

# RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021

*As we gather together for worship, please pause for a moment to become aware of God's presence.  
Quiet your mind, listen to the music, and prepare to worship God.*

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Lighting of the Altar Candles

Ella Glaze and Jack Ryan, Acolytes

Voluntary

*Passacaglia Variata*

Johann Kaspar Kerll

Bruce Stevens, organ

Introit

George Thalben-Ball

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee; for thou art my God.

\*Processional Hymn

*God of the Fertile Fields*

ITALIAN HYMN

1. God of the fertile fields,  
shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:  
forth from your bounteous hand  
come gifts your love has planned,  
that all in every land be clothed and fed.
2. We would be stewards true,  
holding in trust from you all that you give;  
help us in love to share,  
teach us like you to care  
for people everywhere, that all may live.
3. As grows the hidden seed  
to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows.  
Let all our toil be used,  
no gift of yours abused,  
no humble task refused your love bestows.
4. God of the countryside,  
dear to the Christ who died to make us one:  
we pledge our lives anew  
in faithful love to you.  
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

God of life, we are scattered seeds. **You water us.**

God of life, we are made to flourish and grow. **You shine upon us with light.**

God of life, we are called to bear fruit. **You nourish us with each breath.**

Glorious God, grant to us abundant life and abundant living, **so that we may share your love with the world.**

Invocation and Our Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 133

Kimberly Fehrs

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

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

*\* Please stand, if you are able.*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*Gospel Lesson

Mark 4:26-34

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Anthem

*Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Music: CWM RHONDDA,  
arr. James Kirkby  
Text: Henry Francis Lyte

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to the throne thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore God's praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise the Lord for grace and favor  
To all people in distress;  
praise God still the same as ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious now God's faithfulness.

Angels, in the heights adoring;  
you behold God face to face;  
saints triumphant, now adoring,  
Gathered in from ev'ry race.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

Chancel Choir, conducted by Rev. Dr. Ken Wilson

Mission Moment for Camp Alkulana

Briar Chatterjea

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.**

Sermon

*The Gospel According to Winnie the Pooh*

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Anthem

*Christ Be With Me*

Music: Noel Rawsthorne  
Text: Attr. to St. Patrick

Christ be with me,  
Christ within me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ beside me,  
Christ to guide me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet,  
Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in care of friend and stranger.

\*Recessional Hymn

*Faith Begins by Letting Go*

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1. Faith begins by letting go  
giving up what had seemed sure,  
taking risks and pressing on,  
though the way feels less secure:  
pilgrimage both right and odd,  
trusting all our life to God.
2. Faith endures by holding on,  
keeping memory's roots alive  
so that hope may bear its fruit;  
promise-fed, our souls will thrive,  
not through merit we possess  
but by God's great faithfulness.
3. Faith matures by reaching out,  
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,  
sharing struggles, living prayer,  
binding up the broken parts;  
till we find the commonplace  
ripe with witness to God's grace.

\*Benediction

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

*Allegro di molto, from Fantaisie pour Orgue*

Camille Saint-Saëns

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Martha Lou Green, in thanks for the outstanding care and love of Patrick and Steve.

We extend Christian sympathy to William and Eleanor Nurney upon the death of his mother, Ann Harrell Nurney, and to Jordan Nurney and Jake Nurney upon the death of their grandmother on June 9, 2021 in Suffolk, VA.

We welcome Bruce Stevens as our Guest Organist today, Rev. Dr. Ken Wilson as conductor for our Chancel Choir, and Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge, Minister of Pastoral Care, to the pulpit today.

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

**Altar flowers** will be available for pick up after worship. For those attending in-person worship, bouquets will be ready for pick up at 12:30 in the sacristy. Any remaining arrangements will be outside at the Lower Commons entrance. Please pick up a bouquet to take to someone and brighten their day.

**Video Operators are needed** to run the Sunday worship livestream. If you would like to learn this system, please contact Rev. Daniel Ingram, [danielingram@rrcb.org](mailto:danielingram@rrcb.org).

**Camp Alkulana Offering: June 1-30, 2021**—Camp Alkulana celebrates their first day of camp, which is June 23! Please pray for this big beginning, staff and counselors, and campers. **RRCB has a goal to collect \$10,000 for the Camp Alkulana offering.** You can give to the offering by sending a check to the church office or at [rrcb.org/give-online](http://rrcb.org/give-online).

**Food & Fellowship**—Join us on next Sunday, June 27, 5-7PM for Food and Fellowship! The children's ministry is hosting their VBS Kick Off event, but **all are welcome** to enjoy an evening of food and fellowship with friends. The food truck, Cheesmaggedon, will be parked in the North Parking Lot.

**Vacation Bible School**—At VBS we will explore God's Great Big Beautiful World! Your child will experience Bible stories about God's amazing world and discover the ways God cares for every part of creation. Children 5 (by 9/30/21) and older are invited for a fun week of VBS June 27-30. Register your child at [rrcb.org/vbs](http://rrcb.org/vbs).

Sun, June 20 **Life, New Horizons, and Faith Walk Sunday School Classes**, 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)  
**Worship**, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and [rrcb.org/live](http://rrcb.org/live)

Mon, June 21 **Yoga**, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room  
**Youth CampRVA**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Offsite (through June 25)

Wed, June 23 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Thurs, June 24 **FIXERS**, 8:30 a.m., Plaza

Sun, June 27 **Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy**, 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)  
**Life, New Horizons, and Faith Walk Sunday School Classes**, 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)  
**Worship**, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and [rrcb.org/live](http://rrcb.org/live)  
**Shepherd-Holland Class**, 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)  
**VBS Kick Off**, 5:00 p.m., North Parking Lot  
**Food and Fellowship**, 5:00 p.m., North Parking Lot

*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.

**Worshipping 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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+ thoughtful faith +

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