

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Fifth 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.*

April 7, 2019 Eleven o'clock in the morning

WORSHIP MEDITATION

The parable of the prodigal son showcased the extravagant spending of a young man and the extravagant love of a father. In this text, Mary continues the theme of extravagance in the form of costly gestures involving expensive ointment. Generally, we think of Lent as a season of deprivation rather than extravagance, but these texts speak of generosity.

– Lynn Miller

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Jessica Thorne and Matt Rooney

VOLUNTARY *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* RESTORATION, Arr. Matthew Compton

Chancel Bell Choir
Charles Todd, Director

INTROIT Spiritual

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 383 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* OLIVET

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

Come, friends, and sit with One who cares for family and strangers alike.

We gather before God whose lavish love has been poured out for all.

Let us bring our best, and pour out our lives as a gift to the Lord.

May our hearts be open to the beauty of Christ's presence as we worship in spirit and in truth.

*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 Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 126 (p. 499) Shawn Ryan

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.*

*GOSPEL LESSON John 12:1–8 (pp. 874-875)

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

** Please stand, if you are able*

*HYMN OF DEVOTION 390 *O Savior, in This Quiet Place* ST. STEPHEN

*OFFERTORY SENTENCES Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Bob Chilcott

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.

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 through his blood.

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?

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.

*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 *A Costly Extravagance* Rev. Anna Perry Miller

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more into your likeness and image; through Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*in unison*)

We praise you, O God, for you give us grace to glorify you with our whole lives, through the power and strength of Jesus the Christ.

SANCTUS Vincent Persichetti

THE BLESSING AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE BLESSING AND GIVING OF THE CUP

ANTHEM *I Saw the Cross of Jesus* Michael Ryan

Chancel Bell Choir

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 438 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY *Grand jeu (Kyrie eleison)* Nicolas de Grigny

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT RIVER ROAD CHURCH

Palm Sunday Service of Worship

Sunday, April 14 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 14, Following Worship
Preschool-age: Courtyard | Elementary-age: Front Plaza

Labyrinth Walk in the Fellowship Hall

Monday-Wednesday, April 15-17, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 18, 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Children's Musical Rehearsal (Carol & Crusader only)

Wednesday, April 17, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Music Suite
No Wednesday Night Dinner & Thoughtful Faith Community

Church Fellowship Dinner

Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Maundy Thursday Service of Remembrance & Tenebrae

Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Stations of the Cross in the Chapel

Friday, April 19, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 20, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Decorate for Easter

Friday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Service of Worship

Sunday, April 21 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Prelude music begins at 10:35 a.m.

For more information about these special opportunities, please visit
the church's website at rrcb.org/holyweek.

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT. Lent is the 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 strongly penitential season. The liturgical color is purple, used to symbolize penance, preparation, 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).

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of our 40th Wedding Anniversary by Tom and Susan Gilsdorf.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by deacons Vivian Clingenpeel, John Hays, Katie Merritt, and Bettina Sandford. Everyone is invited to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS to NoraLee Stephenson on the birth of her great-grandson, Colby James Clingenpeel, on March 25.

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. The order deadline is today, Sunday, April 7. If you have questions, please call Betsy Lowery (804-338-4604).

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Karen Frye upon the death of her husband, and to Boice and Cole Frye upon the death of their father, Carl (Coby) Boice Frye, Jr. on April 1. A Celebration of Life was held on Friday, April 5 at Hope Church. The family has requested privacy at this time.

**Annual CBF Global Missions Offering and Season of Prayer
RRCB Goal: \$3,000**

CBF missionaries Alicia and Jeff Lee, in Macedonia, work alongside local pastors and grassroots organizations to address the needs of families living in extreme poverty, people neglected by society, and children rescued from or at-risk for human trafficking. They participate in activities at group homes for adults and children, and a cow-bank project that provides livestock to local farmers.

Specially marked CBF purple envelopes for your giving can be found in the pew racks.

Gifts to the Global Missions Offering transform lives – one person, one community at a time. Every dollar you give will make an eternal difference in the Kingdom of God. CBF is an important ministry partner, and 100 percent of our church's gifts goes to missions funding and keeps CBF missionaries serving in the field sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Labyrinth Walk & Stations of the Cross Volunteers

We are looking for folks who will be present in the provided space for one-hour increments during the hours when the Labyrinth Walk and Stations of the Cross events are happening (times listed on the reverse). This is not a hard job but it is important, as it offers a connection to all who enter while at the same time creates awareness of who is in our building, especially during preschool hours. You may sign up for multiple time slots. Please sign up at rrcb.org/hwvolunteers or contact the church office.

- Sun, April 7
Reception, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
River Road Camerata, 4:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
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
Board of Missions, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room
- Mon, April 8
Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts, 9:30 a.m., LC 102
Board of Deacons Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Tues, April 9
The Comma Club, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Wed, April 10
Men's Group: The Huddle, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
River Road Camerata, 4:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
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 grade, 6:30 p.m., UC 228
TFC-Kids: 2nd to 5th grade, 6:30 p.m., UC 232
Finance Committee, 7:15 p.m., Parlor
- Thurs, April 11
Yoga, 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
- Fri, April 12
FLO (For Ladies Only) Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.,
Travinia Italian Kitchen
- Sat, April 13
Chancel Choir Retreat, 10:00 a.m., Music Suite
Middle School Gathering, 6:00 p.m., Offsite

Thoughtful Faith Community — Wednesday, April 10, 4:30-7:00 p.m.
Dinner, 5:30-6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Menu: Cuban Braised Pork OR Smoky Stuffed Portobello, Black Beans n' Rice, Lemon Garlic Broccoli, White Chocolate Zingers
Kids Entrée: BBQ Chicken & Mac n' Cheese

River Road Camerata, 4:30-5:15 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
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 God"
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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