

# River Road Church, Baptist

## VESPER SERVICE

July 22, 2014 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Chapel

### MEDITATION

*“If no creature can separate us from God’s love, then in the end even our own almost limitless ability to rebel against God is overcome, and we are saved from our last and greatest enemy, ourselves. God has known us from the first and set us on the path of a destiny surrounded by his love. Armed with that knowledge, we can face the future with hope and confidence, knowing that the Lord of all creation is a lord of love and that he is for, not against, us. There, laid bare, is the basis of our Christian confidence: the surety of grace.”*

*-Elizabeth Achtemeier, Interpretation: Romans*

VOLUNTARY <i>Now Rest Beneath Night’s Shadow</i>	Flor Peeters
WELCOME AND INVOCATION	Dr. Daniel Bagby
*OPENING HYMN 403 <i>What A Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	Converse
THE LESSON Matthew 6:5-8	Dr. Daniel Bagby

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Minister: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**Congregation: We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

Minister: We trust in God.

**Congregation: We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

Minister: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SOLO	<i>Come, Thou Dear Redeemer</i> Michelle Harman-Gulick, soprano	Cesar Franck
MEDITATION	“If God Already Knows, Why Should I Pray?”	Dr. Bill Tuck
*PARTING HYMN	543 <i>Abide with Me</i>	Eventide
*BENEDICTION		
VOLUNTARY	<i>Postlude in C</i>	Flor Peeters

The Rev. Dr. William Tuck has been a pastor in four states and taught at seminaries in two. He serves on the Virginia Baptist Historical Society Board and the Center for Baptist Heritage and Studies. He earned his Th.D. from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and is the author of 27 books. He served as an Intentional Interim Minister for 10 years. He and his wife Emily have been members of River Road since 2001.

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