



THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 20, 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

Adagio & Presto

G. Telemann/Megan Woodring, French Horn

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment

David Dickinson
Guatemala Missions Trip

Reflection

*I always say that in a way, I hope I can take my wheelchair to heaven with me—
I know that's not biblically correct, but if I were able, I would have my wheelchair
up in heaven right next to me when God gives me my brand new, glorified body.
And I will then turn to Jesus and say, "Lord, do you see that wheelchair right there?"*

*Well, you were right when you said that in this world we would have trouble,
because that wheelchair was a lot of trouble!*

But Jesus, the weaker I was in that thing, the harder I leaned on you.

And the harder I leaned on you, the stronger I discovered you to be.

So thank you for what you did in my life through that wheelchair.

And now," I always say jokingly, "you can send that wheelchair to hell, if you want."

Joni Eareckson Tada,
faithful follower of Jesus who has endured heart-breaking paralysis since 1967

GOD CALLS

† Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:25-27

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

And he is to be feared above all gods!

For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

But the Lord made the heavens!

Splendor and majesty are before him;

Strength and joy are in his place!

† Prayer of Praise and Adoration

GOD CLEANSSES

Reading of the Word

Psalm 77:16-20

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You return man to dust and say, “Return, O children of man!” For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.... So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

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 13:11,12

For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.

† Song of Response

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

*I am bound I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound I am bound
I am bound for the promised land*

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land where my possessions lie

All o’er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore
Sickness sorrow pain and death are felt and feared no more

When shall I see that happy place and be forever blessed
When shall I see my Father’s face and in His bosom rest

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication

Pastor Kyle Dillon

His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

It Is Well With My Soul
Bliss/arr. G. Lanier/Megan Woodring, French Horn

GOD SPEAKS

Sermon Text

Exodus 1:8-22

Preaching of God’s Word

Pastor Tommy Lee

Series: A People Loved By God
II. The Suffering People Of God

† Hymn of Response, No. 607

“Thy Loving-kindness, Lord, is Good and
Free”

GOD INVITES

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

† We Confess Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GOD SENDS

Benediction

from Psalm 54:1,4

God will save you by his name, and vindicate you by his might....

Behold, God is your helper; the Lord is the upholder of your life.

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

* *The Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of Christian belief. As early as the second century it served as a baptismal confession. It developed and reached its current form by the ninth century. It is the most popular creed used in worship by Western Christians. The word "catholic" means universal.*

SERMON NOTES

Scripture: Exodus 1:8-22 (page 45)

Sermon Title: The Suffering People of God

Pastor: Tommy Lee

 **We Are Still (in a sense) In Exile**

 **In This World, Opposition Is Inevitable**

 **There Is More Going On Here Than Meets The Eye**

 **God Will Honor His Faithful People**

 **God Will Be At Work In A Counterintuitive Way, Bringing Redemption**

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

Remember to submit your church officer nominations to any elder or pastor.

Worship Tonight: Join us this Sunday night at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary for an update from the Riveroaks team that went to Guatemala to minister to the children of Casa Aleluya earlier this summer. Pastor Drew will also be preaching from 1 Thessalonians.

Men’s Ministry Road Trip and Legendary Steakhouse: Join us this Thursday, August 24 for a road trip to the legendary Como Steakhouse in Como, MS. The registration deadline has passed, but if you are still interested, contact Lisa in the church office (901)755-7772.

Congregational Meeting: The Session is calling a Congregational Meeting for next Sunday, August 27, immediately following the Sunday morning worship service to ask the congregation to vote on extending a call to Pastor Billy Spink, to serve Riveroaks in the official capacity of Pastor Emeritus.

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.

Register Your Kids for the Wednesday Night Heart & Soul Program! Our Heart & Soul program for ages 3 years to 5th grade resumes on Wednesday, September 6, 6:15-7:15pm. Heart & Soul includes a time of music and singing and Catechism. This year we are adding an activity time for the 1st through 5th graders from 6:00-6:15pm. Contact Abby Spann at 901-413-6256 or aspann@riveroakspca.org. Register online: <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/62731>. **Teachers are needed!** Contact Abby to serve.

Stephen Ministry Informational Meeting: To find out more about the Stephen Ministry, come to an informational meeting Wednesday night, September 6 at 6:30pm in room 114. Contact Jim Gibson with questions. (901)301-2993.

The Influence of the Reformation on the Arts: Join us September 10 during Sunday School 9:30-10:30am as John Hodges leads a combined Sunday School class about how the Reformation inspired the arts.

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>

Secret Sister Program: All ladies are invited to participate in the Secret Sister program. See the library for information or contact Elizabeth Lee (256)898-5300. Forms are due August 27.

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

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

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