



RIVEROAKS REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, July 3, 2022

10:45am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: "How Great Thou Art", arr. Cardon; Katherine Howard, violin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

Those like myself, whose imagination far exceeds their obedience are subject to a just penalty; we easily imagine conditions far higher than any we have really reached. If we describe what we have imagined we may make others, and make ourselves, believe that we have really been there.

C.S. Lewis

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 4:13-16

*Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord,
and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.*

Ezra 7:10

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Ruth 2:4; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 33:21

Minister: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth!

Minister: Our heart is glad in him,

Congregation: Because we trust in his holy name!

HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 30: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne; your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame;
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,
Are carried downward by your flood, and lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

READING OF THE WORD: John 12:27-32

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with a willing Spirit ...*Silent and Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:15-17

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

HYMN OF FAITH, NO. 486: “God, Be Merciful to Me”

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgression I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgement just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my Spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us", arr. Wyrzten; The Adult Choir

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful tho' we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.
Savior, like a shepherd lead us.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION: Elder Paul Vander Zwaag

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

SERMON TEXT: John 16:23-33

²³In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” ²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD: Pastor Tommy Lee

Sermon Series: Take Heart; I Have Overcome The World
XIX. “The New Day Of Christ Has Come”

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

I believe in one body, one Spirit, and one hope; I believe in one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.

Great is the mystery of godliness! He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, and taken up in glory.

I believe that Christ will come again and restore all that was broken by our fall, and until that day dawns guide and keep me and his church by his grace and for his glory. Amen!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

“Psalm 98”

HYMN OF RESPONSE: “Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death”

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

[Chorus] O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? [Chorus]

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore. [Chorus 2x]

BENEDICTION: Romans 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

[Tallis' Canon]

POSTLUDE: "God of Our Fathers", arr. Hustad/Smith
Philip Johnson, piano; Molly Pennington, organ

SERMON NOTES

A Day Of New Access

A Day Of New Understanding

A Day Of New Peace

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.

There's been a lot of talk lately about "The Death of Evangelism" in American culture. Come join us tonight at 6:00pm, in the Fellowship Hall, as we continue encouraging one another in the building of a Christ-honoring culture of evangelism in and through Riveroaks.

Riveroaks 4th of July Celebration: Great food, fun games, 2 bouncy houses, the best seats in the city for the Germantown Fireworks celebration, plus an amazing opportunity to show love and hospitality to all our neighbors right here at our church! Please come join us in the parking lot starting at 4:00pm. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and neighbors! For questions, see Pastor Drew.

Space Probe VBS Children's Sign-up has begun, so remember to register your children! (<https://www.riveroakspca.org/vbs>) Invite your friends and neighbors to our exciting week of VBS (July 11-15; 9:00am-noon). If you have questions, contact Molly Pennington.

Kevin Twit Concert: Sunday evening, July 17, in the Fellowship Hall. Kevin is the RUF campus minister for Belmont University in Nashville who has been instrumental in getting a new generation familiar with the power of great hymns, re-tuned. *“Hymns are theology on fire. They are theology expressed in beautiful, poetic language that gets at the heart, and engages the imagination. They help us to sit for three or four minutes in the mysteries of the Gospel that fill us with wonder. The hymn-writers really glory in these paradoxical statements. One of my favorite examples is in a hymn by Augustus Toplady (the author of “Rock of Ages”). He writes, “O love incomprehensible, that made Thee bleed for me. The Judge of all hath suffered death, to set His prisoner free.” To sit in that thought, even for a little while, changes you! And the more you meditate upon it, the more it overwhelms your heart.”* (Kevin Twit).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (9:30AM)

The Voice of the Heart:

Join us for our discussion of the books *The Voice of the Heart* and *The Needs of the Heart* by Christian counselor, Chip Dodd. Taught by Pastor Kyle Dillon and other elders at 9:30am (Fellowship Hall).

Through the Bible:

If you are looking for wonderful discussion as we ponder God's Word together, please join us we journey through the Bible books of Isaiah to Obadiah taught by teachers Paul Vander Zwaag and others (Rms. 116-117).

RiverOaks College & Career Class:

A Study of Galatians will be taught by a rotation of elders. If you have questions about this ministry, contact Luke Howard. (Parlor)