

River Road Church, Baptist

VESPER SERVICE

July 1, 2014 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Chapel

MEDITATION

*There is a time for celebrating,
and this is that time.
There is a time for mourning,
and this is that time.
There is a time for confessing,
and this is that time.
There is a time for dreaming,
and this is that time.*

- Cheryl Lawrie

VOLUNTARY *Andante in A*
Aria in F major

Thomas Arne
G.F. Handel

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Dr. Michael Clingenpeel

*OPENING HYMN 466 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Azmon

*LITANY OF FRIENDSHIP

Rev. Sheryl Johnson

Minister: Friends of God, believe this – God loved the world, God loves the world, we are the beloved!

Congregation: May the truth of this great love story shine through our worship tonight and renew our sense of calling.

Minister: Come with your tiredness, your frustrations, and your discouragements; come with your doubts, your fears, and your longings.

Congregation: We come to discover yet again how Jesus reveals God's love and mercy.

Minister: Come in friendship to God and to each other, and in friendship to the world.

Congregation: We come to listen for God's Word to us, to offer our prayers, and to renew our calling.

Minister: Friends of God, let us worship!

– Adapted from a prayer written by Ann Siddall

THE LESSON Luke 8:34 - 39

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SOLO *Psalm 121*

Antonin Dvořak

My eyes will I to the hills lift up,
Whence my only help cometh,
My help cometh from the Lord of hosts,
For He made the earth and the heavens.
For He will not suffer thy foot to be moved,
Nor shalt thou fall.
He that keepeth thee slumb'reth not.
Behold, He shall not slumber nor sleep,
He that keepeth Israel.

Chris Ahart, tenor

MEDITATION

“A Sign of Grace in the Face of Fear”

Dr. Robert Sandford

*PARTING HYMN 540 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

Randolph

*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY *Psalm XX*

Benedetto Marcello

Dr. Robert Sandford served as Baptist Collegiate Minister (Baptist Student Union) with the Virginia Baptist Mission Board for 41 years, 39 of which were at ODU and other Norfolk area colleges. He graduated from the University of Tennessee and received his M.Div. and D.Min. degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He assists with teaching duties in the Lydia Sunday School Class. Rob and his wife, Bettina, moved to Richmond upon retirement in 2009 and joined River Road early in 2011.

THE CHURCH STAFF

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