

# RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 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

David Cipolletti and Braden Leshner, Acolytes

Voluntaries

*Communion*  
*Prelude (from Twelve Pieces)*

Eugène Gigout  
Théodore Dubois

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

\*Processional Hymn 145

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

MARION

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| 1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart!<br>Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!<br>Your festal banner wave on high,<br>the cross of Christ your King.        | Refrain:<br>Rejoice! Rejoice!<br>Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! | 2. Yes, on through life's long path,<br>still chanting as ye go,<br>from youth to age, by night and day,<br>in gladness and in woe: | 4. Then on, ye pure in heart!<br>Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!<br>Your festal banner wave on high,<br>the cross of Christ your King.<br>(Refrain) |
| 3. At last the march shall end;<br>the wearied ones shall rest;<br>the pilgrims find their home at last,<br>Jerusalem the blest.<br>(Refrain) |  |   |   |

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

People of love and hope, we have gathered to worship the Most High God!

**We have readied ourselves in our external appearance—an outward preparation for worshipping God.**

But are our hearts ready? Have our minds been cleared? Have we asked God to prepare us on the inside?

**Let us set aside our burdens and fears. Let us focus on the goodness of God and not on ourselves.**

May God cleanse us and make us new within,

**And may our worship be sincere and joyful, an expression of thanksgiving for God's faithful work in our lives.**

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

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Raj Chatterjea

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

Anthem

*O Day of Peace*

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr.  
Paraphrase of Isaiah 11:6-9  
Music: C. Hubert H. Parry

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| <p>1. O day of peace that dimly shines<br/>through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,<br/>guide us to justice, truth, and love,<br/>delivered from our selfish schemes.<br/>May swords of hate fall from our hands,<br/>our hearts from envy find release,<br/>till by God's grace our warring world<br/>shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.</p> | <p>2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,<br/>nor shall the fierce devour the small;<br/>as beasts and cattle calmly graze,<br/>a little child shall lead them all.<br/>Then enemies shall learn to love,<br/>all creatures find their true accord;<br/>the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,<br/>for all the earth shall know the Lord.</p> |
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*The Congregation is invited to join in on the second stanza, singing from Hymn 450.*

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge

\*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

*It's What's on the Inside That Counts*

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

\*Hymn of Communion

*Eat This Bread—Remember Me*

HOLY MANNA

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| <p>1. Blest are those who act with mercy:<br/>Eat this bread—remember me.<br/>Knock: the door will surely open:<br/>Drink this cup—remember me.<br/>See how God has clothed the lilies:<br/>Eat this bread—remember me.<br/>Give your coat to one who needs it:<br/>Drink this cup—remember me.</p> | <p>2. Turn your cheek to those who harm you:<br/>Eat this bread—remember me.<br/>Give forgiveness, be forgiven:<br/>Drink this cup—remember me.<br/>Let your light shine out unhidden:<br/>Eat this bread—remember me.<br/>Pray in private, God will hear you.<br/>Drink this cup—remember me.</p> |
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3. Store your treasures safe in heaven:  
Eat this bread—remember me.  
Give your alms and gifts in secret:  
Drink this cup—remember me.  
Blest are they who thirst for justice:  
Eat this bread—remember me.  
Make your peace with those around you:  
Drink this cup—remember me.

4. No one here can serve two masters:  
Eat this bread—remember me.  
Give your house a strong foundation:  
Drink this cup—remember me.  
Love yourself and love your neighbor:  
Eat this bread—remember me.  
Love your God with heart and spirit:  
Drink this cup—remember me.

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Invitation to Holy Communion

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

The Blessing and Giving of the Bread and Cup

Moment of Reflection and Response

\*Recessional Hymn 332

*Live Into Hope*

TRURO

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Live into hope of captives freed,<br/>of sight regained, the end of greed.<br/>The oppressed shall be the first to see<br/>the year of God's own jubilee!</li> <li>3. Live into hope of liberty,<br/>the right to speak, the right to be,<br/>the right to have one's daily bread,<br/>to hear God's word and thus be fed.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Live into hope! The blind shall see<br/>with insight and with clarity,<br/>removing shades of pride and fear,<br/>a vision of our God brought near.</li> <li>4. Live into hope of captives freed<br/>from chains of fear or want or greed.<br/>God now proclaims our full release<br/>to faith and hope and joy and peace.</li> </ol> |
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\*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

*Rigaudon*

André Campra

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Vivian Clingenpeel in celebration of family birthday week: Mike, Noralee, and Kali.

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 12:30PM 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.

**First Sunday Food Share**—The need for food in the Richmond area is still great. Each month your donations are helping fill the food pantries at both the Church Hill Wellness Center and the South Richmond Baptist Center. You can view the suggested shopping list at [rrcb.org/foodshare](http://rrcb.org/foodshare) or on our social media pages. Please bring your donations to the Lower Commons entrance from 12:00-2:00PM next Sunday, September 12. The food share team thanks everyone for their donations of paper bags these last few months; they are now fully stocked on paper bags.

**Celebration Sunday**—*Sunday, September 12, 4:30-6:30 p.m. on the Plaza.* Join us for our annual church picnic on the plaza. As we gather to play, eat, and share the spirit of celebration, we will have many fun events taking place on the front lawn. Dinner will be prepared by Chris Ahart and Madelyn Albright, and will cost \$5/person. Elements of the meal will be individually packaged for safety. Reservations are required; please make your reservation by Wednesday, September 8. We are also asking people to bring lawn chairs or blankets to help with distancing. For more information, to sign up to volunteer, and to make your dinner reservation, visit [rrcb.org/celebration](http://rrcb.org/celebration).

**Hurricane Ida Relief**—Details about hurricane Ida disaster relief are forthcoming. More information will be shared in our weekly email communications.

- Sun, Sep 5      **Life Sunday School Class**, 9:45 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)  
**Worship**, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and [rrcb.org/live](http://rrcb.org/live)
- Mon, Sep 6      **Church Office Closed**
- Tues, Sep 7      **Board of Deacons Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall (Zoom option available)
- Wed, Sep 8      **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Plaza  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Thu, Sep 9      **FIXERS**, 8:30 a.m., Plaza  
**Young Adult Cookout**, 7:00 p.m., Home of Marnie Fisher-Ingram
- Sat, Sep 11      **Toddler/Preschool Fun Morning**, 10:00 a.m., CA 122
- Sun, Sep 12      **Faith Walk Sunday School Class**, 9:30 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)  
**Youth Sunday School**, 9:45 a.m., Youth Room  
**Life Sunday School Class**, 9:45 a.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)  
**New Horizons Sunday School Class**, 9:45 a.m., UC 232  
**Friendship Sunday School Class**, 9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall  
**Worship**, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and [rrcb.org/live](http://rrcb.org/live)  
**First Sunday Food Share**, 12:00 p.m., North Parking Lot  
**Nominating Committee**, 12:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)  
**Shepherd-Holland Sunday School Class**, 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)  
**Celebration Sunday**, 4:30 p.m., Plaza  
**Board of Missions**, 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)



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