



RIVEROAKS REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, May 29, 2022

10:45am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: "Old Hundredth", arr. Hobby

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

*Suffering... is the badge of the true Christian. The disciple is not about his master...
Luther reckoned suffering among the marks of the true church... Discipleship means allegiance to the
suffering Christ, and it is therefore not at all surprising that Christians should be called upon to suffer.*
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on
my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*
Matthew 5:10-12

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 37:1-4

Minister: Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!

Congregation: For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

Minister: Trust in the Lord, and do good;

Congregation: dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

Minister: Delight yourself in the Lord,

Congregation: and he will give you the desires of your heart.

HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 122: "God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"

God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might;
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;
Ruler of creation's glory, image of thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled thine image; nature, conscience only serve
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy Word of truth revealed
Claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

READING OF THE WORD: Matthew 10:26-33

So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I

also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father, you have not given us a spirit of fear. And yet we are afraid. You have not given us a private faith but a public ministry to shine the light of Christ to all who are around us. And yet we shrink into the shadows. Forgive us for fearing man rather than you. Give us boldness, confidence, and assurance that we are yours and that we are supremely loved and therefore supremely safe in Christ ...*Silent and Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Matthew 10:39

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

HYMN OF FAITH, No. 457: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; higher by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, lie a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it – prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM: "In the Fields of the Lord", Assad/Wardell; Katy and Emmy Murphy, duet

In the fields of the Lord, our work is rest,
He is moving in our hands and feet to bless.
In the fields of the Lord, in the fields of the Lord,
in the fields of the Lord our work is rest.

In the vineyards of the Lord our work is light.
He is tending every leaf and every vine.
In the vineyards of the Lord, in the vineyards of the Lord,
in the vineyards of the Lord our work is light.

In the garden of the Lord our work is sound,
He is weaving every thorn into a crown.
In the garden of the Lord, in the garden of the Lord,
in the garden of the Lord our work is sound.

At the harvest of the Lord the fields are white,
He will wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye.
At the harvest of the Lord, at the harvest of the Lord,
at the harvest of the Lord the fields are white.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

SERMON TEXT: John 15:18-16:4a

¹⁸ “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. ²¹ But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ Whoever hates me hates my Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. ²⁵ But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’ ²⁶ “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

¹ “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³ And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴ But I have said these things to you...

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD: Pastor Drew Turberville
Sermon Series: Take Heart; I Have Overcome The World
XV. "What Did You Expect?"

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH: Westminster Creed

I believe we are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit; I believe God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, and repentance unto life to escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin; I believe by his free grace we are effectually called, justified, and sanctified, gathered into the visible church, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation; I believe that we also are given in this life such accompanying benefits as assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end; that at death, we are made perfect in holiness, and immediately pass into glory; and our bodies, being still united in Christ, rest in their graves, till the resurrection; and at the resurrection, we shall be raised up in glory, we shall openly be acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgement, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity. Amen.

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.

[Refrain] 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? [Refrain]

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him
And 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. [Refrain 2x]

BENEDICTION: Romans 16:25-27

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of

the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

**God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;
'neath his wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE: "The Solid Rock", arr. Bober

SERMON NOTES

What Christians Should Expect

What the World Expects of Christians

What God Expects of Christians

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.

Riveroaks Student Ministry (RSM) will resume meeting in members' homes on Wednesday, June 1. For locations and other details, contact Pastor Drew.

Attention All Riveroaks Men! A Patio Night will be held on Friday, June 3, at 7:00pm at the home of Brad Harris (8217 Poplar Pike, Germantown). Please mark your calendars to join in this manly outdoor gathering. In case of rain, check with Brad about a rescheduled date.

A VBS Teacher Training Meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 5, to be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Sunday worship. Please contact Molly Pennington to sign up to help and to RSVP for the meeting. Prayerfully consider participating in this year's VBS as a teacher/helper. For questions, contact Molly Pennington (mpennington@riveroakspca.org).

Next Sunday, June 5, an evening service will be held at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall led by Pastor Drew Turberville. Scripture has a lot to say about how believers are to exist in community with one another. There are almost 60 commands in Scripture about how we are to interact with one another. June 5 we will discuss how we can effectively and obediently fulfill the commands for the glory of God and for the good of one another.

For the summer months, Community Groups will meet on the 2nd Sunday evening of June, July and August. Sunday Evening Worship will continue to be held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday nights at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The 4th and 5th Sunday evenings will have no activities.

Riveroaks is taking a mission trip to Casa Aleluya Children's Home outside of Guatemala City (June 26-July 4). Cost per person: \$1200.00. Call Kim Benson (901-337-7509) with questions.

Space Probe VBS Children's Sign-up begins now by scanning the QR code! Invite your friends and neighbors to our exciting week of VBS (July 11-15). If you have questions, contact Molly Pennington.



Mark your calendars for Sunday evening, July 17! A Kevin Twit Concert is scheduled to be held in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm. More details to come.

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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 as organized by Ashley Broom, Luke and Katherine Howard. (Rms. 114-115) [starts June 5]