



THE LORD'S DAY

November 12, 2023
10:45 A.M.

TO GLORIFY GOD AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome to Riveroaks!

We are glad you are here. May the Lord richly bless you as you worship with us today.

† Stand as you are able.

Please silence your phone as you enter the sanctuary.

Prelude

As the Deer Panteth for the Water

Martin Nystrom/arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment

Dal Stanton
MTW, Ukraine

Reflection

Lord God, you have placed me in your church as a bishop and pastor. You see how unfit I am to administer this great and difficult office. Had I hitherto been without help from you, I would have ruined everything long ago. Therefore I call on you. I gladly offer my mouth and heart to your service. I would teach the people and I myself would continue to learn. To this end I shall meditate diligently on your Word. Use me, dear Lord, as your instrument. Only do not forsake me; for if I were to continue alone, I would quickly ruin everything. Amen.

*“A Pastor’s Prayer,”
by Martin Luther*

GOD CALLS

† Call to Worship

from Psalm 134

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord!

Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!

May the Lord bless you from Zion,

He who made heaven and earth!

† Hymn, No. 131

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

GOD CLEANSSES

Reading of the Word

Jeremiah 23:1-4

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you
...Silent and Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 15:3-7

So he told them this parable: “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

† Song of Response

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save;
 'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me,
 From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand,
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

**Eden Rebecca Dillon
Covenant Child of Pastor Kyle & Leah Dillon**

Solemn Vows - Parents

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleaning blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now present this child to be baptized into the Christian Faith, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with her and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Solemn Vows - Congregation

Do you, members of this congregation, and also members of the Body of Christ outside of this local church, undertake this responsibility - assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

We do.

Solemn Words to the Child

Little child, Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. He has entered into the shadows of Gethsemane and the terrors of Calvary; he has uttered the cry "It is finished!" He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, and there he intercedes for his church. Today we have pledged to teach you all of these things, and our prayer for you is that you will always mature and grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our great Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Eden

Elder Tod Stoner

His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Give Thanks

Henry Smith/arr. Mark Hayes/ Annie Kistenmacher, piano

GOD SPEAKS

Sermon Text Preaching of God's Word

Titus 1:5
Pastor Tommy Lee

Series: The Living Church In The Midst Of A Dying World
II. A Handbook For Life In Christ's Church

† Hymn of Response, No. 460

"Amazing Grace"

GOD SENDS

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-27

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
"So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

**All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, o thank the Lord, for all His love.**

Postlude

Doxology (Genevan Psalter)

Louis Bourgeois/arr. Mark Hayes

SERMON NOTES

Scripture: Titus 1:5 (page 998)

Sermon Title: A Handbook For Life In Christ's Church

Pastor: Tommy Lee

Getting Acquainted With St. Paul The Apostle

Getting Acquainted With The Letter To Titus

Getting Acquainted With An Essential Structure In Christ's Church

Rooted In The Old Testament

Inherited By The Church

With The Participation Of The Congregation

In The Mighty Name Of Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Riveroaks! We are delighted you have joined us for worship this morning. We would love to get to know you and serve you anyway we can. Please consider filling out a visitor's card and putting it in the offering plate or scanning the QR code to access our online visitor form.



*“For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake.” 2 Corinthians 4:5*

Ukraine Missions Update Tonight: The missions committee will be hosting a joint Community Group pizza dinner this evening at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall followed by an update by Dal and Beth Stanton, MTW missionaries to Ukraine. Anyone is welcome to come! Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Nursery sign-up is in the *Riveroaks Weekly* and in the Church Center app.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner (5:30-6:30pm) - This week's meal: Pizza!
\$5 per person (families of 4 or more pay only \$20) Pay by cash or check in person or pay online:
<https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/70697> This is the final regular Wednesday Night meal for the Fall 2023 semester.

Welcome Class! For all who would like to find out more about Riveroaks and explore membership, this is a six-week class meeting on Wednesday nights (November 15) from 6:15 - 7:15pm, in the Parlor. Pastors Tommy and Kyle are leading. Please join us!

Streets Ministries Block Party: Riveroaks is sponsoring a Block Party for Streets Ministries this Thursday, November 16 at their Graham Heights location (1304 N. Graham St. Memphis, TN 38122) from 4:30-6:30pm. To volunteer to serve the meal, provide drinks and homemade cookies, or to donate money to go towards food, go to <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2000904>

Thanksgiving Eve Service: Join us for a Thanksgiving Eve service in the Fellowship Hall, 6:00-7:00pm on Wednesday, November 22, led by Pastor Kyle. We will spend our time in prayer, praise, and reflection on God's gracious blessings. We encourage you to bring a pie so that we can enjoy some dessert together afterward!

Thank You to everyone who donated money, items, and/or packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! Your generosity is so encouraging and appreciated.

For a complete listing of our Bible Studies and for more announcements, please see The Riveroaks Weekly. The Riveroaks Weekly email is published each Thursday. To sign up, contact office@riveroakspca.org. Assistive listening devices are available for worship services. Please see a deacon or an usher for help with a device.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

RIVEROAKS COLLEGE & CAREER: Genesis

(Parlor) Led by Morgan Murphy & Daniel Gillespie

THROUGH THE BIBLE: Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Matthew

(Rooms 116-117) Led by Dennis Booker, Eddie Jacobs & Paul Vander Zwaag

THE DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE

(Fellowship Hall) Led by Pastor Kyle Dillon

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH

(Rooms 114-115) Led by Ernie Seger & Mark Brink

PRINCIPLES OF MARRIAGE

(Room 202) Led by Pastor Drew Turberville

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:30am
Morning Worship	10:45pm
Evening Worship	6:00pm <i>(1st & 3rd Sundays)</i>
Community Groups	times vary <i>(2nd & 4th Sunday evenings)</i>

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