

John: The Word

John 1:1-13

Enemies we face

The Word

John 1:2, 1:14; Matthew 21:10; Luke 8:25

Descriptions of Jesus

Genesis 1:1; John 1:3-5; Psalm 33:6; Colossians 1:16; John 11:25-26

In touch with this Jesus

John 1:6-8, 10-13

Being a child of God

John 1:12-13; Romans 8:38-39; John 14:3-4; John 1:12

Considerations for the week

All things, v.2-3. What does it mean for our faith that “all things were made through Him?”

His own, v. 11-12. John says Jesus came to His own people, and His own did not receive Him. Why do people reject the light — even though it is good, beautiful, and true?

Darkness, v. 5. The Light “shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” Where is there darkness in our world today? Comment upon areas where the light of Christ pushes back against that darkness.

There are times when we resist the light of Christ. What can make surrender difficult?

The world, v. 9. What does use of the phrase “the world” communicate about who Jesus is and what He does?

How is identity as a child of God different from being merely “religious” or “spiritual”?

What does John’s example tell us about the role of a witness?

In what ways can this community of faith bear witness to the Light this week?

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. — John 1:1-2, NIV

Scripture read today during worship:

Ephesians 1:7
Jude 24-25

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Today's order of service

Prelude

Call to worship

Hymn, *Washed*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *Alleluia*

Hymn, *Who Else*

Offertory

Reading and prayer

Special music, *The Plans*

Message

Hymn of response, *Be Thou My Vision*

Benediction

Postlude

Weekly events

Today after the service, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers.

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
pre-registration required

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm. Wednesday night supper is temporarily on hold due to kitchen renovations.

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the parlor

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm
Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am
Meets this week, April 18

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

Summer camp for children

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
in July. Pre-registration is required.

VBS Our Vacation Bible School will be held June 22-26.

Got the app? You can download our free mobile app by searching for "RTBC" in the Apple or Android store.

Our website is at <https://rtbc.faith>

Church Conference There will be a regular church conference held in person at the church on Sunday, May 17, 2025, at 12:45 pm.


online giving



Food donation collection

Through May 17, for the benefit of CCSC (Christian Community Service Center).

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to the internet. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.