

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 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.*

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Ella Glaze and Elizabeth Thorne, Acolytes

Voluntaries

*Flute Tune
Aria*

Thomas Arne
Flor Peeters

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

*Processional Hymn 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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| 1. When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised! | 2. Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised! |
| 3. Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised! | 4. Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised! |

Welcome and Call to Worship

Beth Rooney

Let us lift up the name of the Lord;

And let us rejoice, for God hears our prayers!

Praise the One who brings healing to our pain;

And causes joy to follow the long night of sorrow!

We will not be silent. We will not still our tongues!

We will give thanks to the Lord, our God, forever!

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

1 Kings 19:3-12

Kathryn Norman

Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He

** Please stand, if you are able.*

looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

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.**

*Gospel Lesson

John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

Solo

It Is Enough (from Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn

It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers! I desire to live no longer: now let me die, for my days are but vanity. I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts, for the children of Israel have broken thy covenant, and thrown down Thine altars, and slain all Thy prophets, slain them with the sword. And I, even I only am left: and they seek my life to take it away! It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers! Now let me die, Lord, take away my life!

Zachary Short, bass

Pastoral Prayer

Beth Rooney

*Hymn of Devotion 345

Dear Lord, Creator Good and Kind

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1. Dear Lord Creator, good and kind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.
3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

5. Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be quelled, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

*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

A Greater Purpose

Rev. Dr. Bert Browning

*Recessional Hymn 540

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again. 3. God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again. 4. God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again. |
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*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bert Browning

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Festival Voluntary

Flor Peeters

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ken's mother on her 97th birthday on August 13, 2021, by Ken and Cynthia Lantz.

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.

We welcome Rev. Dr. Bert O. Browning to the pulpit this morning. Dr. Browning, retired pastor of Huguenot Road Baptist Church, served as interim preacher of River Road Church from 2015-2016 and interim minister of pastoral care in 2018.

We welcome new members Linda Byers who joined our church family on July 25, 2021, and Douglas Palmore who joined our church family on August 1, 2021. We look forward to ministering alongside you!

We extend Christian sympathy to Diane and Bob Shoemake upon the death of her father, Frank Roderick Hickman, in Coppell, Texas on July 26, 2021, and his brother, Bill Shoemake, in Abilene, Texas on July 17, 2021; and to Padgett Shoemake and Josh Shoemake upon the death of their grandfather and uncle.

We extend Christian sympathy to Lani and Steve Gilliam upon the death of her brother, Jeremy Roberts, on August 4, 2021, and to Wilson Gilliam, Drew Gilliam, and Grant Gilliam upon the death of their uncle.

Altar flowers will be available for pick up after worship. For those attending in-person worship, bouquets will be ready for pick up at 12:30PM 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.

We are collecting **backpacks and supplies for CrossOver Ministry and Tuckahoe YMCA**, and **school supplies for the Church Hill Wellness Center**. Backpacks for CrossOver/YMCA should be filled with school supplies. We hope your class or small group will consider packing a backpack or two. A complete shopping list for both collections can be found at rrcb.org/backtoschool. Please bring backpacks and supplies on Sundays, August 8 or August 15, and drop them off in the designated bins in the narthex before worship, or you may drop off in the church office, 9AM-5PM, August 9-13.

Sun, Aug 8 **Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy**, 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Life Sunday School Class, 9:45 a.m., UC 230 (Zoom option available)
Worship, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and *rrcb.org/live*

Mon, Aug 9 **Yoga**, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Kids Mission Mondays and Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Plaza

Tues, Aug 10 **Youth TakeOut Tuesday**, 5:00 p.m., North Parking Lot

Wed, Aug 11 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Reception Room

Thur, Aug 12 **Theology on Tap**, 7:00 p.m., Home of John and Cathy Whitty

Sun, Aug 15 **Faith Walk Sunday School Class**, 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Life Sunday School Class, 9:45 a.m., UC 230 (Zoom option available)
Worship, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and *rrcb.org/live*

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 magnified in our hearing 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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