



THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 27, 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.

Prelude

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Forrest/arr. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

Reflection

What are God's works of providence?

God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A #11

To know that nothing happens in God's world apart from God's will may frighten the godless, but it stabilizes the saints.

J.I. Packer

There is no attribute of God more comforting to his children than the doctrine of divine sovereignty.

C.H. Spurgeon

GOD CALLS

† Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-4,11,12

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

† Prayer of Praise and Adoration

GOD CLEANSES

Reading of the Word

Psalm 99

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he! Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the Lord, and he answered them. In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them. O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy!

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus Christ, though being in very nature God, when you came to redeem us you humbled yourself and made yourself nothing. Though you were rich, for our sakes you became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich. We confess how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions. We strive for recognition from others, and we sulk and become bitter if we do not get it. We attend to our own needs and concerns, yet fail to care for others except when it serves our purposes. Forgive us our sin and renew our hearts. Grant us to realize that we only achieve greatness and gain by readily giving them away. Work in us by the power of your Spirit so that we become more like you and so bring glory to our Father in heaven ...*Silent and Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

from 1 Peter 1:1,2

To those who are elect exiles.... according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

† Song of Response

“I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)”

Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew and hear my cry for mercy Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways, how could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze - I stand redeemed by grace alone

*I will wait for You I will wait for You - On Your word I will rely
I will wait for You surely wait for You Till my soul is satisfied*

So put Your hope in God alone, take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won by Christ emerging from the grave

His steadfast love has made a way and God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today find healing in His sacrifice

*I will wait for You I will wait for You through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You surely wait for You for Your love is my delight*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication

Elder Tod Stoner

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Go Down, Moses/Wade in the Water
African-American Spiritual/arr. Shackley

GOD SPEAKS

Sermon Text

Exodus 2:1-10

Preaching of God's Word

Pastor Tommy Lee

Series: A People Loved By God
III. The Rescued People Of God

† **Hymn of Response, No. 681**

“How Gentle God's Commands”

GOD SENDS

Benediction

from Ruth 1:8,9; 2:4

May the Lord deal kindly with you.
May the Lord grant that each of you may find rest.
The Lord be with you!
The Lord bless you.

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.**

Postlude

Bound for the Promised Land
Durham/arr. Evanovich

SERMON NOTES

Scripture: Exodus 2:1-10 (page 45)

Sermon Title: The Rescued People of God

Pastor: Tommy Lee

 **The Rescuing Providence Of God Has Thwarted Satan's Design**

 **I Have Been Rescued FROM Slavery & Death**

 **I Have Been Rescued FOR Something Much Bigger Than Myself**

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

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting immediately following the Worship Service to ask the congregation to vote on extending a call to Pastor Billy Spink to serve Riveroaks in the official capacity of Pastor Emeritus.

Remember to submit your church officer nominations to any elder or pastor.

Community Groups Will Meet Tonight. These small groups meet in area homes at various times on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings monthly. If you'd like to join a Community Group, contact Pastor Drew Turberville (901)570-6055 or dturberville@riveroakspca.org.

The Gathering (Riveroaks Empty-Nesters and Retirees) - Concert at The Grove: Join the Gathering this Friday night, September 1 at The Grove at GPAC, 5:00-8:00pm for free live music by Josh Threlkeld. Bring a blanket or chair and an appetizer to share. Contact Kathy Linn by Thursday evening: kathylinn@gmail.com. Also, **Hold the Date:** October 21 for an outdoor fall gathering @ the Gibsons!

Wednesday Night Ministries Resume Next Wednesday, September 6! If you would like to sing with the choir this year, rehearsals begin that night at 7:00pm. If you would like to join the Wednesday Night Dinner Crew, contact Joe Maliskas (901)574-1256.

Register Your Kids for the Wednesday Night Heart & Soul Program: Our Heart & Soul program for ages 3 years to 5th grade resumes next Wednesday, September 6, 6:15-7:15pm. Heart & Soul includes a time of music and singing and Catechism. This year we are adding an activity time for the 1st through 5th graders from 6:00-6:15pm. Contact Abby Spann at 901-413-6256 or aspann@riveroakspca.org. Register online: <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/62731>.

Teachers are needed! Contact Abby to serve.

Stephen Ministry Informational Meeting: To find out more about the Stephen Ministry, come to an informational meeting next Wednesday night, September 6 at 6:30pm in room 114. Contact Jim Gibson with questions. (901)301-2993.

The Influence of the Reformation on the Arts: Join us September 10 during Sunday School 9:30-10:30am as John Hodges leads a combined Sunday School class about how the Reformation inspired the arts.

Women's Bible Study: The Fall 2023 study begins September 12! Information and Registration at <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/65767>

Riveroaks Family Camp: September 8-10 at The Country Place in Moscow, TN. Register online at <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1864999>

Secret Sister Program: All ladies are invited to participate in the Secret Sister program. See the library for information or contact Elizabeth Lee (256)898-5300. Forms are due August 27.

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

COMING SOON!

RIVEROAKS COLLEGE & CAREER: Genesis

(Parlor) Led by Morgan Murphy & Daniel Gillespie - Starts Today!

THROUGH THE BIBLE: Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Matthew

(Room 114-15) Led by Dr. Paul Hess & Paul Vander Zwaag - Ongoing

THE DOCTRINE OF THE SCRIPTURES

(Fellowship Hall) Led by Pastor Kyle Dillon - Starts September 24

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH

(Room 116-17) Led by Ernie Seger & Mark Brink - Starts September 24

PRINCIPLES OF MARRIAGE

(Library) Led by Pastor Drew Turberville - Starts September 24

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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>	

ELDERS

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