

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Seventh Sunday of Eastertide
Ascension Sunday

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

June 2, 2019

Eleven o'clock in the morning

WORSHIP MEDITATION

Amazing Grace, you breathed the Spirit-life into your Church. Help us, we pray, along with your Church universal, to deal graciously with one another. As others glimpse a compassionate and inclusive community, may they look beyond doubts and set fears aside, receiving faith and peace. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES Matt Rooney and Lindsey Stevens

VOLUNTARY *IV. Cantabile (from Symphony No. 6)* Charles-Marie Widor

INTROIT George Thalben-Ball

Comfort, O Lord, the soul of thy servant: for unto thee do I lift up my soul.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 416 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

The joy of Companion Christ be with you.

And also with you.

See what a wonderful thing it is,
when sisters and brothers live together in unity.

**Though we have many differences,
we are members of one body in Christ Jesus.**

If one part of the body hurts, the rest of the body shares its pain.

If one part of the body rejoices, all of the body shares its happiness.

Let us worship the Holy God who brings us together in love.

*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 Page Highfill

KYRIE (*Communion Service in E*) Harold Darke

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory be to God on high and in earth peace, goodwill towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 97 (p. 480) Zach Bostic

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.**

*GOSPEL LESSON John 17:20-26 (p.880)

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

*HYMN 154 *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor* BRYN CALFARIA

*OFFERTORY SENTENCES Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

ANTHEM AT OFFERTORY *Judge Eternal* Gerre Hancock

Judge eternal, throned in splendor, Lord of lords and King of kings, with thy living fire of judgement purge this land of bitter things; solace all its wide dominion with the healing of thy wings. Still, still the weary folk are pining for the hour that brings release, and the city's crowded clangor cries aloud for sin to cease; and the homesteads and the woodlands plead in silence for their peace. Crown, O God, thine own endeavor; cleave our darkness with thy sword; feed all those who do not know Thee with the richness of thy word; cleanse the body of this nation through the glory of the Lord.

*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 *One* Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Be glorified, reconciling Savior, in our prayers of praise and
thanksgiving. Hear the cries of all your people, the concerns we have for
others and ourselves, confessions we speak and those we dare not utter.
Receive us, we pray, around your table—to accept that which you freely
and generously serve—a welcome for all.**

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE BLESSING AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE BLESSING AND GIVING OF THE CUP

ANTHEM *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face* William Bradley Roberts

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face, here would I touch and handle things unseen; here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean.	I have no help but thine, nor do I need another arm save thine to lean upon, it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed, my strength is in thy might alone,
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Here would I feed upon the bread of God, here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven, here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste the calm of sin forgiven.	Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness; Mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing Blood. Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace; Thy Blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
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Emelia Roberts, soprano
Christopher Ahart, tenor

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 151 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY *V. Finale (from Symphony No. 6)* Widor

Today the Chancel Choir is singing *Communion Service in E* by Harold Darke. We welcome Huw Williams this morning as our guest conductor. Huw Williams is Director of Music at Bath Abbey, where he directs its renowned professional choirs of boys, girls, and men. He is also Music Director of Cantemus Chamber Choir, widely regarded as one of Wales' finest choirs, and of Stroud Choral Society.

Choral Evensong
River Road Chancel Choir and Camerata
Huw Williams, Guest Conductor, Bath Abbey, UK
Today, June 2 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

** 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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE. Easter Sunday is the beginning of the season of Eastertide in the liturgical year, and 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 Loyal and Helen Davis by their family.

THE RECEPTION AFTER WORSHIP is held in the Fellowship Hall. It is hosted by *The Huddle*. Everyone is invited to attend, especially our guests in worship today.

The Huddle is a men's group that meets on Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. to minister to one another, learn together through book study and discussion, and challenge each another in our faith journeys, all while introducing us to a new level of friendship. We have found that this hour becomes one of the best hours of our week. If our meeting time doesn't fit your schedule, we'd love the chance to get another group started. For more information, please contact Bill Thurston at thurston308@gmail.com or 804-514-3360.

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 9, IS THE DAY OF PENTECOST, the liturgical color is red, and we celebrate corporately by wearing the colors of fire: red, orange, and yellow. Join us by wearing your fiery finest!

NATIONAL BEST FRIENDS DAY IS JUNE 8. During worship on June 9, we will take time to appreciate the importance of friendship. You are encouraged to invite and bring a friend to worship on this special day.

Camp Alkulana Offering & Challenge
Received: \$5,828 | Church Goal: \$8,000 | Friendship Class: \$8,000

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 over \$8,000 for Camp Alkulana and challenges the congregation to match their gift. Gifts to the offering encourages as many children and youth as possible to attend. 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 this summer and to give to the offering.

Specially-marked green Camp Alkulana Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks. Checks should be made payable to RRCB with Camp Alkulana in the memo.

Circulo de Costura Exhibit in the Lower Commons

Since 2017, women from RRCB and CrossOver Ministry have been meeting and learning how to sew. However, more important than sewing skills are the relationships formed within the group. Since then, not only have the relationships grown, but so has the program, including more advanced sewing, quilting, and knitting classes. The exhibit features work from all of the classes, and remains on display until June 10.

Meet the Artists Reception
Today, June 2 at 12:30 p.m. in the Lower Commons

Many of the students and teachers are with us in worship this morning. After the church reception in the Fellowship Hall, stop by to meet the women of this exhibit.

- Sun, June 2 **Circulo de Costura**, Lower Commons
Reception, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Nominating Committee, 12:15 p.m., LC 102
PASSPORTkids! Meeting, 12:15 p.m., Reception Room
Circulo de Costura Reception, 12:30 p.m., Lower Commons
Concert Series: Choral Evensong, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Mon, June 3 **Yoga**, 5:45 p.m., Assembly Room
- Tues, June 4 **Men's Fellowship Breakfast**, 7:00 a.m., Reception Room
Evening Bridge, 7:30 p.m., LC 102
- Wed, June 5 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
History Committee, 2:00 p.m., LC 102
Stephen Ministry, 4:30 p.m., Parlor
- Thurs, June 6 **FIXERS**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
- Fri, June 7 **Sounds Like Summer**, 5:30 p.m., Plaza
- Sat, June 8 **Kitchen Work Day**, 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall Kitchen
CrossOver Moo & Brew 5K, 10:00 a.m., Virginia War Memorial

Young Adult Sunday School Class
Sundays, beginning June 2, at 9:45 a.m. in Lower Commons 106

Young adults, we are grateful for you! To those who have been away at college, welcome home! We love having you here with us. RRCB wants to provide you with an opportunity to learn, grow, and fellowship. Please join Carl Collier and Leigh Ann Breckenridge for a discussion-based Sunday school class.

SOUNDS LIKE SUMMER
The Adrian Duke Project, Saladworks, & Gelati Celesti
Friday, June 7, 5:30-9:30 p.m. on the Plaza

Bring your blankets and beach chairs, sit back and relax, and enjoy a summer night on the Plaza! Admission to the event is FREE—tickets available at rrcb.org/eventbrite.

The Adrian Duke Project will be jamming on the Plaza with their endless repertoire of rock, soul, and jazz tunes for all to enjoy! *Gelati Celesti* is bringing their food truck with eight flavors of gelato as well as gluten-, nut-, and dairy-free varieties. The *Saladworks* food truck will be there making wraps, salads, and soups.

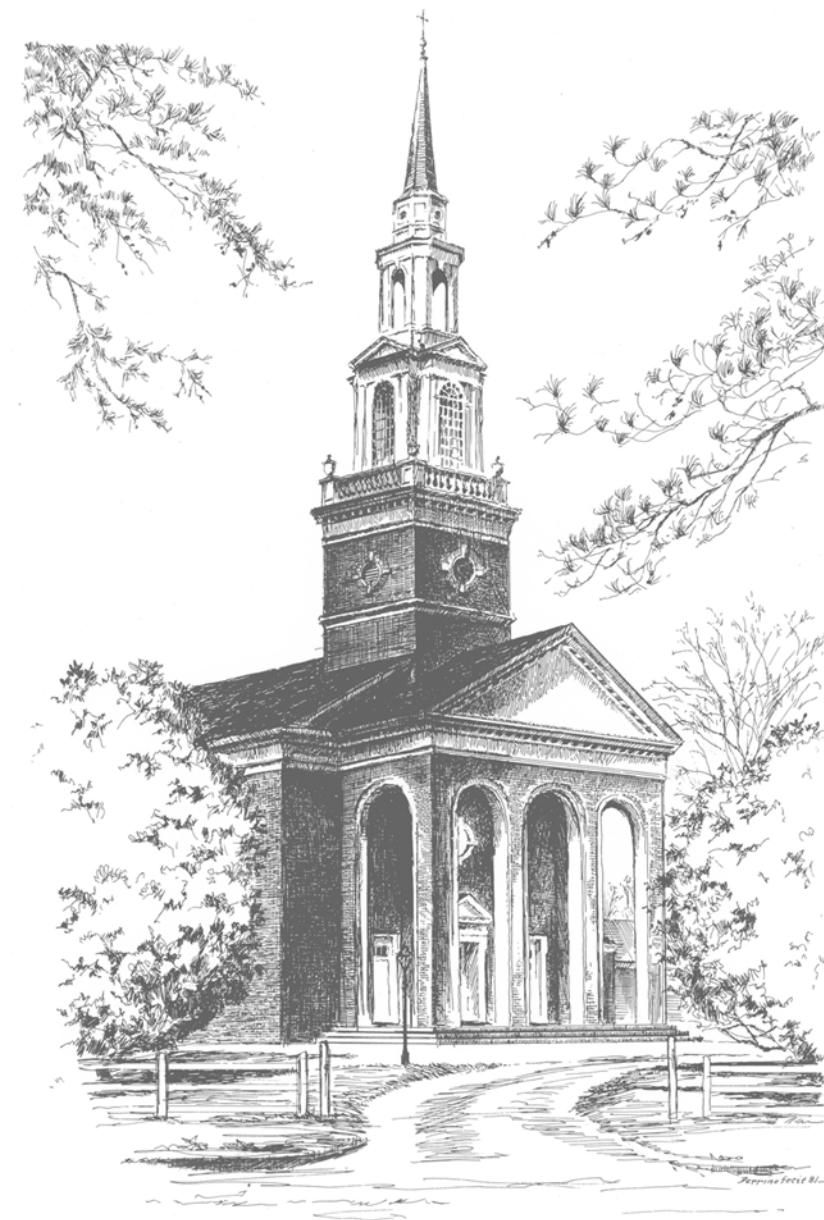
Hands & Hearts: Nickelsville Mission Trip
June 23-28, 2019

The Hands and Hearts Mission Trip serves those in need in the area of Nickelsville, VA. The projects range from home repairs and light construction, to assisted living home visitation, and food pantry assistance. The only skill needed is the willingness to make a difference. This trip is open to all adults and costs \$75 per person.

Vacation Bible School— July 15-19
Child Registration Open and Volunteers Needed

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 9/30/19) to completed 5th grade. Child registration is available at 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. 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.



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