



RIVEROAKS REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, July 17, 2022

10:45am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: "Solfeggieto", C.P.E. Bach; Emma Peebles, harp

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

*There are at bottom but two types of religious thought in the world...
There is the religion of faith; there is the "religion" of works...*

*All other forms of "religious" teaching which have been known in Christendom
are but unstable attempts at compromise between the two.*

*At the opening of the fifth century, the two fundamental types came into direct conflict
in remarkably pure form as embodied in the two persons of Augustine and Pelagius.
Both were expending themselves in seeking to better the lives of men.*

But Pelagius in his exhortations threw men back on themselves; they were able, he declared, to do all that God demanded of them—otherwise God would not have demanded it.

Augustine on the contrary pointed them in their weakness to God; “He Himself,” he said... “He Himself is our power.”

The one is the “religion” of works; the other is the religion of faith.
B. B. Warfield

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Hebrews 12:18-24, 28-29

Minister: You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” 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.

Congregation: Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire!

HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 295: “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own;
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow’r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise;
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
Fair flow’rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;

Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime;
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

READING OF THE WORD: Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Lord, we confess that we dishonor you in our words, thoughts, and deeds. Depending on our own strength, we stumble; glorying in our own righteousness, we reject you; and turning our faces from you, we desire the things of this world to satisfy us. We pray now, Lord, for you to forgive all of our many sins; to cleanse the darkness from our lives; and to turn our faces and our hearts back towards you ...*Silent and Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: from Ezekiel 16:62-23

I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the Lord.... when I atone for you for all that you have done, declares the Lord God."

HYMN OF FAITH: "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
for ev'ry sin on him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home—here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand. (repeat)

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM: “The Heavens are Telling” (Psalm 19), McCracken; The Children's Ensemble

The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The earth declares the work of His hands.
The law of the Lord more desired than gold,
Sweeter than honey, reviving the soul.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION: Elder Jim Newsom

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

SERMON TEXT: John 17:1-5

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work

that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD: Pastor Drew Turberville

Sermon Series: Take Heart; I Have Overcome The World
XXI. "The Center of Christ's Reality"

WE RESPOND BY CONFESSING OUR FAITH: *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.

(* 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.)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

"The Power of the Cross", arr. Larson; Jaden Lee, cello

HYMN OF RESPONSE, No. 345: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Glorious things of thee are spoke, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove;
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near;
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name;
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

BENEDICTION: Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; *[Tallis' Canon]*
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

POSTLUDE: "Sunfish", Schocker; Emma Peebles, harp

SERMON NOTES

Glory in the Cross

Glory in Heaven

Glory in the Church

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.

Please join us this evening at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for a free Kevin Twit Concert! Kevin is the RUF campus minister for Belmont University in Nashville who has been instrumental in getting a new generation familiar with the power of great hymns, re-tuned.

A huge Thank You goes out to all the teachers, volunteers, and participants in this year's VBS at Riveroaks. There were more than 100 children who attended this year's event, and some of them will be singing during this morning's worship service. A special thanks goes out to Directors Molly Pennington and Mary Beth Edwards for their labors of love for our covenant children!

Riveroaks Women: Please join us for Coffee & Conversation on Saturday, July 23, 9:30am at Elizabeth Lee's home (1822 Stillwind Lane, Collierville, 256-898-5300). Robin Mobley will be sharing. If you know a lady who wants to attend but needs transportation, contact Melinda White.

ROcc Gathering: Join Riveroaks College & Career for a night of food and fun at the home of Drew and Erin Turberville (353 East Valleywood, Collierville, 901-570-6055) on Sunday, July 24 from 6:00-8:00pm! If you have questions, please contact Luke Howard (901-481-5690).

The Neighborhood Christian Center delivers food boxes daily to families in need. NCC food inventory is extremely low due to increased needs. Riveroaks is asked to replenish the following: cereals, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned pork, canned beef, and crackers. Boxes for collection are outside our Library and Fellowship Hall through Sunday, July 24. Cash/check donations can be accepted; make checks out to Riveroaks (write NCC on the memo line) or see Joe Maliskas.

SCOR Dessert & Coffee: Senior Citizens of Riveroaks, please join us at the Lees' home (1822 Stillwind Lane, Collierville) at 4:00pm on Sunday, July 31, for an enjoyable time of fellowship and conversation about SCOR (some say it's time for a new name?) and its future.

If you are a woman who needs prayer, counseling, or support, please contact our Women In Crisis Committee at care@riveroakspca.org

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. If you have questions about this ministry, contact Luke Howard. (Parlor)