

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

*Today we worship as one congregation in two locations: in-person and via the internet.
Wherever your location, 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.*

For those worshipping in the sanctuary, we deeply desire this time to be meaningful yet safe.
Please, *silently* offer hymns, prayers, and responses as worshipful reflection.
Allow these offerings to provide voice for your faith and echo your prayers.
Thank you for your quiet participation, understanding, and cooperative efforts.
For those worshipping elsewhere, sing and speak boldly. Give voice for all of us!

Voluntary

Suite on the Second Tone

Jean Adam Guilain

*Prélude
Tierce en taille
Duo
Basse de Trompette
Trio de Flûtes*

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

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

KINGSFOLD

In silent reflection

1. "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.
How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?
2. In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!
Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled,
our lives will spread your peace.

**Please stand if you are able.*

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

The Word of the Lord;
Praise be to you, O Christ.

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of our Lord;
Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Anthem

Kingsfold

Anna Krentz Organ

Handbell Quartet

Louise Gallagher, Linda Honaker, Paul Honaker, Charles Todd

*Offertory Sentences

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

In silent reflection

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.

Anthem

Land of Rest

Anna Krentz Organ

Handbell Quartet

Louise Gallagher, Linda Honaker, Paul Honaker, Charles Todd

Sermon

The Power of Forgiveness

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Hymn

Song of Simeon

LAND OF REST

In silent reflection

1. Lord, bid your servant go in peace;
your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,
this child so long foretold.
2. This is the Savior of the world,
the Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst,
the joy of Israel.

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Voluntary

Dialogue (from Suite on the Second Tone)

Jean Adam Guilain

*Please remain seated for the Voluntary and depart as you are guided by ushers,
from the rear to the front of the sanctuary.*

We give thanks to Louise Gallagher for lifting her voice as Cantor in worship this morning.

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Geiser by Susan Geiser Phillips and family.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Betty G. Woolcott upon her death on August 29, 2020.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Martha Younger upon her death on September 7, 2020.

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.



Alma Hunt Offering: Meeting Real Needs in Real Time

August 11-September 13

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions looks different this 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.

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 www.rrcb.org/give-online or mail a check to the church office with "Alma Hunt Offering" in the memo.

Pie with Pastors

Tuesday, September 15, 8:00 PM on Zoom

Join Daniel Glaze for an hour of fellowship and conversation while enjoying your evening snack. Sign up at rrcb.org/pie for the Zoom link.

TFC-Adults: Does God Care About Injustice? with Dr. Mark Biddle

Wednesdays, September 16 & 23, 7:00PM on Zoom

There is heightened awareness and talk about racial injustice these days. Not that it's new, it's just getting a dose of needed attention. To be sure, there are many kinds of injustice, as people are discriminated against or exploited all across the world for varying reasons. What does scripture say about it? Does God care about it? If God does care, why does it persist? Join us as we explore this conversation with Dr. Mark Biddle.

Many of you are familiar with Dr. Biddle, as he has taught among us before. As an Old Testament scholar, seminary professor, journal editor, minister, parent, and musician, he brings much to the dialogue and learning process.

These two sessions will help set off a series of conversations and opportunities throughout the year that will stretch and help encourage us as we seek ways to love God and God's world better, with greater awareness and sensitivity. Register for the sessions to receive more information and the Zoom link at rrcb.org/tfcbiddle.

In-Person Worship Reservations

Sunday, September 20, 11AM in the Sanctuary

Information about attending the worship service next Sunday in-person and making your reservation will be emailed tomorrow, September 14. If you do not receive church emails, please visit rrcb.org/connect, scroll down to the blue box 'RRCB Email Communications,' and follow the instructions to sign up.

College Student Addresses

College students, we need your addresses! Please fill out the form with your address at rrcb.org/college by September 30; RRCB will mail care packages in October.