

# RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 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

Elizabeth Wilkinson and Zachary Stevens, Acolytes

Voluntaries

*March for a Festival in F*  
*"The Peace may be exchanged." from Rubrics*

David Johnson  
Dan Locklair

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Introit

Harold W. Friedell

Day by day, Dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray:  
To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day.

\*Processional Hymn 280

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

HOLY MANNA

1. God, who stretched the spangled heavens  
infinite in time and place,  
flung the suns in burning radiance  
through the silent fields of space,  
we, your children in your likeness,  
share inventive powers with you.  
Great Creator, still creating,  
show us what we yet may do.
2. As each far horizon beckons,  
may it challenge us anew,  
children of creative purpose,  
serving others, honoring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise,  
each endeavor well begun.  
Great Creator, give us guidance  
till our goals and yours are one.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Sandy Rooney

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.**

Parent-Child-Church Dedication

*(see insert)*

Rev. Dr. Michael Clingenpeel  
Rev. Anna Perry Miller  
Sandy Rooney

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Rev. Dr. Daniel Bagby

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of

my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

\*Gloria Patri

Hymn 579

**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.**

New Testament Lesson

Acts 9:1-19

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

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

Solo

*Sing God a Simple Song (from Mass)*

Music: Leonard Bernstein

Text: Stephan Schwartz and Leonard Bernstein

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laudē; Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laudē.

Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things. For God is the simplest of all, for God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song to praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.

I will sing His praises while I live all of my days.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, blessed is the man who praises Him.

Lauda, Lauda, Laudē, and walks in His ways.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the Lord singing Lauda, Laudē.

For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand,

And the sun shall not smite me by day nor the moon by night.

Blessed is the man who loves the Lord. Lauda, Lauda, Laudē,

And walks in His ways. Lauda, Lauda, Laudē. Lauda, Lauda di da di day. All of my days.

Michelle Harman-Gulick, soprano

Pastoral Prayer

Sandy Rooney

\*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

*God Is Still in That Business*

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Anthem

*The Grace Divine*

Music: Resignation, arr. Roger Price  
Text: Charles Wesley

Come, let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord,  
In a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord;  
Give up ourselves, through Jesus' power, His Name to glorify;  
And promise, in this sacred hour, for God to live and die.

The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind;  
We will no more our God forsake, or cast these words behind.  
We never will throw off the fear of God who hears our vow;  
And if Thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.

Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive,  
Present with Thy celestial host the peaceful answer give;  
to each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away,  
And register our names on high and keep us to that day!

Chancel Choir

Invitation to Holy Communion

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

The Blessing and Giving of the Bread and Cup

Moment of Reflection

\*Recessional Hymn 361

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

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| 1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,<br>is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!<br>What more can be said than to you God hath said,<br>to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? | 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,<br>for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;<br>I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,<br>upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand. |
| 3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,<br>the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;<br>for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,<br>and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.     | 4. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,<br>I will not, I will not desert to its foes;<br>that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,<br>I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."       |

\*Benediction

Rev. Anna Perry Miller

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

*Improvisation on "Foundation"*

Dr. Robert Gallagher

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The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and to celebrate the Declaration of Independence which states in part, "...All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness..." by T. Gordon Thomson

We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Norman Milligan upon his death on June 27, 2021; to Randy Milligan (Elizabeth), Rusty Milligan, and Ronnie Milligan (Laurie) upon the death of their father; and to Hunter Milligan, Lindsay Milligan, Christopher Milligan, Andrew Milligan, Anne Stewart Milligan (Lawson Patton), Emily Donovan (Connor), and Ashley Byrnes upon the death of their grandfather. A memorial service for Mr. Milligan was held last week.

We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of June Lane upon her death on July 2, 2021. Services for Mrs. Lane are pending.

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

**Camp Alkulana Offering**—Camp Alkulana celebrated their first day of camp on June 23! Please pray for staff and counselors, campers and their families. **RRCB has collected \$6,880 out of the \$10,000 goal 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).

**The First Sunday Food Share Drop Off** will be next Sunday, July 11, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at the Lower Commons Entrance in the North Parking Lot. The food share team is in need of paper shopping bags to help with packing and delivering groceries. Over the next several months, the Richmond Baptist Centers are in a great need of food donations. Please mark your calendars for the first Sunday of each month to stop by the church and drop off food.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**—*Wednesday, July 14, 2021, 10AM-3:00PM.* The Red Cross is asking individuals to make blood and platelet donations to maintain a supply for people in need. They often run low and are in need of generous people to step up and give. It's important to remember that blood is perishable and cannot be stockpiled. Please consider donating blood with River Road Church on Wednesday, July 14. The blood drive will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Donations are by appointment only. **For more information on safety procedures and to register, please visit [rrcb.org/blooddrive](http://rrcb.org/blooddrive).**

**Theology on Tap at Hardywood Brewery at West Creek**—Rev. Dr. Bill Tuck will be the facilitator of the discussions, following the directions and hopes determined by the group. As we start off, we will gather on Thursdays, July 15 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. Bring a chair, grab your drink, and meet outside near the wooded area to the right of the big white tent. Bring your suggestions for discussion topics.

Sun, Jul 4	<b>Life, New Horizons, and FaithWalk Classes</b> , 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Worship</b> , 11:00 a.m., <a href="http://rrcb.org/live">rrcb.org/live</a>
Mon, Jul 5	<b>Church Office Closed</b>
Tues, Jul 6	<b>Youth TakeOut Tuesday</b> , 5:00 p.m., Plaza
Wed, Jul 7	<b>Men's Group: The Huddle</b> , 8:00 a.m., Reception Room <b>Stewardship Committee</b> , 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room <b>Baptist World Alliance Congress Meeting</b> , (Online through July 10)
Thurs, Jul 8	<b>Youth at Kings Dominion</b> , Offsite
Fri, Jul 9	<b>Robert Smart Class Social</b> , 7:30 p.m., Home of the Rooneys
Sat, Jul 10	<b>Playground Fun for Children and Families</b> , 10:00 a.m., Deep Run Park
Sun, Jul 11	<b>Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy</b> , 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Life, New Horizons, and FaithWalk Classes</b> , 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Worship</b> , 11:00 a.m., <a href="http://rrcb.org/live">rrcb.org/live</a> <b>First Sunday Food Share</b> , 12:00 p.m., North Parking Lot <b>Shepherd-Holland Class</b> , 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online) <b>Youth Pool Party</b> , 2:00 p.m., Ridgetop Pool

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## Parent-Child-Church Dedication

### We Give God Thanks for

*Olsen Richard Clingenpeel*

and his parents, Tim and Beth Clingenpeel

*"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* —Joshua 1:9

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE FAMILY

#### LITANY

**Minister:** As the family of God, we rejoice in God's good gift of life through the birth of children, and all that they represent to their family and to our church family. Parents, why are you here today?

**Parents:** We are here to affirm that our child is made in the image of God, to give thanks that he is a child of God, to commit ourselves to the faith and tradition in which we intend to nurture our child, and to seek the prayers and support of the church for this pursuit.

**Minister:** With gratitude to God, do you receive your child as a precious gift of God, and seek God's grace and this congregation's support in nurturing and caring for your child?

**Parents:** We do.

**Minister:** As parents, you are called by God to be on mission with the Lord, rearing your child in the Christian faith. Recognizing this high calling, do you commit to live out your own faith, teach this faith to your child, and partner with the Church as you serve God in this mission?

**Parents:** We promise, with God's help, and with the help of our Christian family.

**Minister:** Do you, members of the congregation of River Road Church, promise as a community of faith, to surround this family with your love, to be for these parents and children a family in Christ, to accept them into your loving care, and to tell them the good news of Christ, leading them in service to God and neighbor? Are you willing to pray for, to uphold, and to encourage them to continue to grow in God's grace and love?

**Congregation:** We promise, with God's help and with the help of our Christian sisters and brothers. As a family of God, we gladly join you Tim and Beth, in this sacred covenant.

**Minister and Congregation:** With gladness, we take this child—Olsen—under our care. We promise to care for and nurture him accepting him as our own. Your concerns are our concerns. Your joys are our joys. May God bless this child, may God bless his parents, may God bless our congregation, and may God bless our world. Amen.

#### PRESENTATION OF A BIBLE

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION