



## RIVEROAKS REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, July 10, 2022

10:45am

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE:** "Grace, Greater Than Our Sin", arr. Smith

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINISTRY MOMENT:** Paul Gentry

**REFLECTION**

*It will always be found that when prayers are few, grace, strength, peace, and hope are small.*

*J.C. Ryle*

*Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.... Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.*

*Colossians 4:2, 12*

## THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 117

Minister; Praise the Lord, all nations!

**Congregation: Extol him, all peoples!**

Minister: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**Congregation: And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

**All: Praise the Lord!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 454: "Our God Is Mighty, Worthy of All Praising"**

Our God is mighty, worthy of all praising;  
Sing unto him a glad, triumphant song;  
He is the Lord, supreme in earth and heaven;  
To him all strength and majesty belong.

[Refrain] Declare his glory among the nations:  
Through all creation his triumph sing,  
Till all earth's peoples bow in adoration  
And Jesus Christ be everlasting King.

Our God is gracious, infinite in mercy;  
He bridged the hopeless gulf our sin had made;  
He gave his Son to purchase our salvation –  
In Jesus Christ we meet God unafraid! [Refrain]

Our God is faithful; he will work within us,  
Fulfilling all the purpose he has planned,  
Cleansing our hearts and filling with his Spirit,  
Making us strong to keep his last command. [Refrain]

Our God is sov'reign over all creation,  
And soon his earth shall hear his mighty voice;  
With shout of joy the King shall come in splendor –  
Lift up your hearts, confess him, and rejoice! [Refrain]

**PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION**

## THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

**READING OF THE WORD:** 1 John 5:14-15

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### CONFESSION OF SIN

**O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of your kingdom treasonous. For we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and known sins. For our treason you died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, you rose again. Draw us closer to you, that our eyes may catch the vision of you, and our hearts, the wonder of your grace. By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline, let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ...*Silent and Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** Psalm 130:7-8; Galatians 3:13

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.... Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.”

**HYMN OF FAITH, NO. 465:** “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt;  
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

[Refrain] Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty cross. [Refrain]

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away?  
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today. [Refrain]

### HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

**ANTHEM:** “Be Still, My Soul”, arr. Courtney; The Adult Choir with guest director, Sandra Brink

Be still my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change God faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future as in ages past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
the Christ who ruled, them while he dwelt below.

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.  
Be still, my soul, for we shall meet at last.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION:** Elder Pete Hansen

## THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

**SERMON TEXT:** John 14:13,14; 15:7,16; 16:23b-24, 26-27

<sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

<sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

<sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

<sup>23</sup> In 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. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

**PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD:** Pastor Tommy Lee

Sermon Series: Take Heart; I Have Overcome The World

XX. "Perhaps The Most Seemingly Outrageous Promise Jesus Ever Made?"

**WE RESPOND:** Prayers of the People

Minister: Father, we pray for your holy Church around the world;

**Congregation: That we all may be one.**

Minister: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**Congregation: That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Minister: We pray for all ministers and leaders of your church;

**Congregation: That they may faithfully proclaim your truth in word and in deed.**

Minister: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**Congregation: That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Minister: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**Congregation: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Minister: We pray for your blessing upon our labor and the right use of the riches of creation:

**Congregation: That the world might flourish and be freed from poverty, famine and disaster.**

Minister: We pray for family, friends and others who are seeking you;

**Congregation: That they might know the wonder and joy of friendship with the living God.**

Minister: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**Congregation: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Minister: Let us now take a moment and pray silently for our own needs and those of others...

**HYMN OF RESPONSE, No. 347: "The Church's One Foundation"**

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation by water and the Word;  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,

And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endured.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;  
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
Against or for or traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the three in One.  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

**BENEDICTION:** Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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

**POSTLUDE:** "Tallis' Canon", arr. Manz

## SERMON NOTES

How Can Jesus Make This Promise?

The Fullness Of The Bible's Answer

Praying With Faith And Wisdom

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

**Community Groups meet tonight!** These smaller, informal gatherings meet in individual homes on the 2nd Sunday evenings during the summer months (times vary at each location). The next Community Groups evening will be on August 14. Regular Community Group meetings will resume in September. If you'd like to join a group, we'd love to have you! Please speak with one of our pastors.

**Space Probe VBS Children's Sign-up** is well underway, so be sure to register your children for this coming week! Invite your friends & neighbors to our exciting week of VBS (July 11-15; 9:00am-noon). For questions, contact Molly Pennington. Please be in prayer for all teachers, helpers & participants.

**Kevin Twit Concert:** Sunday evening, July 17, at 6:00pm 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).

**Riveroaks Women:** Please join us for Coffee & Conversation on Saturday, July 23, 9:30am at Elizabeth Lee's home (1822 Stillwind Lane, Collierville, 256-898-5300). Robin Mobley will be sharing.

**SCOR Dessert & Coffee:** Senior Citizens of Riveroaks, please join us at the Lees' home (1822 Stillwind Lane, Collierville) at 4:00pm on Sunday, July 31, for an enjoyable time of fellowship and conversation about SCOR (some say it's time for a new name?) and its future.

**The Neighborhood Christian Center** delivers food boxes daily to families in need. Inventory for food at NCC is extremely low due to increased needs. They have asked Riveroaks to replenish the following: cereals, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned pork, canned beef, and crackers. Boxes for collection will be outside our Library and the Fellowship Hall. Cash donations will be accepted. Contact Joe Maliskas for details.

## **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)