

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

*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.*

Voluntaries

Christ, Our Lord, Came to Jordan, BWV 684 J. S. Bach
Christ, Our Lord, Came to Jordan, BuxWV 180 Dietrich Buxtehude
The Heavens Were Opened (Baptism Dance) from Windows of Comfort Dan Locklair

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

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

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

AUSTRIA

1. God, you spin the whirling planets,
fill the seas and spread the plain,
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms,
call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
We, created in your image,
would a true reflection be
of your justice, grace, and mercy
and the truth that makes us free.
2. You have called us to be faithful
in our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship
joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image,
focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as your people,
we move onward toward your goal.
3. God, your word is still creating,
calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas
where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion.
Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in your image,
we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

Children's Moment

Sandy Rooney

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

Meg Rooney

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Solo

At the River

Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river,
Where bright angel's feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather by the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.

Yes, we'll gather by the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of God.

Michelle Harman-Gulick, soprano

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Offertory Sentences and 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.**

Solo

Laudate Dominum, K. 339

W. A. Mozart

Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes; laudate eum, omnes populi.
Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia eius, et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

Praise the Lord, all nations; praise Him, all people.
For He has bestowed his mercy upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.
—*Psalm 117:1-2*

Michelle Harman-Gulick, soprano

Sermon

In the Middle of It All Is Jesus

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Hymn

When Jesus Came to Jordan

ELLACOMBE

1. When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon, but as God's holy one.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.
2. He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss;
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended on him, the holy one,
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace begun.

The altar flowers are given by the Preschool Committee to the glory of God and in appreciation of the love and support that the preschool faculty and administration have given to our children and their families and to our church throughout the year of COVID. We pray for God's blessings on them as they move into a New Year.

Christian Sympathy is expressed to Dean and Carol Decker in the death of his brother, Don, on January 5, 2021, in Toledo, Ohio.

Christian Sympathy is expressed to Wyatt and John Heisler, IV in the death of her brother, Conrad Lawrence, on January 9, 2021, in Richmond, Virginia.

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

Notice Regarding Online Worship—Until further notice, worship will be online only in an effort to contribute to the safety of our congregation. Because of our desire to love and care for our congregation, coupled with rising COVID numbers in our area, we feel this is the most prudent approach. The Ad Hoc Re-Entry Task Force will continue to closely monitor the situation and make recommendations based on their findings.

Sun, Jan 10 **Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy**, 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Life Sunday School Class, 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Faith Walk Sunday School Class, 9:45 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
New Horizons Sunday School Class, 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Worship, 11:00 a.m., rrcb.org/live
Children's Gathering, 3:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Robert Smart Sunday School Class, 3:00 p.m., offsite
Youth Choir, 4:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Youth Group, 5:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

Mon, Jan 11 **Endowment Board**, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

Tue, Jan 12 **Board of Deacons**, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

Wed, Jan 13 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

Thurs, Jan 14 **Chancel Choir Zoom Rehearsal**, 7:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

Sun, Jan 17 **Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy**, 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Life Sunday School Class, 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Faith Walk Sunday School Class, 9:45 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
New Horizons Sunday School Class, 10:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Worship, 11:00 a.m., rrcb.org/live
Board of Administration, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

The Stewardship Committee is working with the Finance Committee for our 2021 budget. If you have not turned in your pledge yet, you are encouraged to do so. As of this writing, 238 pledge cards have been received, and the total amount pledged represents 69% of the goal (using 2020 budgeted expenses as our goal). You can submit your pledge by mailing your pledge card to the church, filling out the secure form at rrcb.org/pledge, or calling LeAnne Lane in the church office.

2021 Altar Flower Calendar—Anyone interested in reserving a Sunday on the 2021 Altar Flower Calendar, please call Betsy Lowery (804-338-4604) or visit rrcb.org/flowers. The cost is \$90.

Thank you for worshiping with us!

At River Road Church, we are...

A community of believers coming from many faith traditions to worship and grow together in Christian fellowship, focusing on those aspects of faith on which we can agree rather than disagree as we journey together.

Baptist in heritage, espousing core Baptist truths as foundational to our faith journey: the centrality of Christ, the priesthood of all believers, the commitment to theological education, and the autonomy of the local church.

Encouraging of intellectual freedom—in pursuit of a thoughtful faith, seeking always to learn about God’s nature and ways in the world, supporting a free pulpit and welcoming intellectually challenging sermons and educational programs.

Worshiping in reverence and beauty a transcendent God, following the liturgical style and augmented by the performance of traditional sacred music.

Serving God in our church, our community and the world by investing our energy and resources in ways that reflect the character and likeness of Christ and follow his teachings.



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