

RIVEROAKS REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, April 24, 2022

10:45am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

"Rejoice! Give Thanks and Sing", arr. Larson

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment: Dale Rardin, Gideons International

Reflection

Christians can never sin cheaply; they pay a heavy price for iniquity.

*Transgression destroys peace of mind, obscures fellowship with Jesus, hinders prayer,
brings darkness over the soul; therefore be not the serf and bondman of sin.*

Charles Spurgeon

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed?

*For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become
slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.*

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Paul (Romans 6)

He must increase, but I must decrease.

John the Baptizer (John 3)

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

Call to Worship: Psalm 84:1,5,7

Minister: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

Congregation: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion!

Minister: They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

Psalm of Praise: "O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place" (Psalm 84)

O Lord of hosts, how lovely is your dwelling place!
I cry aloud, I long for your abode:
The joys of earth have left my soul unsatisfied:
My heart and flesh desire the living God.
Within your walls the sparrow finds a nesting place,
That near your altars she may have her young:
How happy those who dwell within your house, O Lord,
By whom your holy praises are forever sung!

How happy those who have in you the strength they need,
And in whose heart are Zion's pathways found!
The desert wastes they make a land of water springs,
Till autumn rains refresh the barren ground.
From strength to strength, they journey on their pilgrimage,
Until in God's own presence they appear:
O Lord of hosts, do good to your anointed one;
Receive my earnest prayer: O God of Jacob, hear!

How better, far, a single day within your courts,
Than thousands spent in any other way;
I'd rather wait upon the steps beside your door,
Than pitch my tent where wickedness holds sway.
For like a shield the Lord defends and covers us;
He gives us grace and crowns with glory too,
And nothing good withholds from those that walk aright:
O Lord of hosts, how happy all who trust in you!

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1, 2

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

The New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-14

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”— ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to you that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly received your Word nor followed your holy commandments. For your goodness' sake and for your Name's sake, be gracious to us, we pray, and forgive us all our sin, which is very great ...Silent and Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Assurance of Pardon: 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Hymn, No. 281: “I Know That My Redeemer Lives — Glory, Hallelujah!”

I know that my Redeemer lives – glory, hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence give – glory, hallelujah!

[Refrain] Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground – glory, hallelujah!
The dead's alive and the lost is found – glory, hallelujah!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead – glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my everlasting Head – glory, hallelujah! [Refrain]

He lives to bless me with his love – glory, hallelujah!
He lives to plead for me above – glory, hallelujah! [Refrain]

He lives, all glory to his name! – glory, hallelujah!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same – glory, hallelujah! [Refrain]

His Tithes and Our Offerings

Anthem: "I Will Rise"; Tomlin; Oakley Weddle, soloist

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul. I can say; "It is well."

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won; He is risen from the dead.
And I will rise when He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near when darkness breaks to lights,
and the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!"
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication

Our Father who art in, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

Sermon Text: John 14:25-27

²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Preaching of God’s Word: Pastor Tommy Lee

Sermon Series: Take Heart; I Have Overcome The World

X. “Which God Do You Believe In?”

Hymn of Peace, No. 691: “It Is Well with My Soul”

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.”

[Refrain] It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate and has shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

My sin – O the bliss of this glorious thought! – my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, “Even so” – it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

Song of Faith

Like a river glorious is God’s perfect peace,
over all victorious in its bright increase;
perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev’ry day,
perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Postlude: “God of Grace”; arr. Manz