

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 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!

Voluntaries

Muzette
Preludes on "Nettleton"

Guillaume Lasceux
Settings by Aaron David Miller and Craig Phillips

Welcome, Invocation, and Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

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

Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being

NETTLETON

In silent reflection

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| 1. Bless the Lord, my soul and being!
Lord my God, you have such might.
Cloaked with honor, grand and glorious,
you are clothed with purest light.
Stretching out the heavens like tent cloth,
you are chambered on the deep.
Riding on the wings of windstorm,
flame and fire your bidding keep. | 2. Lord, you laid the earth's foundation
that it should be always sound.
By the word of your commanding,
you set forth each ocean's bound.
Springs gush forth at your own bidding,
Giving drink to every field.
bird and beast and all your creatures
in that coolness find earth healed. |
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Old Testament Lessons

Psalm 78:1-4,12-16

Sandy Rooney

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan. He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap. In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light. He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep. He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

**Please stand if you are able.*

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

Solo *How Beautiful Are the Feet* (from *Messiah*) G. F. Handel
How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things.
—*Romans 10:15*
Michelle Harman-Gulick, soprano

Pastoral Prayer Sandy Rooney

*Offertory Sentences

*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.

Solo *The Lord Is My Light* K. Lee Scott
The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers and foes came upon me, they stumbled and fell. Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear. Though war should rise against me, I shall be confident. One thing have I asked of the Lord, and that I will seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in God's temple. For in the time of trouble, God will hide me in that secret place and set me high upon a rock.
—*Psalms 27:1-5*

Michelle Harman-Gulick, soprano

Sermon *Faithful Memory* Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Hymn *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART
In silent reflection

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!
2. The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Voluntary

Improvisation on "Mit Freuden zart"

Bob Gallagher

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

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Louise Perrin Gray with love from William Gray.

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E. Carl Freeman Concert Series at River Road Church presents
Organ Interlude Series

Bob Gallagher, our minister of music, has prepared a short presentation of two very different organ pieces, *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*, an African-American spiritual, and *Folk Tune* by Percy Whitlock. The video can be watched on our YouTube channel or at rrcb.org/organ. Additionally, for those on Facebook, we encourage you to share the videos as we post them.

Extend Hope & Hospitality
CBF Global Missions Offering
September 23-October 25, 2020

When you give to the Offering for Global Missions, you help plant new churches and share the hope of Christ with people who have never heard the Gospel. You offer food, teach children how to succeed in school, and help refugees adapt and thrive in their new homes. 100% of your gift to the Offering will support CBF Field Personnel serving in the U.S. and around the world. You may make donations online at rrcb.org/give-online (select "Global Missions" for the fund) or mail a check to the church office with "Global Missions Offering" in the memo.

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.

TFC-Adults: Evolving Faith Conference

October 2 & 3, 10:30AM-5:00PM

This great event is a powerhouse of personalities like Barbara Brown Taylor, Jen Hatmaker, Amy-Jill Levine, Nadia Bolz Weber, Nichole Nordeman, and many other men and women from varying walks of life (evolvingfaith.com/speakers).

The leaders intend for this to be two days of excellence, goodness, wisdom, compassion, and flourishing for you. The conference will remain available until April 2021 for registrants.

If you choose to participate, the cost is \$99, but RRCB will reimburse you half of your registration fee. We don't want price to keep anyone from participating. In order to participate in the conference, you are required to register for the event at evolvingfaith.com/register. And in order to receive the \$50 reimbursement, please sign up let us know of your plans to register on Sign Up Genius at rrcb.org/evolvingfaith. *Please note, the Sign Up Genius form is not registration for the event; this is for RRCB-use only to know who is participating and who is to receive reimbursements.*

First Sunday Food Share for the Richmond Baptist Centers

Sunday, October 4, 12:00-3:00PM, 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. A full shopping list can be found rrcb.org/foodshare.

In-Person Worship Reservations

Sunday, October 4, 11:00AM in the Sanctuary

Information about attending the worship service next Sunday in-person and making your reservation will be emailed tomorrow, September 28. 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. Reservations must be received by noon on Friday.

Fellowship Fund

One of the ways we live out Christ's call to care for persons in need in our community is through the River Road Church Fellowship Fund. Administered by our Deacons, the Fellowship Fund receives requests from individuals (through their caseworkers) for emergency assistance with rent, utilities, medication assistance, and much more. We are able to meet these needs according to the fund's weekly balance. The Fellowship Fund relies solely on gifts from River Road members and friends. We are grateful for your generosity. You may make a donation by sending a check to the church office with 'Fellowship Fund' in the memo or online at rrcb.org/give-online.