



THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 6, 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

Worthy is the Lamb, from Messiah

G.F. Handel/Mark Woodring, trumpet

Welcome and Announcements

Reflection

This was the last thing that Christ did on earth, yea this he did while ascending; he was taken up while he did it, Luke 24:50,51. And thus solemnly he now did this, to show that the curse was gone, and that sin was gone; and that action speaks thus much, as if Christ himself had said it; “O my brethren,” for so he styled his disciples, after his resurrection, “I have been dead, and in dying, made a curse for you; but now that curse I have fully removed, and my Father has acquitted me, and you, for it! And now I can be bold to bless you, and pronounce all your sins forgiven, and all your person justified.”

For that is the intendment and the foundation of the blessing (“blessed is the man whose sins are forgiven”) and therefore that was the true meaning of his blessing them, which he reserved thus as his last act, to show, how by his death he had redeemed them from the curse of the law, and now going to heaven, was able to bless them with all the spiritual blessings that are there, and which heaven can afford; for Heavenly they are called in that respect, Ephesians 1:3.

Thomas Goodwin
(1600-1680)

GOD CALLS

† Call to Worship

Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

† Hymn, No. 300

“Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power”

† Prayer of Praise and Adoration

GOD CLEANSSES

Reading of the Word

from Genesis 1, Psalm 67, John 20,
Luke 24, Revelation 22

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them.... May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on the earth, your saving power among all nations.... On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you.”.... And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.... The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord ...*Silent and Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 62:11-12

Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

† Song of Response

"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"
see insert

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication

Elder Brent Sheppard

His Tithes and Our Offerings

Anthem

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth, from *Messiah*
G.F. Handel

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though worms destroy this body,
yet in my flesh shall I see God.
For now is Christ risen from the dead,
the first fruits of them that sleep.

GOD SPEAKS

Sermon Text

Numbers 6:22-27

Preaching of God's Word

Pastor Tommy Lee

Series: Oh Come, Let Us Worship!
XX. The Final Word We Hear from God in Worship

GOD INVITES

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

We Confess Our Faith

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

ALL: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

GOD SENDS

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**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 Trumpet Shall Sound, from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel/Mark Woodring, trumpet

SERMON NOTES

Scripture: Numbers 6: 22-27 (page 114)

Sermon Title: The Final Word We Hear from God in Worship

Pastor: Tommy Lee

 **The Exile of Sin is Answered by the Promise of Peace**

 **The Condemnation of Sin is Answered by the Promise of Mercy**

 **The Curse of Sin is Answered by the Promise of Wholeness**

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

ELI Update Tonight at 6:00pm: Join us tonight as Art Hunt updates us on the ministry of Equipping Leaders International in Kenya.

Meet our RSM Candidate! This Wednesday night, August 9 at 6:30pm our RSM candidate will meet students and parents and will lead a special service for our students. We need you there!

Community Group Leadership Training: Community Groups resume next Sunday, August 13! 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 on Saturday, August 12, 9:00am-12:00pm. Register online: <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1848508>

Help Us Teach Our Kids: We are putting teachers in place for our 2023-24 Sunday School classes. If you are looking for a way to serve, we have just the place. Our new SS year will begin next Sunday, August 13th. Please reach out if you have any questions or if you would be interested: kids@riveroakspca.org

Bridal Shower for Megan Grover: Please join us for a bridal shower for Megan Grover (Fiancée of Kyle Pacelli) on Saturday, August 19, 2023, 10:00am- 12:00pm at the home of Anna Murphy, 2424 Forest Hill-Irene Road, Germantown. If you would like to help with refreshments, are interested in contributing to a large group gift or have any questions please contact Anna at (901) 833-2757. Gift registry information is in *The Riveroaks Weekly*.

Men’s Ministry Road Trip and Legendary Steakhouse: Join us August 24 for a road trip to the legendary Como Steakhouse in Como, MS. Carpools are forming! Register online by August 17 at <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1870561>

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.

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>

Riveroaks Faith and Life Conference: Marriage for God’s Glory and Your Good - Coming January 19-20, 2024. Mark your calendars and register early online at: <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1864913>

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

RIVEROAKS COLLEGE & CAREER CLASS: Hebrews keeps us anchored in Christ by drawing our attention to Him as the true and better fulfillment of all things. Come study this incredible book with Riveroaks College and Career, led by Morgan Murphy, Daniel Gillespie and Pastor Drew Tuberville.

THROUGH THE BIBLE CLASS: “The Bible is the greatest of all books; to study it is the noblest of all pursuits; to understand it, the highest of all goals.” Please join us this summer as we continue through Psalms and Proverbs. Teachers include Dr. Paul Hess, Ernie Seger, Kyle Dillon, and Paul Vander Zwaag.

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH CLASS: This confession faithfully summarizes major doctrines and principles of Scripture and does so in a concise manner utilizing an amazing economy of language. A rotation of four teachers take us through the Scriptures as we seek good gospel and doctrinal maturity.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

ELDERS

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

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Vince Alfonso	Joe Maliskas
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