

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 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 Ben Blanchard, Acolytes

Voluntaries

*Prelude in G major, BWV 541
Flutes (from Organ Book - Ten Pieces)*

J. S. Bach
Jean Langlais

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

John Hughes, Arr. Linda R. Lamb

Chancel Bell Choir
Charles Todd, director

*Processional Hymn 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.
5. Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

God, you have called us to this place and to be your people,

Here we come to be refreshed, to be renewed, but also to be challenged.

You challenge us to explore what we believe and determine how to respond in faith.

In our time together, remind us that we do not explore the hard questions alone. Remind us also that the explorations and struggle matter as much as the answer.

Creator God, send your Spirit in this place.

Fill us with hope and send us out to live and serve and struggle. Amen.

—Gord Waldie

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.**

** Please stand, if you are able.*

Anthem

Savior, Lead Us

William A. Bradbury, Arr. Linda R. Lamb

Chancel Bell Choir

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 116:1-9

Norma Hays

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!" Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

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 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Anthem

Lord of Life and King of Glory

Michel Angelo Grancini

Lord of life and King of glory, grant us thy blessing, grant us salvation.
Son of God, eternal Saviour, show us Thy truth and Thy light.
We adore Thee, O Christ Jesus.

Student Advancement Recognition

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

First Grade

Eli Hawthorne

Charlie Knerr

Allison Story

Jack Tucker

Third Grade

Owen Fehrs

Jay Heisler

Colton Hiser

Camden Koskinen

Lynda Oakey

Luke Scherer

Liam Winton-Stahle

Sixth Grade

Helen Halloran

Michael Cipolletti

Mason Davis

Clyde Stoakley

Ninth Grade

Matthew Cipolletti

Sheridan Cowardin

Jack Hurlbert

Jackson Koskinen

Claire McAllister

Emelia Roberts

Amanda Rooney

Elizabeth Seward

Prayer for a New School Year

*Hymn of Devotion

O Day of Rest and Gladness

ELLACOMBE

1. O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright;
on you, the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy"
to the great God triune.
2. On you, at earth's creation
the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation
Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious
sent Spirit forth from heaven.
And thus on you, most glorious,
a triple light was given.

*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

Knowing Who You Are

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

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

GERMANY

1. Take up your cross, the Savior said,
if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
3. Take up your cross; heed not the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
the Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.
4. Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Fugue in G major, BWV 541

J. S. Bach

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Evans Geiser by Susan Geiser Phillips and family.

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 new member Pam Ethington who joined our church family on September 5, 2021. Pam is one of our virtual worshipers, and we look forward to ministering alongside her!

Congratulations to Gregg and Ann Cothran upon the birth of their daughter, Molly Elizabeth Cothran, on August 30, 2021. The proud grandparents are Edwin and Karen Cothran, and the proud aunt is Emily Cothran Lafon.

E. Carl Freeman Concert Series: Organ Recital with Christopher Martin—Sunday, September 26 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Music by George Baker, Christian Friedrich Ruppe, Naji Hakim, Firmin Swinnen, Johann Sebastian Bach, and John Knowles Paine. Free tickets available at rrcb.org/eventbrite. Masks required.

Hygiene Kits for Individuals Arriving from Afghanistan—In weeks ahead, Virginia will potentially see thousands of Afghans arriving at our military bases for entrance processing while determining more permanent placement. They are coming with little resources. To help provide for their basic needs, the Missions Development Team of our Baptist General Association of Virginia, is collecting hygiene kits that will be distributed at these locations. We are collecting toiletries and more to fill hygiene kits. Please bring your items to the designated bins on Sunday, September 19, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Lower Commons entrance. Please do not pack the hygiene kits; we will pack the kits on Wednesday, September 22, 7:00-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for the ways you will support this ministry through your donations as well as your participation in preparing the kits. Visit rrcb.org/refugee to view the list of items and to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Revs. Anna and Dean Miller.

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 12 **Worship**, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live
First Sunday Food Share, 12:00 p.m., North Parking Lot
Nominating Committee, 12:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Celebration Sunday, 4:30 p.m., Plaza
Board of Missions, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

Mon, Sep 13 **Women’s Bible Study: Joyful Hearts**, 9:30 a.m., LC 102 (Zoom option available)
Yoga, 5:00p.m., LC 102
Board of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room (Zoom option available)
Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., LC 102 (Zoom option available)

Tues, Sep 14 **Young Adult Gathering**, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)

Wed, Sep 15 **Men’s Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Plaza
Building and Property Council Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Assembly Room (Zoom option available)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Thu, Sep 16 **Theology on Tap**, 7:00 p.m., Home of John & Cathy Whitty

Sun, Sep 19 **Worship**, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live
Hygiene Kit Drop Off, 12:30, Lower Commons
Children’s Choirs, 3:45 p.m., Location TBD
Children’s Activity: Missions and More, 4:15-5:15 p.m., Playground
River Road Camerata, 4:30 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Youth Choir, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Youth Fall Kick Off, 5:45 p.m., Plaza
Re-Entry Task Force Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Board of Administration Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall (Zoom option available)

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Daniel H. Ingram, M.Div., *Minister of Administration*
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