

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 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

Elizabeth Wilkinson and Alexander Macturck, Acolytes

Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in G major

Felix Mendelssohn

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

*Processional Hymn 479

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

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| 1. Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the Maker all your days! | 2. Praise God for the grace and favor
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing our Maker's faithfulness! |
| 3. Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame,
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All within me, praise God's name! | 4. Angels, teach us adoration;
you behold God face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace! |

Welcome and Call to Worship

Sandy Rooney

God whispers to each of us: you are my beloved, created in love for love.

My spirit answers, I am ready, Lord. Speak to me anew.

Then let us gather, old and young, small and great, to dream God's dreams, receive God's power, and do God's deeds.

Shine the light of your love on us, our Lord. Kindle your Spirit within us. Work your redeeming will in us, that the world may be one through the power of your love. Amen.

—M. Parker, adapted

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. Daniel Glaze
Sandy Rooney

Anthem

Psalm 150

John Harper

Alleluya, Alleluya.
 Praise God in His holy place,
 Praise Him in His mighty heav'ns,
 Praise Him for His powerful deeds,
 Praise His surpassing greatness.

Alleluya, Alleluya.
 O praise Him with sound of trumpet,
 Praise Him with lute and harp,
 Praise Him with timbrel and dance,
 Praise Him with strings and pipe.

Alleluya, Alleluya.
 O praise Him with resounding cymbals,
 Praise Him with clashing of cymbals,
 Let ev'rything that lives and that breathes
 Give praise to the Lord. Alleluya!

Old Testament Lesson

Numbers 11:16, 24-29

Steve Larson

So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

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

Mark 9:38-50

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

Anthem

Christ Hath a Garden

Text: Isaac Watts
 Music: Gerald Near

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| <p>1. Christ hath a garden walled around,
 A Paradise of fruitful ground,
 Chosen by love and fenced by grace
 From out the world's wide wilderness.</p> <p>3. Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear
 Their sweetest perfume through the air:
 Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,
 Till the beloved Master come:</p> | <p>2. Like trees of spice his servants stand,
 There planted by his mighty hand;
 By Eden's gracious streams, that flow
 To feed their beauty where they grow.</p> <p>4. That he may come, and linger yet
 Among the trees that he hath set;
 That he may evermore be seen
 To walk amid the springing green.</p> |
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Pastoral Prayer

Sandy Rooney

*Hymn of Devotion 411

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

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| 1. Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today. | 2. Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives' liberty,
good tidings to the poor. |
| 3. Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn. | 4. Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong. |

*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.**

*Children in grades 1-3 may meet Mrs. Sandy Rooney
at the front of the Sanctuary, on the pulpit side, to continue worship in the Chapel.*

Sermon

A Gospel of Inclusion

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Time of Reflection and Response

*Take a moment to consider how the Spirit is leading you to respond to worship and the Word proclaimed this day.
If you desire to follow Christ as a disciple, or if you desire to become a member of River Road Church,
you are invited to come forward to the chancel steps at this time, and our pastor will meet you.*

*Recessional Hymn 441

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

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| 1. I love thy kingdom, Lord,
the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood. | 2. I love thy church, O God.
Her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye,
and graven on thy hand. |
| 3. For her my tears shall fall;
for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be given,
till toils and cares shall end. | 4. Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways:
her sweet communion, solemn vows,
her hymns of love and praise. |
| 5. Sure as thy truth shall last,
to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heaven. | |

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of his grandmother as she struggles with cancer, by William Gray V.

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.

Alma Hunt Offering. The offering provides funding for all WMUV missions and makes possible other BGAV special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives. You may give to the offering by using one of the envelopes in the pews and dropping it in the offering plate, mailing a check to the church office, or giving online at rrcb.org/give-online. River Road's goal is to collect \$7,500.

Wednesday Night Family Supper & Fellowship—*Wednesday, September 29, 6:00-7:45 p.m., Plaza*

Supper, 6:00-6:50 p.m.

Menu: Turkey Meatballs with Sherry Gravy OR Pumpkin Sage Manicotti; Herbed Penne, Roasted Veggie Medley
Kids Entrée: Cheese Pita Pizza

Dinner reservations are required by noon on Monday, September 27. Please make your reservation and select your dinner entrée by filling out the form at rrcb.org/supper or by calling the church office.

Costs: \$9/adults and youth (6th grade and up), \$5 children (5th grade and younger), \$25/household max

Bible Study: 7:00-7:45 p.m.: *How Do We “Do” Justice? Musings From a Privileged Pharisee* with Justice William C. Mims
Recreation or discipleship for children and youth will be available. If you need childcare for children 4 and under, please contact sandyrooney@rrcb.org by noon on Tuesday.

Churchwide Grounds Workday—*Saturday, October 2, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Meet on the Plaza.* The House & Grounds Committee invites individuals and families to join together in caring for the beautiful grounds at River Road Church. Work to include: spreading mulch, pruning and limbing trees and bushes, weeding, and general cleanup of branches and pinecones. Come and celebrate the crisp fall air and fellowship as we join together. Sign ups requested so that we can best prepare for your participation—rrcb.org/workday.

Sunday School Classes are meeting. To find the details of when and where your class is meeting, please contact your class leader or teacher. If you are interested in joining a Sunday School class, please contact a member of our pastoral staff, Rev. Anna Perry Miller (adults), Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram (youth), or Mrs. Sandy Rooney (children).

Sun, Sep 26 **Breakfast Chat with Mrs. Sandy**, 9:00 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Worship, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live
WOW Event: Churchwide Hike, 12:00 p.m., North Bank Trail (James River Park)
Concert Series: Organ Recital—Christopher Martin, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Children’s Activity: Missions and More, 4:15 p.m., Playground
River Road Camerata, 4:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Youth Choir, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Youth Snack Supper and Youth Group, 5:45 p.m., Plaza

Mon, Sep 27 **Women’s Bible Study: Joyful Hearts**, 9:30 a.m., LC 102 (Zoom option available)
Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room

Tues, Sep 28 **Young Adult Gathering**, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

Wed, Sep 29 **Men’s Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Plaza
Wednesday Night Supper, 6:00 p.m., Plaza
Children’s Fellowship and Fun, 6:45 p.m., Playground
Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Plaza
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Thurs, Sep 30 **FIXERS**, 8:30 a.m., Plaza
Theology on Tap, 7:00 p.m., Home of John and Cathy Whitty

Sat, Oct 2 **Churchwide Grounds Workday**, 8:30 a.m., Plaza

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PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Daniel E. Glaze, D.Min., *Pastor*

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Parent-Child-Church Dedication

Introduction of the Families

Anna Ruth Ladnier and Grayson Joseph Ladnier
and their parents, Melanie and Daniel Ladnier

"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

"I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you."
—Psalm 32:8

Grace Harper Goodrich
and her parents, Jason and Carson Goodrich

"Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you."
—Deuteronomy 31:6

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 children are made in the image of God, to give thanks that they are children of God, to commit ourselves to the faith and tradition in which we intend to nurture our children, and to seek the prayers and support of the church for this pursuit.

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

Parents: We do.

Minister: As parents, you are called by God to be on mission with the Lord, rearing your children in the Christian faith. Recognizing this high calling, do you commit to live out your own faith, teach this faith to your children, 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 these families 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—Melanie, Daniel, Carson, and Jason—in this sacred covenant.

Minister and Congregation: With gladness, we take these children—Anna, Grayson, and Grace—under our care. We promise to care for and nurture these children. We accept them as our own. Your concerns are our concerns. Your joys are our joys. May God bless these children, may God bless these parents, may God bless our congregation, and may God bless our world. Amen.

Presentation of Bibles

Prayer of Dedication