

A PEOPLE LOVED BY GOD

"Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son, and I say to you, 'Let my son go that he may serve me.'"

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WORSHIP TIMES

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



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THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 23, 2023

10:45AM

TO GLORIFY GOD AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus!
Thank you for joining us today; may the Lord richly bless you.

† Stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

*Love bade me welcome. Yet my soul drew back
Guilty of dust and sin.*

*But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
If I lacked any thing.*

*A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,
I cannot look on thee.*

*Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?*

*Truth Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.*

*And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.*

*You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
So I did sit and eat.*

Love (III),

a poem by George Herbert (1559-1633)

GOD CALLS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 66:5, 1, 2

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man!

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name!

ALL: Give to him glorious praise!

THANK YOU!

To all who served our children at VBS this year.
Special thanks go to Mikki Weddle, Elizabeth Lee and Oakley Weddle.
Journey to the Promised Land...to God be the glory!

Riveroaks Family Night: Join us next Sunday night, July 30 at 6:00pm for singing, a testimony, a Session update and a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish that feeds 8 or more and enjoy some fellowship!

Japan Missions Update: Our own Jeff and Katie Saunders will be at Riveroaks next Sunday, July 30. All adult Sunday School classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am for 15 minutes to hear their ministry update. Classes will resume immediately following.

Ladies Summer Bunco Night: Join us for a night of fun and fellowship on Wednesday, August 2, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bunco is easy to learn and snacks will be provided! Contact Elizabeth Lee (256-898-5300) with questions.

Bridal Shower for Mary Larkin Rumbarger: Please join us for a bridal shower for Mary Larkin Rumbarger (Fiancée of Quinn Pebbles) on Saturday, August 5, 2023, 10:00am-12:00pm at the Home of Elizabeth Lee, 1822 Stillwind Lane, Collierville. If you would like to help with refreshments, are interested in contributing to a large group gift or have any questions please contact Elizabeth at 256-898-5300. The couple are registered at Amazon and Willams Sonoma.

Community Group Leadership Training: If you are interested in becoming a leader or if you are already leading a Community Group, please come to the training and lunch led by Pastor Drew Saturday, August 12, 9:00am-12:00pm. Register online: <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1848508>

Riveroaks Happenings! On Sunday, August 6 we will enjoy a combined Sunday School class (adult, youth, & children) in the sanctuary. We will introduce new classes for all ages for the Fall/Spring, along with Wednesday night ministries and upcoming events. A *Surprise Announcement* will also be revealed! Fellowship time with coffee and donuts after!

Build your Personal Library: The Riveroaks library is being disbanded, and we want our books to go home with you! Today is the final day - stop by after the service and find some books to take home.

Volunteer for the Wednesday Night Dinner Crew: Wednesday Night Dinners resume August 16! If you are a seasoned crew member eager to return or if you are new and would like to join the team, please contact Joe Maliskas at 901-574-1256.

RSM In-Home Gatherings: Middle and High School students meet Wednesday nights, 6:00pm-8:00pm in various homes this summer. Details online: <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/65766>

Family Camp - Hold the Date! The 2023 RRPC Family Camp will be at The Country Place in Moscow, TN September 8-10. Contact Pastor Drew for answers to all your questions!

For a complete list of Bible studies and for more announcements, please see The Riveroaks Weekly. Assistive listening devices are available for worship services. Please see a deacon or an usher for help with a device.

SERMON NOTES

John 6:25-35; 52-59 (page 891)

XIX. The Lord Jesus Gives Us The Sacrament Of Communion, Part II

Pastor Tommy Lee

We Are A Hungry People

Jesus Meets Us In Our Hunger... And Redefines The Conversation

And Then He Steps On The Gas

† HYMN, No. 660

“O God Beyond All Praising”

† PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES

READING OF THE WORD

Isaiah 55:1-3a, 6-9

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant.... Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, our Judge and Redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from our selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments, through Jesus Christ our Savior ...*Silent and Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:8-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

SONG

“Merciful God”

see insert

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

Elder Brad Harris

**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 forever. Amen.**

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

“Romans 11 (Doxology)”
A. Petersen/Noelle & Susanna Brink

Oh the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgment, how unknowable his paths!

Who knows the mind of our God and who can bring council to Him?
Who has given to God that God should repay?

For from Him, through Him
To Him, is everything.

To God be the glory forever and ever!
To God be the glory forever, amen!

GOD SPEAKS

SERMON TEXT

John 6:25-35; 52-59

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

Pastor Tommy Lee

Series: Oh Come, Let Us Worship!

XIX. The Lord Jesus Gives Us The Sacrament Of Communion, Part II

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE, No. 420**

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

THE LORD ADDS TO HIS CHURCH

New Members

Steven Moore Nathanael Sullivan

Covenant Child Coming to the Table

Claire Murphy

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 NEW MEMBERS AND COVENANT CHILD

Elder Brent Sheppard

GOD INVITES

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

GOD SENDS

† **BENEDICTION**

Philemon v.25

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

POSTLUDE