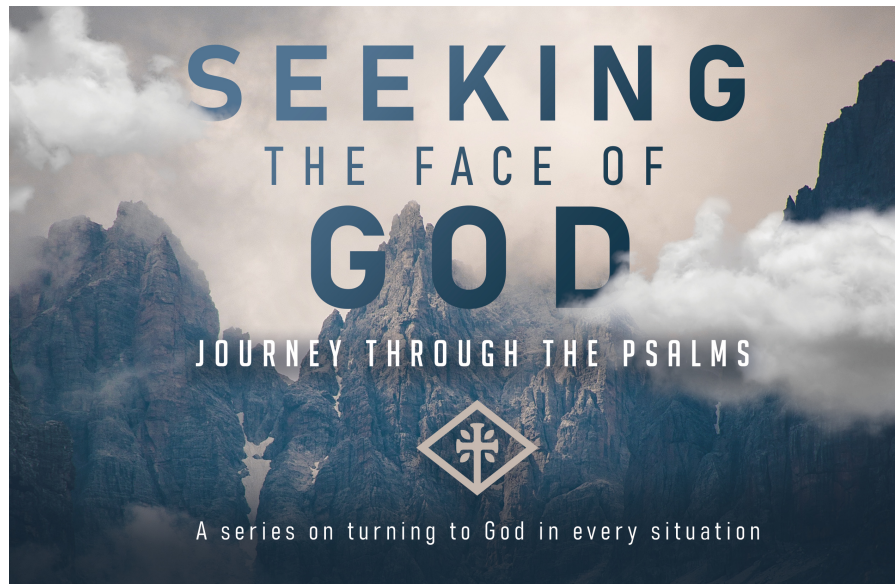


**STARTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
**INVITE A FRIEND!**



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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

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**

**10:45AM**

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TO GLORIFY GOD AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER

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# 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

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

-arr. Olson Van Duker  
-Jaden Lee, cello

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REFLECTION

*The religion of the Greeks does not yet prosper as I would wish, on account of those who profess it.  
But the gifts of the gods are great and splendid, better than any prayer or any hope....*

*Indeed, a little while ago no one would have dared even to pray for such a change, and so complete  
a one in so short a space of time [~referring to the arrival of Julian himself on the throne~].*

*Why then do we think that this is sufficient and do not observe how the kindness of Christians to  
strangers, their care for the burial of their dead, and the sobriety of their lifestyle has done  
the most to advance their cause?....*

*For it is disgraceful when no Jew is a beggar and the impious Galileans [~the name by which  
Julian often referred to the Christians~] support our poor in addition to their own; everyone is able to see  
that our coreligionists are in want of aid from us.*

The Roman Emperor Julian's Letter to Arsacius  
Julian was Roman Emperor from 361 to 363 AD  
Like all Emperors, Julian was Pontifex Maximus, Chief Priest of the State Religion

## THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Exodus 15:2

The Lord is my strength and my song,

**And he has become my salvation;**

This is my God, and I will praise him,

**My father's God, and I will exalt him!**

# 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](mailto:office@riveroakspca.org).

**Welcome Class!** The next Welcome To Riveroaks class for newcomers who want to find out more about Riveroaks or anyone who wants to consider membership will begin Sunday night, September 25, at the Lee home (1822 Stillwind Lane, Collierville), at 5:00pm, with a potluck dinner. RSVP to [office@riveroakspca.org](mailto:office@riveroakspca.org). After that, 6 Wednesday night classes will follow. Come join us! See Tommy with any questions.

**Sovereignty & Evangelism:** Tonight at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, we will discuss the role of God's sovereignty in evangelism as well as our role in evangelism. If God is sovereign, why do evangelism? Come find out!

**Riveroaks Women's Ministry:** Please join us for the Ladies Fall Bible study with two meeting options. The Tuesday morning study at Riveroaks offers a children's program. The Monday evening study is via Zoom. Please contact Tina Moon (901-277-4790) or Tonna Nelms (901-264-7828) to join.

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

**Financial Peace University** has kicked off another round of classes on Wednesday nights at 6:15pm. David Dickinson and David Zampini are leading the class. Feel free to contact either David with your questions or sign up at: [fpu.com/1152250](http://fpu.com/1152250).

**Community Groups** will meet next Sunday, September 25. These small groups meet in area homes at various times on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings monthly. If you are interested in joining a Community Group, contact Pastor Drew Turberville (901-570-6055 or [dturberville@riveroakspca.org](mailto:dturberville@riveroakspca.org)).

**Men's Patio Night:** Men, come enjoy the gift of fellowship and relaxed conversation. Bring a chair and feel free to invite a friend. The next gathering is Friday, Sept. 30, at Murph Appling's home (2685 Hacks Cross Rd., Germantown). Please RSVP Murph (901-283-0222 or [applimgn@aol.com](mailto:applimgn@aol.com)).

**Special Needs Ministry:** Are you trying to find a way to serve the church without a large time commitment? We are seeking additional volunteers, adults and youth (over 16 yrs old), individuals or couples. You would serve during church service typically once every 3-4 months. The Needs Ministry currently serves the Whaley family by caring for their autistic son, Will. For more details please contact Peter White (901-590-6020 or [petew2@yahoo.com](mailto:petew2@yahoo.com)).

*For more announcements, please see The Riveroaks Weekly.*

SERMON NOTES

John 17:20-26

XXVIII. Jesus Prays For The Fruit Of Our Unity, Part II

Pastor Tommy Lee

The State Of The World

In Thy Dark Streets Shineth The Everlasting Light

Central To God's Strategy

† HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 296

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

† PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

READING OF THE WORD

Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious laws. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord...**

*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin.... Amen!*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

† HYMN OF FAITH, NO. 455

“And Can it Be That I Should Gain”

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

“A Hymn to God the Father”  
Beck/Adult Choir

Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,  
Which was my sin, though it were done before?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run,  
And do run still, though still I do deplore?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,  
For I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won  
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun  
A year or two, but wallowed in, a score?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,  
For I have more.

I have a sin of fear, that when I’ve spun  
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;  
Swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son  
Shall shine as He shines now, and heretofore;  
And, having done that, thou hast done;  
I fear no more.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

Elder Jim Newsom

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

SERMON TEXT

John 17:20-26

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

Pastor Tommy Lee

SERMON SERIES: TAKE HEART: I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD  
XXVIII. Jesus Prays For The Fruit Of Our Unity, Part II

† HYMN OF RESPONSE, No. 535

“O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

THE SACREMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

“O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”  
-arr.Decesare

† 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!

† BENEDICTION

from Galatians 4:28 & 5:1

Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise....  
For freedom Christ has set you free; stand firm therefore,  
and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

It is well (It is well)  
with my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

POSTLUDE

“Lead On, O King Eternal”  
-arr. Callahan