

River Road Church, Baptist

VESPER SERVICE

August 5, 2014 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Chapel

MEDITATION

The simplest definition of an addiction is anything we use to fill the empty place inside of us that belongs to God alone. That hollowness we sometimes feel is not a sign of something gone wrong. It is the holy of holies inside of us, the uncluttered throne room of the Lord our God. Nothing on earth can fill it, but that does not stop us from trying. Whenever we start feeling too empty inside, we stick our pacifiers into our mouths and suck for all we are worth. They do not nourish us, but at least they plug the hole.

– Barbara Brown Taylor

VOLUNTARY *A Prayer of Peace*
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Michael Higgins
Karl Osterland

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Rev. Sheryl Johnson

*OPENING HYMN 326 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

Morecambe

THE LESSON Luke 4:1-15

Lindsey Stevens

CELEBRATION OF FAITH

Colleen Trott

Minister: As Jesus entered the wilderness, He allowed Himself to be led by the Spirit.

Congregation: As we seek to respond to Jesus' invitation to come and follow, may we make room in our lives for the Spirit to work in us, through us.

Minister: When Jesus was in the wilderness, He was tempted to save Himself.

Congregation: God reminds us that we are God's beloved, and there is nothing that we can do to save ourselves.

Minister: Jesus was offered salvation if He turned stones to bread; if He accepted wealth and power; if He tested God's commitment to Him.

Congregation: In all these things, Jesus remained disciplined in His commitment to God.

Minister: May our commitment be as strong.

Congregation: May our lives be placed in God's caring hands throughout our journey. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Sheryl Johnson

SOLO <i>Deep River</i>	Evan Coldiron, bass	Spiritual
MEDITATION	“Make Room”	Rev. Michael Kellett
*PARTING HYMN 546 <i>The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended</i>		St. Clement
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Michael Kellett
VOLUNTARY <i>Prelude and Fugue in E flat</i>		Flor Peeters

Rev. Michael Kellett joined the staff at River Road Church in late August 2013 as the Minister with Children and Youth. Prior to River Road, Michael was the Minister with Youth and Children at Park Road Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC for eight years. He has a B.S. in Biology from Furman University, an M.A. in Teaching from Lander University, and an M.Div. from Baptist Theological Seminary, Richmond. He and his wife, Christine, have three children, West, Mattie and Marian.

THE CHURCH STAFF

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