



THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 13, 2023
10:45 A.M.

TO GLORIFY GOD AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome to Riveroaks!

We are glad you are here. May the Lord richly bless you as you worship with us today.

† Stand as you are able.

Prelude

Rhosymedre
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment

Jim Gibson & Erin Turberville
Stephen Ministries

Reflection

Exodus is about a man, Moses, who sets all against the reality of divine sovereignty and measures all in terms of God's requirements. Exodus is about a nation, Israel, moving from slavery in Egypt into freedom.... But ultimately Exodus is about the God of the covenant who has instituted a new relationship between himself and those whom he has called to be his people. It is about how he introduces himself to them, acts on their behalf and shows them the real difference it makes that the Lord is their God, and about the patience he shows as he leads them out of their grumbling, even outright rebellion, until he comes to dwell in their midst.

John L. Mackay

[The Exodus] cannot possibly be fictional. No nation would be likely to invent for itself, and faithfully transmit century after century and millennium after millennium, an inglorious and inconvenient tradition of this nature.

Nahum Sarna

If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote of me.

Jesus of Nazareth

GOD CALLS

† Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-3

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion;

He is exalted over all the peoples!

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

† Hymn, No. 32

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

† Prayer of Praise and Adoration

GOD CLEANSSES

Reading of the Word

Psalm 77:16-20

When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; indeed, the deep trembled. The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; your arrows flashed on every side. The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook. Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen. You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

We pray this morning, Lord, that you would help us to understand what is truly for our own good. So often, Lord, we confess that we desire things for our own ends. We desire things that would exalt us, rather than you. We desire things that would make our lives easier. We desire things that would soften our commitment to rooting out the sin in our lives. We pray Lord that today you would show us, by your grace, the difference between what we desire in our sinful flesh, and what we ought to desire because of the truth of your Word, and for our own spiritual good ...*Silent and Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 12:22-24

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

† Song of Response

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”
see insert

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication

Elder John Linn

His Tithes and Our Offerings

Anthem

Deep River
arr. Moses Hogan/Annie Kistenmacher

Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
That promised land where all is peace?
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

GOD SPEAKS

Sermon Text

Exodus 1:1-7

Preaching of God's Word

Pastor Tommy Lee

Series: A People Loved By God
I. The Hopeful People of God

The Lord Adds to His Church

Covenant Children Coming to the Table
Richard Gray
Ellie Claire Warren
James Whaley

Membership Vows

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and the Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?

Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church and promise to study its purity and peace?

Prayer for Our Covenant Children

Elder Josh Brink

† Hymn of Response, No. 528

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

GOD SENDS

Benediction

from Philippians 3:8-9

May you be willing to count everything as loss
because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus your Lord.
For his sake may you be willing to suffer the loss of all things and count them as rubbish,
in order that you may gain Christ and be found in him,
not having a righteousness of your own that comes from the law,
but that which comes through faith in Christ—
the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.**

Postlude

Great is Thy Faithfulness
Runyan/arr. Mark Hayes

SERMON NOTES

Scripture: Exodus 1:1-7 (page 45)

Sermon Title: The Hopeful People of God

Pastor: Tommy Lee

 **"And..."**

 **There Is More To This Story Than The Present**

 **The Gospel According To Exodus**

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

Community Groups Meet Tonight: These small groups meet in area homes at various times on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings monthly. If you'd like to join a Community Group, contact Pastor Drew Turberville (901-570-6055 or dturberville@riveroakspca.org).

Bridal Shower for Megan Grover: Please join us for a bridal shower for Megan Grover (Fiancée of Kyle Pacelli) this Saturday, August 19, 2023, 10:00am-12:00pm at the home of Anna Murphy, 2424 Forest Hill-Irene Road, Germantown. If you would like to help with refreshments, are interested in contributing to a large group gift or have any questions please contact Anna at (901) 833-2757. Gift registry information is in *The Riveroaks Weekly*.

Men's Ministry Road Trip and Legendary Steakhouse: Join us August 24 for a road trip to the legendary Como Steakhouse in Como, MS. Carpools are forming! Register online by this Thursday, August 17 at <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1870561>

Wednesday Night Ministries Resume September 6! If you would like to sing with the choir this year, rehearsals begin that night at 7:00pm. If you would like to join the Wednesday Night Dinner Crew, contact Joe Maliskas (901)574-1256.

Women's Bible Study: The Fall 2023 study begins September 12! Books provided for those who register by August 23. Register at <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/65767>

Riveroaks Family Camp: September 8-10 at The Country Place in Moscow, TN. Register online at <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1864999>

Riveroaks Faith and Life Conference: Marriage for God's Glory and Your Good - Coming January 19-20, 2024. Register early online at: <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1864913>

Secret Sister Program: All ladies are invited to participate in the Secret Sister program. You will become a silent (secret) prayer partner and encourager from September to April. More information can be found on a shelf in the old library or by contacting Elizabeth Lee (256)898-5300. Completed forms can be returned to the library or to Elizabeth by August 27.

New Online Church Directory: Members of Riveroaks can access the new online church directory at <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com> or by downloading the Church Center app at <https://churchcenter.com>. If you have not done so yet, please log in and share your information for other Riveroaks members to see. If you need help, stop by the church library before or after Sunday School or contact Lisa in the church office 901-755-7772.

For a complete listing of our Bible Studies and for more announcements, please see The Riveroaks Weekly. The Riveroaks Weekly email is published each Thursday. To sign up, contact office@riveroakspca.org. Assistive listening devices are available for worship services. Please see a deacon or an usher for help with a device.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

COMING SOON!

RIVEROAKS COLLEGE & CAREER: Genesis

(Parlor) Led by Morgan Murphy & Daniel Gillespie - Starts August 27

THROUGH THE BIBLE: Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Matthew

(Room 114-15) Led by Dr. Paul Hess & Paul Vander Zwaag - Ongoing

THE DOCTRINE OF THE SCRIPTURES

(Fellowship Hall) Led by Pastor Kyle Dillon - Starts September 24

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH

(Room 116-17) Led by Ernie Seger & Mark Brink - Starts September 24

PRINCIPLES OF MARRIAGE

(Library) Led by Pastor Drew Turberville - Starts September 24

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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| Sunday School | 9:30am |
| Morning Worship | 10:45pm |
| Evening Worship | 6:00pm <i>(1st and 3rd Sundays)</i> |
| Community Groups | times vary <i>(2nd & 4th Sunday evenings)</i> |

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