

RIVEROAKS REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, May 15, 2022

10:45am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: "Hymn to Joy", arr. Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

Visit many good books, but live in the Bible.

Charles Spurgeon

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Paul (2 Timothy 3)

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Peter (2 Peter 1)

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 92:1, 2

Minister: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

Congregation: to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

Minister: To declare your steadfast love in the morning,

Congregation: and your faithfulness by night!

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Psalm 92"

It's good to thank the Lord, to praise your name, Most High;
To tell your love at dawn, your faithfulness by night with ten-stringed lyre.
Resounding music played upon the harp and lyre.

Your deeds, Lord, made me glad; I'll sing of what you've done
How great your works, O Lord, how deep your thoughts each one.
A senseless man id of knowledge, this truth will not understand.

All sinners grow like grass, the wicked multiply;
And yet they'll be destroyed. But Lord, you stay on high.
Your foes, Lord, fall; your foes will perish, evildoers scattered all.

You've poured oil on my head, like oxen I'm made strong.
I've seen and heard the fate of those who've done me wrong.
Like thriving palm the righteous grows, like cedars tall in Lebanon.

Those planted by the Lord will in God's courts be seen:
When old they'll still bear fruit and flourish fresh and green.
And this proclaim: how upright is the Lord, my rock, no wrong in him!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

READING OF THE WORD: selected texts

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
.... And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my
beloved Son; listen to him.".... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.... The Father loves
the Son and has given all things into his hand.... For the Father loves the Son and shows
him all that he himself is doing.... Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given
me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you
loved me before the foundation of the world.... He who did not spare his own Son but
gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; grant us grace and open us to a future in which we will grow more and more in your likeness and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior ...*Silent and Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

HYMN OF FAITH: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom. [Repeat]**

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives", Courtney; The Adult Choir

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that he shall stand at the later day upon the earth.
And though my body be destroyed, yet in my flesh shall I see God. Alleluia.
Now we see in a glass dimly, but then, face to face;
now I know in part, but then I shall know as I am known. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

SERMON TEXT: John 15:9-11

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD: Pastor Tommy Lee
Sermon Series: Take Heart; I Have Overcome The World
XIII. "Abiding in the Love of Jesus"

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

This is the good news we have received, by which we are saved, and in which we stand: God the Father loves us and has sent His only Son to save us. Christ the Son is God incarnate and has died for our sins, according to the Scriptures; He was buried and on the third day rose from the dead, ascending to the Father where He ever lives to intercede for us, and from where He pours on us His Holy Spirit of grace. He is the first and the last, our Lord and Redeemer, who will come again in glory. God the Holy Spirit has brought me new life in the Gospel, fills me for service, seals me for assurance, and guides me to glory. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

HYMN OF RESPONSE, No. 646: "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood: thou savest those that on thee call;
To them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.

BENEDICTION: Numbers 6:24-26

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.

**God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;
'neath his wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" arr. Hopson

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).

Get More Connected: Sign up for the email list; contact Brenda at office@riveroakspca.org.

Evangelism and Outreach will be the theme of our considerations at Sunday night's Evening Meeting (6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall). Peter tells believers to always be "prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect." We probably have more opportunities to do this than we can shake a stick at. Yet often we don't rise to the occasion. Why not? How can we do better? Sunday night we begin what will become an extended Riveroaks conversation. Come join us!

Riveroaks College & Career is hosting a luncheon on Sunday, May 22 immediately following the church service in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided! If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Broom (901) 826-1070, Luke (901) 481-5690 or Katherine (901) 264-8655 Howard.

A VBS Teacher Training Meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 5, to be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Sunday worship. Please contact Molly Pennington to sign up to help and to RSVP for the meeting. Prayerfully consider participating in this year's VBS as a teacher/helper. For questions, contact Molly Pennington (mpennington@riveroakspca.org).

Riveroaks Women, a new women's email group has been established and weekly emails will be sent out to keep you updated on ministry activities. If you did not receive it and would like to be added to the list, contact the church office at office@riveroakspca.org .

Riveroaks Student Ministry (RSM) will resume meeting in homes on Wednesday, June 1. For locations, contact Pastor Drew.

Riveroaks is taking a mission trip to Casa Aleluya Children's Home outside of Guatemala City (June 26-July 4). Approximate trip cost per person: \$1200.00. If you're interested and want more information, call Kim Benson (901-337-7509).