

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

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

May 12, 2019 Eleven o'clock in the morning

### MEDITATION

"In her death, [Tabitha's] great love for serving God's people speaks for her. What a testimony! Even when we are rendered silent, God is able to speak through us. God's love is evident because we have answered the call to serve."

—Lisa Jenkins

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Lindsey Stevens and Harry Phelps

VOLUNTARIES *The Good Shepherd* Paul Benoit  
*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Dale Wood

INTROIT George Thalben-Ball

I am the good Shepherd; the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep.  
They shall be one flock, and one shepherd.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 473 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

These days, when deceiving words and shaded truths are commonplace,  
**we gather to proclaim the honest good news of God's love for all persons.**

As global divisions and internal stresses take their toll,

**we gather to share a faith that is the source of healing and serenity.**

And as the demands for justice, commitment, and compassion are great,

**we gather to strengthen ourselves and one another for the tasks of being a servant people.**

**Thanks to our God for gathering us together as the church. This day we shall strive to proclaim, share, and strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ.**

\*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

MISSION MOMENT Mary Iva Jones

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 23 (p. 435-436) Ashley Glaze

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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 9:36-43 (p. 894)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Wings of the Dawn* Allen Pote

Mighty One, you hear me, though my voice is small. In the night, be near me when darkness falls. For you whispered in my heartbeat on the day that I was made, and I know you go beside me when I'm afraid. If I climb to the heights of the mountain, or search the depths below, I know your arms will hide me ev'rywhere I go. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, or fly beyond the sea, I will find you there waiting for me.

Carol and Crusader Choirs  
Riley Savedge, soloist  
Suzanne Spicer, conductor

CALL TO PRAYER Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

You, O Lord, are compassion, steadfast in love.

You are our hope and truth.

**Our cup overflows.**

You are our life and freedom, our happiness.

**Our cup abundantly overflows.**

At morning, noon, and night, you are perfect grace and joy.

**We turn to you, Shepherd and Provider, with all things,  
in reverence and trust.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN OF DEVOTION 162 *O Lord, Our God, How Excellent* WINCHESTER OLD

\*OFFERTORY SENTENCES Sandy Rooney

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY *The Lord Is My Shepherd* Thomas Matthews

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell

in the house of the Lord for ever.

Michelle Harman-Gulick, soprano

\*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 Woman of Compassion* 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 171 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ST. COLUMBA

\*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY *Dialogue sur les Mixtures (from Suite Brève)* Jean Langlais

### THOUGHTFUL FAITH COMMUNITY — CHILDREN'S MUSICAL Wednesday, May 15, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Dinner, 5:30-6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

**Menu:** Chimichurri Braised Beef OR Smoked Cheddar Stuffed Peppers, Creamy Polenta, Garlicky Summer Squash, Key Lime Cheesecake Bars

**Kids Entrée:** Crunchy Beef Tacos

**Crusader & Carol Choirs, 5:45-6:15 p.m., Youth Rehearsal Room:** 1st -5th grades  
**Cherub Choir, 6:00-6:15 p.m., UC 232:** preschool & kindergarten

**TFC-Churchwide, 6:30-7:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Children's Musical, *Malice in the Palace: The Story of Esther*

Allen Pote and Tom Long's musical for young voices tells the story of Esther with its powerful message that the smallest person acting bravely can make an enormous difference, and that God has placed us where we are for a reason. This 45-minute program is filled with humor, pathos, and inspiring music.

This morning you've heard selections by Crusader and Carol Choirs; join us on Wednesday for the full performance. Our 1st-5th graders, along with Suzanne Spicer and Bob Gallagher, have worked hard to put together this special production. Singers in our Cherub Choir, preschoolers and kindergartners, will sing ahead of the musical.

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE. Easter Sunday is the beginning of the season of Eastertide in the liturgical year. Eastertide is celebrated from Easter Sunday for fifty days, until the day of Pentecost, and focuses on the meaning of Christ's resurrection. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing light, victory, and eternal life.

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 memory of my mother Elizabeth, who would have been 100 years old on May 7, in honor of my daughter Beth, on her first Mother's Day, and for all the mothers of River Road Church by Sallie Sparks.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by deacons Sarah Collier, Steve Knerr, Shawn Ryan, and Sarah Wilkinson. Everyone is invited to attend.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to family and friends of Lois Creamer who passed away May 3. A service is planned for July.

#### Camp Alkulana Offering

The Friendship Sunday School Class members have been champions for Camp Alkulana over the years, and extend their enthusiasm to the congregation! This spring, the Friendship Class collected \$8,000 for the Camp Alkulana Offering and challenges the congregation to match their gift, for a total RRCB gift of \$16,000. Gifts to the Camp Alkulana Offering encourages as many children and youth as possible to attend, by helping campers to only pay a very small percentage of the cost. The camp relies almost entirely on gifts from churches and individuals to fund its summer and year-round programs. Now is the time to pray for the success of Camp Alkulana in the summer of 2019 and to give to the Camp Alkulana Offering. Specially-marked, green, Camp Alkulana offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

#### Service of Baptism & Holy Communion Sunday, May 19, at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel

This service is a special time in the life of our church as we have the privilege of bearing witness to and celebrating this important step in Parker Bradley's and Elizabeth Wilkinson's journeys of faith. We gather as a church family to remember our own baptism, and to be a source of encouragement to these two who are following Jesus in the ordinance of baptism.

#### Youth Dinner and Dessert Auction Sunday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The youth are hosting dinner for the church and you get to go home with dessert! Dinner will be \$5 per person (family max: \$20). During dinner, you will have the opportunity to bid on some yummy desserts made by your church family! The youth are also asking that church members donate a homemade dessert to be auctioned off at the event. Contact Marnie Fisher-Ingram with any questions. Sign up for dinner and/or to donate a dessert at [rrcb.org/dessert](http://rrcb.org/dessert).

- Sun, May 12      **Reception**, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
**Chancel Bell Choir**, 5:00 p.m., Bell Room
- Mon, May 13      **Children's Musical Dress Rehearsal**, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
**Yoga**, 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room
- Tues, May 14      **Virginia Baptist Historical Society Dinner**, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall (registration needed)  
**Virginia Baptist Historical Society Meeting**, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary
- Wed, May 15      **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room  
**Building & Property Council**, 4:30 p.m., UC 230  
**River Road Camerata**, 4:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room  
**Stephen Ministry**, 4:30 p.m., Parlor  
**Wednesday Night Dinner**, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
**Crusader & Carol Choirs**, 5:45 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room  
**Cherub Choir**, 6:00 p.m., UC 232  
**TFC-Churchwide**, 6:30 p.m., Children's Musical, Fellowship Hall  
**Finance Committee**, 7:15 p.m., Parlor
- Thurs, May 16      **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
- Sat, May 18      **Camp Akulana Clean-up Day**, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Camp Akulana  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, 10:00 a.m., Main Rehearsal Room  
**Children's Outing**, 11:00 a.m., Offsite

#### *E. Carl Freeman Concert Series* Choral Evensong with River Road Chancel Choir and Camerata Huw Williams, Guest Conductor, Bath Abbey, UK Sunday, June 2 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

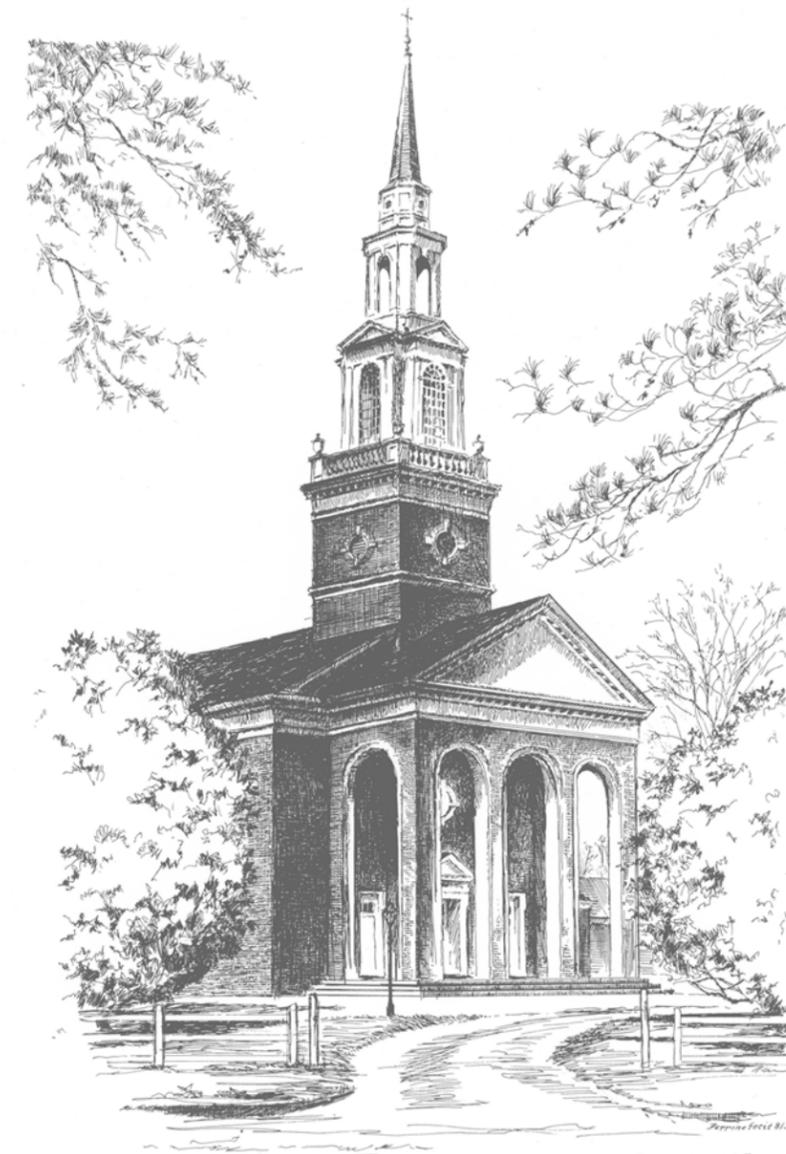
*Mr. Williams will also be conducting for Morning Worship on June 2.*

Born in Swansea, Huw Williams is Director of Music at Bath Abbey, where he directs its renowned professional choirs of boys, girls, and men. A conductor and award-winning organist of international standing, he served until recently as Director of Music at Her Majesty's Chapel Royal, St James' Palace, where his predecessors included Thomas Tallis, William Byrd, and Henry Purcell. While at the Chapel Royal he conducted the music for Prince George's Christening, the Queen's Christmas Message in 2015, the annual Remembrance Sunday Service at the Cenotaph, and numerous other events in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and members of the Royal Family. A graduate of the Royal Academy of Music and former Organ Scholar of Christ's College, Cambridge, his musical achievements led to him being awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012. He is Music Director of Cantemus Chamber Choir, widely regarded as one of Wales' finest choirs, and of Stroud Choral Society.

#### Vacation Bible School Child Registration Open and Volunteers Needed July 15-19, from 9:00 a.m. to noon

At VBS, children will travel to *Mars and Beyond* where they will learn about how God is able to do far beyond all we could ask or imagine. VBS is open to children age 4 (by September 30, 2019) to completed 5th grade. Child registration is available at [rrcb.org/vbs](http://rrcb.org/vbs).

The VBS Team is recruiting volunteers for Vacation Bible School. We hope you will consider volunteering. We have such a fun week planned and want to say thank you to many of you who have signed up to help us teach how to go beyond with boldness, faith, hope, kindness, and thankfulness. The team is looking for both adults and youth who can volunteer for all or part of the week. Childcare is available for volunteers with children under 4. To sign up, please call Kate Knerr (804-248-0890) or email [vbs@rrcb.org](mailto:vbs@rrcb.org).



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#### PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

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