

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 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

Eliza Sundberg and Drew Gilliam, Acolytes

Voluntaries

Concerto in A minor, BWV 593
i. (Allegro) ii. Adagio

Antonio Vivaldi,
arranged for organ by J. S. Bach

Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ

*Processional Hymn 434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

1. Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.
2. God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud;
we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.
3. Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.
4. May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Rejoice in the Lord, O my soul! May all that is within me, give praise to God's holy name.

Shout and sing to God, O my soul!

Never forget his benefits. For God is full of compassion, grace, mercy, and love.

Our God forgives our sins and shortcomings, and heals us from the inside out.

God redeems our lives, giving us new ways of seeing, hearing, and moving in the world.

Because God's love is steadfast and his mercy is great, we give thanks for these rich gifts.

We are grateful.

Then, let us be generous and loving, good stewards of the treasures given to us.

May we bless others, through this church, through our relationships, and in every way we can.

Let us be a gift from God in the lives around us.

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.

** Please stand, if you are able.*

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

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 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Anthem

Surely, the Lord Is in This Place

Norman Coke-Jephcott

Surely the lord is in this place; this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.
And this stone shall be God's house.
Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord. Praise the Lord.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting world without end; and let the people say,
Amen. Alleluia. Amen.

Conducted by David Gulick

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

*Hymn of Devotion

Here Within This Congregation

BEECHER

Text: Jacque B. Jones

1. Here within this congregation
God's abundance may be found;
we are blessed with gifts that differ,
skills and talents all around.
We are members of one body,
pieces vital to the whole:
every person is important,
each one has a crucial role.
2. Some may dance while others garden,
some may draw while others teach.
Some may cook or offer comfort,
some may write and some may preach.
Some agree while others question,
some are silent, others sing.
May we never undervalue
gifts that fellow members bring.
3. Holy Spirit, help us treasure
talents that surround us here;
talents known and talents hidden
make us more than we appear.
Humbly God, we sing thanksgiving
honoring the gifts you give.
Help us always use them wisely,
faithfully, each day we live.

**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

Some Things We Can't Unsee

Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram

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 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

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| <p>1. Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest home.</p> <p>3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from each field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's garner evermore.</p> | <p>2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.</p> <p>4. Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come;
raise the glorious harvest home!</p> |
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*Choral Benediction

Go Forth Into the World in Peace

John Rutter

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Voluntary

iii. Allegro (from Concerto in A minor)

Vivaldi-Bach

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Martha Lou Green in memory of Elizabeth and Herman Green, parents and grandparents of Martha Lou and Patrick.

We welcome Rev. Marnie Fisher-Ingram, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families, to the pulpit this morning.

Today is Commitment Sunday. This year we *Celebrate the Return*, capturing what is in all of our hearts. We celebrate the return to church community together. We celebrate the return to fellowship activities and missions. We celebrate the return we receive when we give—that is, the blessing of knowing that we are participating in Christ's work in our world.

You should have received in the mail your Stewardship packet. We ask that you prayerfully fill out the enclosed pledge card. If you are worshipping with us in person this morning, you are encouraged to place your pledge card in the model steeple, located in the narthex. If you are worshipping at home, you may return your pledge card via mail or by using the secure online form at rrcb.org/pledge.

Thank you, River Road Church, for serving God faithfully in so many ways. Thank you for your generous and cheerful giving.

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.

Wednesday Night Family Supper & Fellowship—Wednesday, October 27, 6:00-7:45 p.m., Plaza

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

Menu: Meatloaf with Burgundy Gravy OR Veggie Beer Brats; Barley Pecan Pilaf; Herb-roasted Carrots

Kids Entrée: Chicken Nuggets and Fries

Dinner reservations are required by noon on Monday, October 25. 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

Program: 7:00-7:45 p.m.: RRCB Missions Strategy Planning: How we are being intentional in our ministries

If you need childcare for children 4 and under, please contact sandyrooney@rrcb.org by noon Tuesday.

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.

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, Oct 24	Worship , 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and rrcb.org/live Preschool Committee , 1:00 p.m., Assembly Room (Zoom option available) Children's Choirs , 3:45 p.m., Courtyard Children's 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, Oct 25	Women's Bible Study: Joyful Hearts , 9:30 a.m., Plaza Yoga , 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room Watercolor Class , 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Tues, Oct 26	Robert Smart Class Ladies' Gathering , 6:00 p.m., Plaza Young Adult Gathering , 7:00 p.m., Zoom Meeting (Online)
Wed, Oct 27	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 Program , 7:00 p.m., Plaza Chancel Choir Rehearsal , 7:00 p.m., Main Rehearsal Room
Thu, Oct 27	FIXERS , 8:30 a.m., Plaza
Fri, Oct 29	Family Night/Trunk-or-Treat , 4:30 p.m., Plaza
Sat, Oct 30	Youth Open Gym , 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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