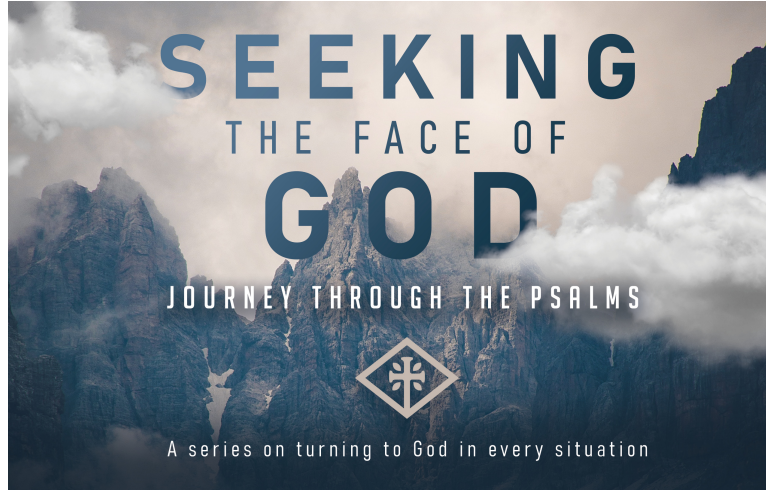


**STARTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
**INVITE A FRIEND!**



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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

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

10:45AM

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TO GLORIFY GOD AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER

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# 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

“Elegy”

arr. Fey

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MINISTRY MOMENT

Katy Murphy

## REFLECTION

*A holy unity exists amongst us, when, consenting in pure doctrine, we are united in Christ alone....  
In ourselves we are scattered; in Christ we are gathered.*

John Calvin

*In essentials, unity. In nonessentials, liberty. In all things, charity.*

Philip Melancthon

*Believe as I believe, no more no less  
That I am right and no one else, confess;  
Feel as I feel, think as I think  
Eat as I eat and drink as I drink;  
Look as I look, do as I do  
Then I'll have fellowship with you.*

Leslie Flynn

*...that they may be one even as we are one...*

Jesus, praying to his Father

# THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 47:6-8

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

**Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

For God is the King of all the earth;

**Sing praises with a psalm!**

God reigns over the nations;

**God sits on his holy throne!**

# 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).

*The Riveroaks Weekly* email is published each Thursday. To sign up, contact [office@riveroakspca.org](mailto:office@riveroakspca.org).

**Welcome Class!** The next Welcome To Riveroaks class for newcomers who want to find out more about Riveroaks or anyone who wants to consider membership will begin Sunday night, September 25, at the Lee home (1822 Stillwind Lane, Collierville), at 5:00pm, with a potluck dinner. RSVP to [office@riveroakspca.org](mailto:office@riveroakspca.org). After that, 6 Wednesday night classes will follow. Come join us! See Tommy with any questions.

**Tactics and Apologetics:** Join us Sunday evening, September 4, at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, when Pastor Kyle Dillon will lead a conversation on Christian apologetics. We will use the book *Tactics* by nationally renowned Christian apologist Greg Koukl in order to understand some of the communication techniques for graciously and effectively defending the truths of the gospel.

**The Gathering:** Empty-nesters age & above, please join us for a Labor Day gathering tomorrow, September 5, 4:00-7:00pm, at the Linn home (9001 Grove Forest Cove, Germantown). Causal, please bring an appetizer or dessert for eight. Call Jeanne Keeton with questions (901-218-1092).

**Riveroaks Women's Ministry:** Please join us for the Ladies Fall Bible study which begins in September with two meeting options. The Tuesday morning study is at Riveroaks on September 6 and also offers a children's program. The Monday evening study is via Zoom begins on September 12. Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/3tdsdb67>

**Wednesday Night Activities and Meal!** 5:30-7:00pm, the meal this week will be pot roast with hamburger sliders for the children. Programs starting at 6:15pm include Heart & Soul, RSM, and a new “Behold” Adult Class.

**Financial Peace University** is kicking off another round of classes on Wednesday nights at 6:15pm beginning September 7. David Dickinson and David Zampini will be leading the class. Feel free to contact either David with your questions or sign up at: [fpu.com/1152250](http://fpu.com/1152250)

**Community Groups** resume meeting bi-monthly on Sunday, September 11. These small groups meet in area homes at various times on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings monthly. If you are interested in joining a Community Group, contact one of the pastors.

**Riveroaks Women Fall Kick-off Meeting!** Please join us on Saturday, September 17, 10:00-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship, food (tailgate-themed), hearing about Riveroaks Women's Ministry for the upcoming year and spending time in prayer for the upcoming year. For more information, see the Riveroaks Womens email (to sign up for the email, contact [office@riveroakspca.org](mailto:office@riveroakspca.org)).

*For more announcements, please see The Riveroaks Weekly.*

SERMON NOTES

John 17:20-26

XXVII. Jesus Prays For The Fruit Of Our Unity, Part I

Pastor Tommy Lee

The Why Question... & Two Different Types Of Answers

Because Our Pursuit Of Unity Reflects The Image Of God

A Word Of Comfort In The Midst Of The Hard Work

† PSALM OF PRAISE

“Psalm 47” (see insert)

† PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

READING OF THE WORD

Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and merciful God, like your people of old, we too have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver, and have lived for our glory instead of yours. In your mercy, open our eyes to the true hope that you have given us, help us to see that all the things we think will satisfy us in this world are only shadows, but you are the substance; that they are shifting, but you are the anchor. We ask for your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life ....

*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin.... Amen!*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

HYMN OF FAITH

“Jesus, I Come” (see insert)

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

“Untitled Hymn (Come To Jesus)”

Oakley Weddle, Solo

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Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die,  
O, raise your head, for love is passing by  
Come to Jesus, come to Jesus, come to Jesus and live!

Now your burden's lifted, and carried far away  
And precious blood has washed away the stain... so  
Sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus and live!

And like a newborn baby, don't be afraid to crawl  
And remember when you walk, sometimes we fall... so  
Fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus and live!

Sometimes the way is lonely, and steep and filled with pain  
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain... then  
Cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus and live!

O, and when the love spills over, and music fills the night  
And when you can't contain your joy inside... then  
Dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus and live!

And with your final heartbeat, kiss the world goodbye  
Then go in peace, and laugh on glory's side... and  
Fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live!

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

Elder Paul Vander Zwaag

### THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

#### SERMON TEXT

John 17:20-26

#### PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Pastor Tommy Lee

SERMON SERIES: TAKE HEART: I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD

XXVII. Jesus Prays For The Fruit Of Our Unity, Part I

#### WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Nicene Creed\*

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made,**

**being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
Who, for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;  
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER “Almost Home”

Boswell/Papa  
Katy Murphy & Oakley Weddle, Duet

#### † HYMN OF RESPONSE, NO. 700

“Come, We That Love The Lord”

#### † BENEDICTION

Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony  
with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice  
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**It is well (It is well)  
with my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

#### POSTLUDE

“Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand”

arr. Hobby

\* The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.