

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST
THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020

*Today we worship via the internet. As you gather around your phone, computer, or tablet,
we encourage you to pause for a moment to become aware of God's presence.
Quiet your mind, listen to the voluntary, and prepare to worship God.*

Voluntary *Prelude on "Beach Spring"* Aaron David Miller

Introit *Lift Thine Eyes (from Elijah)* Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber.
—from Psalm 121

Ella Glaze, soprano 1
Parker Bradley, soprano 2
Eleanor Roberts, alto

Welcome, Invocation, and Our Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

**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.**

Hymn *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 servant, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.</p> | <p>2. 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> |
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Old Testament Lesson Psalm 26:1-8 Catharine Broadnax

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering. Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind. For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you. I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites; I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked. I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds. O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.

New Testament Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Anthem

O Day of Peace

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

—Carl Daw

Members of the Chancel Choir, recorded virtually

Offertory Sentences

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

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.**

Mission Moment

Anthem

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

African-American Spiritual
Arranged by Moses Hogan

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Chancel Choir, recorded 2016

Sermon

Christians Follow Christ

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Hymn

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

GERMANY

1. Take up your cross, the Savior said,
if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
3. Take up your cross; heed not the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
the Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.
4. Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Benediction

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Voluntary

Fugue in G major, BuxWV 175

Dietrich Buxtehude

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thankfulness for the marvelous ways our ministers and other members of the River Road Church staff keep our congregation focused and inspired, by Nancy Brown.

Congratulations to Jim and Ann Wilson upon the birth of their granddaughter on August 20 in Dallas, Texas to Jay and Chelsea Wilson. Proud aunt and uncle are Jane and Jason Hiser, and cousins are Colton Hiser and Jackson Hiser.

We are grateful for your continued generosity to God through our church ministry. You may give securely online at www.rrcb.org/give-online or by mailing a check. Thank you for your faithfulness. This QR code will take you to our giving page.



First Sunday Food Share for the Richmond Baptist Centers

Sunday, September 6, 12-2PM, North Parking Lot

If you are able to safely come to the church, please drop off donations during the designated time. There will be two volunteers at the church to assist with directions and will maintain appropriate distancing. Please wait if there are others dropping off at the same time, do not gather and socialize, and remember to wash your hands with soap and water when you get home. A full shopping list can be found on our Facebook, Instagram, or rrcb.org/connect (click 'Missions').

Alma Hunt Offering: Meeting Real Needs in Real Time

August 11-September 13, 2020

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions will look different in the coming year, reflecting the changing world in which we live as we face the challenges of a global pandemic. This annual state missions offering is a joint venture of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV).

As always, this critical offering seeks to meet real needs of real people by funding ministries in a variety of specific areas. For the rest of 2020 and looking toward 2021, the allocations of this offering are being redirected in a way that will allow us to focus on human needs arising from the COVID-19 crisis.

The state missions offering will be distributed as follows:

- 70% of funds to WMUV-directed projects.
- 30% of funds to BGAV-directed projects
- All projects have a direct correlation to COVID-19 relief effort.

Please pray for the Alma Hunt Offering and consider giving to the offering. If you would like to give to the Alma Hunt Offering, you can do so online at rrcb.org/give-online or mail a check to the church office with "Alma Hunt Offering" in the memo.

Coffee with Clergy

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 9AM on Zoom

Join Anna Miller for an hour of fellowship and conversation while enjoying your morning beverage. Sign up at rrcb.org/coffee for the Zoom link.