

Pious souls can derive great confidence and delight from this sacrament, as being a testimony that they form one body with Christ, so that everything which is his they may call their own.

Hence it follows that we can confidently assure ourselves that eternal life, of which he himself is the heir, is ours, and that the kingdom of heaven, into which he has entered, can no more be taken from us than from him; on the other hand, that we cannot be condemned for our sins, from the guilt of which he absolves us, seeing he has been pleased that these should be imputed to himself as if they were his own.

This is the wondrous exchange made by his boundless goodness. Having become with us the Son of Man, he has made us with himself sons of God. By his own descent to the earth, he has prepared our ascent to heaven. Having received our mortality, he has bestowed on us his immortality.

Having undertaken our weakness, he has made us strong in his strength.

Having submitted to our poverty, he has transferred to us his riches.

Having taken upon himself the burden of unrighteousness with which we were oppressed, he has clothed us with his righteousness.

—John Calvin

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday School - 9:30am

Morning Worship - 10:45pm

Evening Worship (1st and 3rd Sundays) - 6:00pm

Community Groups (2nd & 4th Sunday evenings) - times vary



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THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 16, 2023

10:45AM

TO GLORIFY GOD AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus!
Thank you for joining us today; may the Lord richly bless you.

† Stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

“All Men Living Are But Mortal”

J S Bach
Sandra Brink, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

*Christ took your cup of grief, your cup of the curse,
pressed it to his lips, drank it to its dregs—
then filled it with his sweet, pardoning, sympathizing love,
and gave it back for you to drink, and to drink forever!*

Octavius Winslow (1808-1878)

GOD CALLS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

from Revelation 15:3-4

† HYMN, No. 2

“O Worship the King”

† PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

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 Riveroaks Weekly email is published each Thursday. To sign up, contact office@riveroakspca.org.

Frontline Prayer: You Cannot Be Too Bold! Tonight at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall, we'll meet to pray together for all issues related to the sanctity of life. We will have a special guest address us on the subject first. Come!

VBS Is This Week! July 17-21! Registration is still open for children who have completed grades K-6. Register online: <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/62731>

Family Night and Potluck: Sunday Night, July 30 - More details to come!

Ladies Summer Bunco Night: Join us for a night of fun and fellowship on Wednesday, August 2, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bunco is easy to learn and snacks will be provided! Contact Elizabeth Lee (256-898-5300) with questions.

Bridal Shower for Mary Larkin Rumbarger: Please join us for a bridal shower for Mary Larkin Rumbarger (Fiancée of Quinn Pebbles) on Saturday, August 5, 2023, 10:00am- 12:00pm at the Home of Elizabeth Lee, 1822 Stillwind Lane, Collierville. If you would like to help with refreshments, are interested in contributing to a large group gift or have any questions please contact Elizabeth at 256-898-5300. The couple are registered at Amazon and Willams Sonoma.

Build your Personal Library: The Riveroaks library is being disbanded, and we want our books to go home with you! For one more week through July 23, you can browse the collection today or any day the church office is open during the week. Contact Lisa if you have questions: 901-755-7772.

Riveroaks Cookbooks: Cookbooks are available in the church office. The books are \$18 each and can be paid for by check or cash or online at <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1810794>.

Terrific Tuesdays! Moms and Grandmoms, bring your kids and join us for fun, fellowship and swimming at our Terrific Tuesdays this summer! Register here: <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/62731>

RSM In-Home Gatherings: Middle and High School students meet Wednesday nights, 6:00pm-8:00pm in various homes this summer. Details online: <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/65766>

Riveroaks College and Career (ROCC) Studies: The men's ROCC study on 1 Timothy meets Monday mornings at 6:30am at the Germantown Chick-fil-A. Contact Drew Turberville (901) 570-6055. The ladies' ROCC study meets Monday nights at 7:00pm in the Church Parlor. The study is on the book, *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund. Contact Kim Benson (901) 337-7509.

Family Camp - Hold the Date! The 2023 RRPC Family Camp will be at The Country Place in Moscow, TN September 8-10. Contact Pastor Drew for answers to all your questions!

For more announcements, please see The Riveroaks Weekly.

Assistive listening devices are available for worship services. Please see a deacon or an usher for help with a device.

SERMON NOTES

Exodus 12:1-14 (page 53)

XVIII. The Lord Jesus Gives Us The Sacrament Of Communion, Part I

Pastor Tommy Lee

The Story Behind Passover

- a story of slavery
- a story of judgment
- a story of a lamb that was slain
- a story of deliverance

The Story Behind Communion

- a story of slavery
- a story of judgment
- a story of a lamb that was slain
- a story of deliverance

Our View Of Communion

- some of us minimize our sins
- some of us absolutize our sins
- some of us forget about God's love, embrace, friendship, life
- some of us forget that the work is finished

GOD CLEANSSES

READING OF THE WORD

1 Corinthians 5:1-8

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Father, you give us hospitality at your table and pursue and serve the suffering with humble steadfast love.

But we have not loved our neighbors as you have loved us. Forgive us for neglecting people in need whom we can serve with your love. Forgive our closed eyes that do not see or seek people who are suffering. Forgive our closed hands when we extend our affection and concern only to the circle of friends like us and exclude those who need your welcome. Forgive our closed hearts that make us more proud than humble, more apathetic than active, more callous than compassionate. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent ...*Silent and Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from Ephesians 2:13, 14, 16

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, and he has reconciled us to God in one body through the cross.

† SONG

“By Faith”
see insert

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

Elder Allen Arant

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
 Leave to thy God to order and provide;
 In every change, He faithful will remain.
 Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly Friend
 Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
 To guide the future, as He has the past.
 Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
 All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
 And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
 Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,
 Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
 Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay
 From His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
 When we shall be forever with the Lord.
 When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
 Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
 All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

GOD SPEAKS

SERMON TEXT

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Series: Oh Come, Let Us Worship!

XVIII. The Lord Jesus Gives Us The Sacrament Of Communion, Part I

† HYMN, No. 598

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

GOD INVITES

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

Courtney

“Be Still My Soul”
 Schlegel/Oakley Weddle

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;
 Who, for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
 and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again
 according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory,
 to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son
 together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;
 And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
 we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
 and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

GOD SENDS

† BENEDICTION

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,
 and may your whole spirit and soul and body
 be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand,
 All other ground is sinking sand,
 All other ground is sinking sand.**

POSTLUDE

“Sent Forth By God's Blessing”

John Behnke

* The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.