thoughtful Faith Community—Wednesday Nights at RRCB

Our first Wednesday is September 14! Thoughtful Faith Community is a time for our congregation to come together to share a meal and spend time with one another on Wednesday nights. The schedule is listed below. For more information, including the program listing for this semester, and to make your supper reservations, please visit rrcb.org/tfc. Supper reservations are required by Monday mornings at 11AM.

- 5:15-6:00 p.m.: Children’s Choirs (pre-k through 5th grades)
- 6:00-6:30 p.m.: Supper
- 6:30-6:45 p.m.: Prayer Time
- 6:30-7:30 p.m.: Children’s Devotion & Activities
- 6:45-7:30 p.m.: Adult Program
- 6:45-7:30 p.m.: Youth Study Hall
- 7:00-9:00 p.m.: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Childcare is provided for newborns through pre-k (3-year-olds) from 5:15-7:30 p.m. Please make a reservation by emailing sandyrooney@rrcb.org.

Sun, Sep 4	Worship , 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live
Mon, Sep 5	Office Closed
Wed, Sep 7	Men’s Group: The Huddle , 8:00 a.m., Reception Room Stephen Ministry , 4:30 p.m., Assembly Room (Zoom option available) Chancel Choir Rehearsal , 7:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Thu, Sep 8	FIXERS , 8:30 a.m., Reception Room Young Adults: Theology on Tap , 7:30 p.m., Blue Bee Cider
Fri, Sep 9	FLO Luncheon , 12:00 p.m., Lola’s Farmhouse Bistro
Sat, Sep 10	Toddler and Preschool Fun Morning , 10:00 a.m., Deep Run Park

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