

# River Road Church, Baptist

## VESPER SERVICE

July 8, 2014 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Chapel

### MEDITATION

The voices of anger and fear seem so strong,  
their wisdom so alluring, their way so sensible and safe.  
Still Jesus tells us that there is another way—  
the way of peace and justice, the way of love and life.

When we lack the courage to seek your way, O God,  
when fear and anger overwhelm our faith,  
encourage and embolden us.  
Open us, O God, that we may follow the Prince of Peace.

VOLUNTARY *Intermezzo in F*

Eric Thiman

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Rev. Michael Kellett

\*OPENING HYMN 404 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Precious Lord

THE LESSONS

Isaiah 41:9-10  
Philippians 2:1-2, 5-7a, 12-13

Rev. Michel Kellett

CALL TO PRAYER (*in unison*)

Dr. Daniel Bagby

This world I live in,  
this town I live in,  
this street I live in,  
this house I live in:  
may each be the focus of my prayer.

Those I live with,  
those I rub shoulders with,  
those I work with,  
those I don't get along with:  
may each be the focus of my prayer.

Those who laugh,  
those who cry,  
those who hurt,  
those who hide:  
may each be the focus of my prayer.

Prayers centered less on self  
and more on others,  
less on my circumstances  
more on the needs of others.  
May my life be likewise centered  
less on self and more on You  
and through You to the world  
in which I live and move.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SOLO *Simple Gifts*

Arr. Aaron Copland

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free  
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,  
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,  
To turn, turn will be our delight,  
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

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'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

Abigail McAllister, soprano

MEDITATION

“Fear Not, But Fear”

Rev. Currie Carter

\*PARTING HYMN 544 *Day s Done*

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\*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY *Postlude in the 18th-Century Style*

Eric Thiman

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