

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 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 music, and prepare to worship God.*

Voluntaries

*Choral
Chant de mai*

Joseph Jongen

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Elizabeth Thorne

*Processional Hymn
In Silent Reflection

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Welcome, Invocation, and Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

**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.**

New Testament Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

Sarah Pruden

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

** Please stand if you are able.*

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Epistle Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

Solo

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

William Bradley Roberts

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care; In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.	Early let us seek Thy favor, Early let us do Thy will; Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.
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Cindy Mistretta, soprano

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Mission Moment for the Global Missions Offering of the CBF

*Offertory Sentences and 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.

Sermon *Love and Evangelism* Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Anthem *Here, O My Lord* Eleanor Daley

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heav'nly table spread for me:
here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee. Amen.

Members of the Chancel Choir, virtual
Cindy Mistretta, soprano

Invitation to Holy Communion

Blessing and Giving of the Bread and Cup

Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS
In Silent Reflection

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| 1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above. | 2. Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares. |
| 3. We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear. | 4. From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity. |

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Voluntary *Fugue in G major, BWV 577* J. S. Bach

*Ushers will begin dismissing the congregation during the closing voluntary, from the rear to the front of the sanctuary.
If you prefer, you may remain seated during the voluntary and dismiss yourself afterward.*

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lee Slatton by Ellis and Phyllis West.

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.

In-person worship reservations are available at rrcb.org/reservations. Please note, to accommodate seating for everyone in attendance, including deacons, reservations are required. Reservations are open for worship on May 9 and May 16.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Wyatt and John Heisler upon the death of her brother, Cass Lawrence, on April 24, 2021 in Atlanta, Georgia; to Jack and Sara Heisler, Ann Wyatt Heisler, and Lawrence Heisler upon the death of their uncle, and to Jay Heisler and Adeline Heisler upon the death of their great-uncle.

Christian Sympathy is extended to Nancy Messick upon the death of her husband, Bob Messick, on April 9, 2021. At this time, a memorial service is not yet planned.

CBF Global Missions Offering: *Share Abundant Life*—When you give to the Offering for Global Missions, you will help a person live more abundantly. In Fort Worth, Texas, your gift prepares refugee children for school in the U.S. and offers English classes for mothers through Karen Morrow's Ready for School program. Morrow also operates a year-round library program for refugee children, and a summer program where children read, hear stories, attend VBS and participate in sports and other activities. During our time of emphasis and season of prayer, we have collected \$2,855 of our \$8,000 goal. You may make donations online at rrcb.org/give-online or mail a check to the church office with "Global Missions Offering" in the memo.

Please offer your prayers for Rev. Anna Miller as she begins a time of sabbatical on May 9. During this time she will be nurturing her own relationship with God, spending much time outdoors, reading specially selected materials, and quieting herself from the normal distractions. The Board of Christian Education is available to you as are other staff ministers. Please reach out to Dr. Glaze or Sarah Wilkinson, Board Chair, if you have needs that cannot wait.

- Sun, May 2 **Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy**, 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Life Sunday School Class, 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
New Horizons Sunday School Class, 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Faith Walk Sunday School Class, 9:45 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Worship, 11:00 a.m., rrcb.org/live
First Sunday Food Share, 12:00 p.m., North Parking Lot
Shepherd-Holland Class, 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Cookies and Games for Children, 4:00 p.m., Children's Playground
Youth Choir, 4:15 p.m., Plaza
Youth Group, 5:00 p.m., Plaza
Robert Smart Class, 5:00 p.m., South Parking Lot
Board of Missions, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
- Mon, May 3 **Board of Deacons**, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
- Tues, May 4 **Softball Game v. Mosaic Church**, 6:30 p.m., Glen Allen Complex #2
- Wed, May 5 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Churchwide Food and Fellowship, 5:30 p.m., North Parking Lot
- Thurs, May 6 **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, 7:00 p.m., Plaza
- Sat, May 8 **Dick Morris Memorial Service**, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Sun, May 9 **Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy**, 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
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