

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH: What does it mean to be the church? What are its marks and attributes? What is its mission? How does it relate to the state and broader culture? Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am for this class, co-taught by pastors and elders.

THROUGH THE BIBLE CLASS: Please join us as we ponder God's Word together and journey through Habakkuk, Ezekiel, and Daniel. Co-taught by Dennis Booker, Mark Brink, Jim Gibson, & Phil Hoekstra. We meet in Rms. 116-117 at 9:30am.

RIVEROAKS COLLEGE&CAREER CLASS: Romans is Paul's pinnacle letter to the church, and it's all about the gospel and its life-changing implications. Join us in the Parlor at 9:30am. Co-taught by Josh Brink, Daniel Gillespie, Pete Hansen, Morgan Murphy, & Drew Turberville.

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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

OCTOBER 2, 2022

10:45 AM

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 Creatures of Our God and King”

arr. Ijames
Katherine Howard, violin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

It is all ablaze with grateful adoration. The delightful study of the Psalms has yielded me boundless profit and ever-growing pleasure; common gratitude constrains me to communicate to others a portion of the benefit, with the prayer that it may induce them to search further for themselves.

Charles Spurgeon

Psalms, then, are not just a matchless primer of teaching but a medicine chest for the heart and the best possible guide for practical living.

Tim Keller

*Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, the son of Jesse, the oracle of the man who was raised on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the sweet psalmist of Israel:
"The Spirit of the Lord speaks by me: his word is on my tongue."*

2 Samuel 23:1-2

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† CALL TO WORSHIP from Deuteronomy 4:20 & Hebrews 13:15

The Lord has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people of his own inheritance, as you are this day.

Through Jesus then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name!

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.

Wednesday Night Ministries and Meal! 5:30-7:00pm, the meal this week will be spaghetti and salad. Ministries starting at 6:15pm include Heart & Soul, RSM, and a “Behold” Adult Class.

Welcome Class: We meet this Wednesday, October 5, 6:15-7:15 PM, in Room 117. We'll be considering the membership doorway and what it means to be a Creedal, Reformed, Evangelical, and Missional Church. See Tommy with any questions.

Hymn Sing and Potluck Dessert: Tonight at 6:00pm, we'll gather at the front of the sanctuary for an encouraging evening of hymns and stories. Afterwards we'll gather in the fellowship hall for a potluck dessert. Bring something for the feast!

If You Have Signed Up for The Riveroaks Weekly, but are not getting it, please email office@riveroakspca.org and let us know!

For A Complete Listing Of Riveroaks Bible Studies, please see *The Riveroaks Weekly*.

For more announcements, please see The Riveroaks Weekly.

SERMON NOTES

Psalm 88 (page 494)
II. When Everything Seems Dark

Pastor Kyle Dillon

The Reality of Suffering

The Source of Suffering

The End of Suffering

† HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 53

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

† PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

READING OF THE WORD

Matthew 26:36-46

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father, forgive me for my absence of holy shame, and my unholy boldness in evil. Since the day of my new birth, I have doubted my Lord to his face, murmured unblushing in his presence, worshipped him in a slovenly manner, and sinned without bewailing myself on account of it. Were my heart not so hardened, I would display more holy fear and a far deeper contrition of spirit. Woe is me for I am undone, and much of my former stubbornness remains. Yet, blessed be the name of the Lord, my disease is not incurable! My Savior's precious blood is the remedy! His mercy will soften my heart, and his grace shall remove all of my guilt*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin....* Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Philippians 3:7-9

Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

† **HYMN OF FAITH**

“He Will Hold Me Fast”
(see insert)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

Elder Peter Hansen

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

“He Come to Us as One Unknown”
arr. Ferguson/Adult Choir

He comes to us as one unknown, a breath unseen, unheard;
As though within a heart of stone, or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
A pulse of being stirred, a pulse of being stirred.

He comes when souls in silence lie and thoughts of day depart;
Half seen upon the inward eye, a falling star across the sky
Of night within the heart, of night within the heart.

He comes to us in sound of seas, the ocean’s fume and foam;
Yet small and still upon the breeze, a wind that stirs the tops of trees,
A voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.

He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and and birth;
To bear within our mortal frame a life, a death, a saving name,
For ev’ry child of earth, for ev’ry of earth.

He comes in truth when faith is grown; believed, obeyed, adored;
The Christ in all the Scriptures shown, as yet unseen, but not unknown,
Our Savior and our Lord, Our Savior and our Lord.

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

SERMON TEXT

Psalm 88

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

Pastor Kyle Dillon

SERMON SERIES: SEEKING THE FACE OF GOD
II. When Everything Seems Dark

† **PSALM OF RESPONSE**

“Psalm 88”
(see insert)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

“For the Beauty of the Earth/This Is My Father’s World”

arr. Jones

† **WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong, body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

† **BENEDICTION**

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

His kingdom is forever.

POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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