

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Second Sunday in Lent

*The Worship of God begins with the Opening Voluntary.
As you enter, pause for a moment to become aware of God's presence.*

March 17, 2019

Eleven o'clock in the morning

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

"It is an extraordinary statement on the grace of God, and also a compelling proclamation that no place stands exempt from God's tender compassion and persistent love. Those who seek to follow Jesus must learn to view the world with no less compassion, no less forgiveness, and no less love."

—L. Koontz

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Joey Mistretta and Elizabeth Thorne

VOLUNTARY *Prelude on "Beach Spring"* Wayne Wold

INTROIT Harold W. Friedell

I have but myself to give;
Let me to thy glory live.
Let me follow day by day
Where thou showest me the way.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 101 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Anna Perry Miller

God is my light, my hope, my all in all: whom shall I fear?
God is the stronghold of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of God: let me live in the shelter of you,
in the beauty of your realm, in the wonder of your house.

We seek your face, God! Do not turn aside!

Teach us your way, God, show us your path through all that life brings.

We shall see the blessing of God: come, Holy Spirit!

—Based on Psalm 27

*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.**

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 27 (p. 437-438) Tyler Hays

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ORISON *Jesus, Remember Me* Hymn 599

*After the choir has sung this simple prayer through once,
the congregation is invited to sing two more repetitions.*

**Please stand, if you are able*

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 13:31-35 (p. 849)

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

ANTHEM *Pray That Jerusalem May Have Peace* Charles Villiers Stanford

Pray that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity;
let them that love thee and thy peace have still prosperity.
Therefore I wish that peace may still within thy walls remain,
and ever may thy palaces prosperity retain.
Now for my friends' and brethren's sakes,
peace be to thee, I'll say;
and for the house of God our Lord
I'll seek thy good alway.

CALL TO PRAYER Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

We hear the call to trust in God always,
**But honestly, some days our stresses and doubts are even more real
to us than God, and trust is elusive.**

We remember how Abram dared to believe in God's promises,
**But belief like that is hard to come by. We are often inclined to think,
"God helps those who help themselves," instead of daring to rely on
the word of our Creator.**

When the world seems filled with dangers, we can be quick to protect
ourselves, and we forget the wisdom of scripture, which reminds us that
we find traces of evil both outside and inside of ourselves. With God's
help, we confront our fears and struggles, and we call upon a power
greater than our own to resist their pull.

Hear us, Holy Lord, as we confess our frailty and failings.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEVOTION 422 BEACH SPRING
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*OFFERTORY SENTENCES Sandy Rooney

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY *Trust in the Lord* Allen Pote

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not upon your own understanding. In
all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will show you the way. Love the Lord
your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and
strength. Love your neighbor as yourself. Love and trust in the Lord.

—Based on Proverbs 3: 5, 6 & Mark 12: 30-31

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS Doxology, Hymn 592

**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 1-2 may meet Mrs. Sandy Rooney
at the front of the Sanctuary, on the pulpit side, to continue worship in the chapel.*

SERMON *Under Her Wings* Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

*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 *Take Up Thy Cross* QUEBEC

1. Take up thy cross, the Sa - vior said,
2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
4. Take up thy cross, then in His strength,
5. Take up thy cross and fol - low Christ

If thou wouldst My dis - ci - ple be;
Fill thy weak spi - rit with a - larm;
And let thy foo - lish heart be - still
And calm - ly sin's wild de - luge brave,
Nor think 'til death to lay it down;

De - ny thy - self, the world for - sake,
His strength shall bear thy spi - rit up,
The Lord for thee ac - cept - ed - death,
'Twill guide thee to a bet - ter home,
For on - ly those who bear the cross

And hum - bly fol - low af - ter Me.
And brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.
Up - on a cross on Cal - vary's hill.
It points to glo - ry o'er the grave.
May hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* J. S. Bach

WELCOME TO RIVER ROAD CHURCH! Our congregation is an open fellowship gladly receiving those who wish to share in its life and community by request for baptism, statement, or transfer from another church. If you desire to become a member, you are invited to come forward directly after the sermon, during the *Time of Reflection and Response*, or speak with a minister at any time.

TODAY IS THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT. Lent is the Christian season in which we anticipate Jesus’ final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty days through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Lent is a season of inner reflection, intentionally quieting ourselves before God in a spirit of confession and openness. The liturgical color is purple, used to symbolize penance, preparation, and sacrifice.

THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP is our opportunity to welcome you to worship. During this time, please sign the register in the maroon binder as it is passed along the row. If you are our guest today, please include contact information so we may welcome you.

TO ENHANCE WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN, age-appropriate children’s bulletins and worship bags are in the narthex (foyer at the back of the Sanctuary).

WE WELCOME David Gulick as choir director and organist this morning.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents and our brothers by Tom and Mary Lee Starke.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by deacons Ron Benton, Charlie Early, Alisa Parris, and Susan Phillips. Everyone is invited to attend.

EASTER LILIES will adorn the Sanctuary Easter Sunday, April 21. You may purchase lilies in memory or honor of a loved one for \$11.50 per lily. Specially marked envelopes are in the pew racks. Please make all checks payable to RRCB, and place the envelopes in the offering plate or give your envelope to the Church Office. The order deadline is Sunday, April 7. If you have questions, please call Betsy Lowery (804-338-4604).

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Marge and Bill Rusher upon the death of her mother, and to Anne Rusher upon the death of her grandmother, Annettha E. G. Manuel, on March 8. Her memorial service was held March 13.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Becky and Rich Jante upon the death of her mother, to Adam and Vanessa Jante upon the death of his grandmother, to Beth and Tim Clingenpeel upon the death of her grandmother, and to Milton, Ella, and Hatcher upon the death of their great-grandmother, Lucia Gasper, on March 9 in Wisconsin.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Brock and Bonnie Livick upon the death of his mother, and to Andrew Livick and Loren Livick on the death of their grandmother, Anne Livick, on March 9. Memorial service will be held March 30, 11 a.m., at Cedarfield.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kay Starke (Interim Preschool Director) upon the birth of her grandson, John Houston Barrick, on March 12.

Mission Blog Series on *rrcb.org*

Oregon Hill Baptist Center: Homeless and Family Ministries in Richmond

During the month of March, we are highlighting the three Baptist Centers (Church Hill, Oregon Hill, and South Richmond), their work, and how RRCB supports their ministries. Each week we’ll learn new things about the centers and ask what else can we do to support our neighbors. These stories will be shared on the church website through the Pastor’s Blog (*rrcb.org/blog*), and in church publications. If you don’t have access to our regular blog posts, the front office staff will be glad to print a copy.

The Oregon Hill Baptist Center offers counseling, small group Bible studies, family activities, youth gatherings, and an emergency food pantry for those living in the 23219 and 23220 zip codes. Additionally, one of the major areas of focus is their Homeless Ministry, including offering lockers and meals. You can support the Center through prayer, the First Sunday Food Share, and other financial and goods donations.

Sun, March 17 **Reception**, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
History Committee, 12:15 p.m., UC 230
Acts of Faith: “An Act of God,” 4:00 p.m., Triangle Players
House & Grounds Committee, 4:30 p.m., Parlor
Chancel Bell Choir, 5:00 p.m., Bell Room
Youth Choir, 5:00 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room
Crusader Choir, 6:00 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room
Youth Snack Supper, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Youth Program, 6:15 p.m., Youth Area
Joint Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Board of Administration, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Mon, March 18 **Women’s Bible Study: Joyful Hearts**, 9:30 a.m., LC 102
Yoga, 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room
Communications Committee, 7:00 p.m., UC 230
Endowment Board, 7:00 p.m., Parlor

Tues, March 19 **WMU Connectors**, 7:00 p.m., Ann Bagwell’s Home
Concert Series: William & Mary Choir, 8:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Wed, March 20 **Men’s Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
Building & Property Council, 4:30 p.m., Reception Room
Stephen Ministry, 4:30 p.m., Parlor
Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Crusader & Carol Choirs, 5:45 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room
Cherub Choir, 6:00 p.m., UC 232
TFC-Youth, 6:00 p.m., Youth Area
TFC-Adults, 6:15 p.m., Assembly Room
TFC-Kids: Pre-K to 1st grades, 6:30-7:00 p.m., UC 228
TFC-Kids: 2nd-5th grades, 6:30-7:00 p.m., UC 232

Thurs, March 21 **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room

Fri, March 22 **Youth March Mission Madness** (through March 24)

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series
Choir of the College of William and Mary
Dr. James Armstrong, Director
Tuesday, March 19 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The program entitled “Alleluia” and spanning more than three hundred years of choral music will feature works from England, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Latvia, Russia, and the United States by Buxtehude, Felix and Fanny Mendelssohn, Chesnokov, Skulte, Gjeilo, Poston, Randall Thompson, Copland, Whitacre, as well as African American spirituals arranged by Dawson and Belfield.

Thoughtful Faith Community — Wednesday, March 20, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Dinner, 5:30-6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Menu: Teriyaki Pork Loin OR Sesame Black Bean Cakes, Nutty Cauliflower Rice, Pineapple Ginger Sweet Potatoes, 5-Spice Cake with Matcha Icing
Kids Entrée: Mini Burgers & Fries

Crusader & Carol Choirs, 5:45-6:30 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room: 1st – 5th grades
Cherub Choir, 6:00-6:30 p.m., UC 232: preschool & kindergarten

TFC-Youth, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Youth Area: Games & Dessert
TFC-Adults, 6:15-7:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Lenten Series with Dr. Dan Bagby: “The Work of Forgiving: Forgiving Self”
All of us face challenges in the area of forgiveness. Age or life-stage doesn’t change this reality. All areas of our lives, even physical health, are affected based on who and what we are able to forgive. It’s part of every relationship from God, to others, even to our own selves. And, forgiveness involves inner work as we open ourselves to the Spirit. Come hear these Lenten words that may offer words of hope, healing, and release.
TFC-Kids, 6:30-7:00 p.m., UC 228 & UC 232: Missions Education



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