

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 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

Parker Bradley and Zachary Stevens, Acolytes

Voluntaries

*Tune in E
Preludio 'Sine nomine'*

George Thalben-Ball
Herbert Howells

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

*Processional Hymn 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

*Call to Worship

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

Holy God, you love us and comfort us, but you also challenge us. Your Spirit opens our eyes to the work of justice.
God of justice, help us to see.

Holy God, you identify with those who are marginalized, who are crying out to you and to anyone who will hear.
God of justice, help us to hear.

Holy God, you bless those who are often forgotten and you inspire your people to rise above themselves.
God of justice, help us to act.

People of God, with what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before the Lord on high?
**God has shown us what is good. What does the Holy One require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God?**

With the prophet Amos let us proclaim our hope for the world.
Let justice run down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream! Amen.

Welcome, 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.**

Anthem

Prayer of St. Paul

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:23
Music: Charles Callahan

I pray that God, who gives peace, will make you completely holy. And may your spirit, soul, and body be kept healthy and faultless until our Lord Jesus Christ returns.

Clair Krouse Lukenbill, alto

** Please stand, if you are able.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

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 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

Anthem

Let Us Love in Deed and Truth

Text: Based on 1 John 3:17-23

Music: Larry King

If anyone has the world's goods, and sees his neighbor in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Let us not love in work or speech, but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth: we have confidence before our God, and we receive him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments, and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

*Hymn of Devotion 375

Lord of All Good

TOULON

1. Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will.
2. We give our minds to understand your ways;
hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;
heart with the flame of your own love ablaze,
till for your glory all our powers combine.
3. Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

**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

Presence That Matters

Rev. Dr. Greg Smith

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 357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

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| 1. O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care. | 2. Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way. |
| 3. Teach me thy patience, still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong. | 4. In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live. |

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Greg Smith

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now, BWV 532

J. S. Bach

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Dan and Janet Bagby in gratitude for family and the rich gift of friends.

We extend Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Sue Strother upon her death on October 11.

We welcome Rev. Dr. Greg Smith to the pulpit today. Greg and his wife Sue are Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Field Personnel located in Fredericksburg and operate LUCHA Ministries—*Latinos Unidos por Cristo en Hermandad y Apoyo*, or *Latinos United through Christ in Solidarity and Support*. The Smiths are longtime friends of RRCB, we are an encourager church for LUCHA Ministries, and they help lead our Panama Mission Trip.

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.

A Church Business Meeting, to include discussion and a vote upon messengers for annual meetings of our mission partners Richmond Baptist Association/River City Faith Network (October 17, Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church) and Baptist General Association of Virginia (November 9-10, virtual), will be **held today at 12:15 p.m. immediately following worship in the sanctuary and via the Zoom videoconference platform**. The Zoom waiting room will open shortly after worship concludes to allow access to the meeting, with the business meeting beginning at 12:15 p.m. Please remember that we need a quorum of 100 to be able to conduct the meeting.

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).

For more information about the events listed on the calendar and more, please read the *e-Spire* (emailed on Tuesdays), or visit rrcb.org/connect.

Wednesday Night Family Supper & Fellowship—*Wednesday, October 20, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Plaza*

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

Menu: Hunter's Chicken Stew OR Winter Vegetable Lasagna; Creamy Mashed Potatoes; Rosemary Roasted Vegetables

Kids Entrée: Spaghetti and Meatballs

Dinner reservations are required by noon on Monday, October 18. 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

Mission Project: 7:00-7:30 p.m.: Care Packs and Grab & Go Lunch Bags for Guests for The Doorways Children and youth and their families are encouraged to participate. If you need childcare for children 4 and under, please contact sandyrooney@rrcb.org by noon Tuesday.

- Sun, Oct 17 **Worship**, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live
Church Business Meeting, 12:15 p.m., Sanctuary (Zoom option available)
Nominating Committee, 2:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Children's Choirs, 3:45 p.m., Courtyard
Blessing of the Animals, 4:15 p.m., Plaza
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
Board of Administration, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall (Zoom option available)
- Mon, Oct 18 **Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts**, 9:30 a.m., LC 102 (Zoom option available)
Stephen Ministry, 4:30 p.m., LC 102 (Zoom option available)
Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Watercolor Class, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Tues, Oct 19 **WMU Connectors**, 10:00 a.m., Reception Room
New Horizons Class Gathering, 5:30 p.m., Plaza
- Wed, Oct 20 **Men's Group: The Huddle**, 8:00 a.m., Plaza
Building and Property Council, 4:30 p.m., Assembly Room (Zoom option available)
Wednesday Night Supper, 6:00 p.m., Plaza
Missions Event, 7:00 p.m., Plaza
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
- Fri, Oct 22 **Concert Series: Vox Humana—William Bradley Roberts**, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Sat, Oct 23 **WOW Event: Churchwide Hike**, 9:00 a.m., High Bridge Trail (Farmville, VA)

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