



## **THE LORD'S DAY**

SEPTEMBER 24, 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.

Please silence your phone as you enter the sanctuary.

## Prelude

*Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*  
*Wagner/Croft*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Ministry Moment

**Pastor Drew Turberville**  
Riveroaks Faith & Life Conference

## Reflection

*I will not judge a person to be spiritually dead whom I have judged formerly to have had spiritual life, though I see him at present in a swoon [fainted] as to all evidences of the spiritual life. And the reason why I will not judge him so is this — because if you judge a person dead, you neglect him, you leave him; but if you judge him in a swoon [faint], though never so dangerous, you use all means for the retrieving of his life.*

*John Owen (1616 - 1683)*

*Much of Owen's prose reads like a roughly-dashed-off translation of a piece of thinking done in Ciceronian Latin. It has, no doubt, a certain clumsy dignity; so has Stonehenge.*

*J.I. Packer, describing what it's like to read John Owen*

# GOD CALLS

## † Call to Worship

from Psalm 104

*Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great!*

*You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent!*

*He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved!*

*O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures!*

*May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works!*

*ALL: May our meditations be pleasing to him, for we rejoice in the Lord!*

† Prayer of Praise and Adoration

**GOD CLEANSSES**

**Reading of the Word**

**Matthew 28:16-20**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

Our Father in heaven, as your children we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all of our sin. This morning we ask that you would forgive us for our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness, our envy of those who have more than we have, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Transform us by your grace so that we might desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command ...*Silent and Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**2 Peter 1:11,16**

... in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.... For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

† **Song of Response**

**“O Church Arise”**

*Townend/Getty*

**O church arise and put your armour on! Hear the call of Christ our Captain!  
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand against the devil's lies,  
An army bold whose battle cry is Love reaching out to those in darkness.**

Our call to war to love the captive soul but to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole we will fight with faith and valour.  
When faced with trials on every side we know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died - an inheritance of nations.  
Come see the cross where love and mercy meet as the Son of God is stricken.  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet for the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave  
This victory march continues till the day! Every eye and heart shall see Him!  
So Spirit come put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication

Pastor Kyle Dillon

Our Father who art in heaven, 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.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

## His Tithes and Our Offerings

### Anthem

#### An Offering

D. Forrest / Adult Choir

O Christ, Who spared not any cost, nor any grace withheld,  
But poured forth Your redeeming blood In love unparalleled;  
What would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss  
That I may taste the fellowship that brings me near Your cross?  
Why should I cling to gifts You give? Why grasp in foolish pride  
What You who gave Yourself for me now bid me lay aside?  
To know You is my highest gain worth any sacrifice,  
A treasure worthy to possess at any earthly price.  
Yet if behind my open hands, my heart shrinks from the cost,  
Teach me that nothing offered You is ever truly lost.  
A hundredfold reward awaits in one glimpse of Your face,  
My sacrifice forgotten in the riches of Your grace.

## GOD SPEAKS

### Sermon Text Preaching of God's Word

Exodus 4:1-17  
Pastor Tommy Lee

Series: A People Loved By God  
VII. The Missional People Of God

### The Lord Adds to His Church

New Members  
Heath Warbritton  
Sy & Claire Wilson  
(Covenant Children: Sam Harris & Charlotte)

### Prayer for Our New Members

Elder Allen Arant

### † Hymn of Response, No. 585

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

## GOD SENDS

### 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.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul, worship His holy name,  
Sing like never before, O my soul,  
I'll worship Your holy name.

### Postlude

*Go Down, Moses*  
arr. Calvin Taylor

## SERMON NOTES

**Scripture:** Exodus 4:1-17 (page 47)

**Sermon Title:** The Missional People Of God

**Pastor:** Tommy Lee

 **1st Excuse: But, but, but... My Ineffectiveness**

 **2nd Excuse: But, but, but... My Inability**

 **3rd Excuse: But, but, but... My Unwillingness**

## 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).

**Women's Fall Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 9:30-11:15am and on Zoom Monday evenings. Information and Registration at <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/65767>

**Life Choices Banquet: This Thursday,** September 28 at 6:00pm at Bellevue Baptist. The banquet is free, but reservations are necessary. Please contact Vickie Robinson (901)481-3890 or Linda Hoekstra (901)413-8532 if interested.

**Baby Shower for Katherine Howard:** Saturday, September 30, 10:00am-12:00pm at the home of Lindsay Arant (11221 Glen Birnham, Eads). See *The Riveroaks Weekly* for gift registry information.

**Welcome Class!** For all who would like to find out more about Riveroaks and explore membership, this is a six week class meeting on Wednesday nights (October 4, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15) from 6:15 - 7:15pm, in the Parlor. Pastors Tommy and Kyle are leading. Please come join us!

**Fall Fest - Save the Date!** October 28, 10:00am-2:00pm

**Covenant Presbyterian Youth Conference:** November 10-12 @ Victory Ranch. Register online by Oct 4: <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1886138>

**Children's Sermon Notes** are available in the foyer. It is a great way to help your kids engage!

### Wednesday Night Discipleship Ministries

- **Fellowship Dinner** (5:30-6:30pm) This week's meal: Pot Roast (Hamburger sliders for the kids!) \$5 per person (families of 4 or more pay only \$20) Pay by cash or check in person or online: <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/70697>
- **Riveroaks Kids**
  - Activity Time for Grades 1-5** (6:00-6:15pm) activity room, education wing, lower level
  - Heart & Soul:** Catechism and Music for ages 3 years through 5th grade (6:15-7:15pm)  
Register Online: <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/62731>
  - **RSM** (Middle and High School Students) (6:15-7:15pm) education wing, upper level
  - **Adults**
    - Romans in Bite-Sized Pieces** (6:30-6:55pm) Fellowship Hall - led by Mark Brink
    - Principles of Marriage Discussion** (6:15-7:15pm) Sanctuary - led by Pastor Drew
    - Stephen Ministry** **Begins October 18** (6:30pm) Room 115 - led by Jim Gibson & Erin Turberville
    - Financial Peace University** (6:15-7:45pm) Room 116-117 - led by David Dickinson and Pastor Kyle
    - Welcome Class** **Begins October 4** (6:15-7:15pm) Parlor - Led by Pastor Tommy and Pastor Kyle
  - **Adult Choir Rehearsal** (7:00-8:00pm) Choir Room - New singers are welcome!

*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](mailto: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

### **RIVEROAKS COLLEGE & CAREER: Genesis**

(Parlor) Led by Morgan Murphy & Daniel Gillespie

### **THROUGH THE BIBLE: Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Matthew**

(Room 114-15) Led by Dennis Booker, Eddie Jacobs & Paul Vander Zwaag

### **THE DOCTRINE OF THE SCRIPTURES**

(Fellowship Hall) Led by Pastor Kyle Dillon

### **FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH**

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

### **PRINCIPLES OF MARRIAGE**

(Library) Led by Pastor Drew Turberville

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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:30am

Morning Worship 10:45pm

Evening Worship 6:00pm  
*(1st & 3rd Sundays)*

Community Groups times vary  
*(2nd & 4th Sunday evenings)*

## ELDERS

Allen Arant	John Linn
Joshua Brink	Jim Newsom
Pete Hansen	Lee Robinson
Brad Harris	Brent Sheppard

## DEACONS

Vince Alfonso	Joe Maliskas
David Dickinson	Greg Moon
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