



RIVEROAKS REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, June 5, 2022

10:45am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: ""Holy Spirit", arr. Larson; Katherine Howard, violin; Jaden Lee, cello

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT: Kim Benson

REFLECTION

A salty pagan, full of the juices of life, is a hundred times dearer to God, and also far more attractive to man, than a scribe who knows his Bible... in whom none of this results in repentance, action, and above all, death of the self. A terrible curse hangs over the know-it-all who does nothing.

Helmut Thielicke

Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.

The Lord Christ (John 4)

...the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

The Apostle James (James 1)

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: James 1:17, 18; Hebrews 12:28, 29

Minister: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures!

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. 116: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

[Refrain] Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light. [Refrain]

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight. [Refrain]

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. [Refrain]

For each perfect fit of thine to our race so freely giv'n,
Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n. [Refrain]

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

READING OF THE WORD: Acts 2, selected texts

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.... And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up

his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.... Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, you are our Father and Creator, and we are the work of your hands; You are our Shepherd, and we are your flock; You are our Redeemer, and we are the people you have bought back; You are our God, and we are your inheritance. Therefore, do not be angry against us, to correct us in your wrath. Do not recall our sin, to punish it, but chastise us gently in your kindness. Undertake the work you have already begun in us by your grace, that the whole earth may recognize that you are our God and Savior...*Silent and 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: "Holy Spirit"

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new live in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do -
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace; breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show your power once again on earth, cause your cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road to sacrifice.
that in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM: “Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”, arr. Scott; The Adult Choir

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me; I would gracious be,
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ’s sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be,
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good;
And whatever I can be, give to him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow’r to see, I would be like thee;
‘Gainst weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

SERMON TEXT: John 16:4b-13

⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’

⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD: Pastor Tommy Lee

Sermon Series: Take Heart; I Have Overcome The World
XVI. “Our Spirit-Empowered Witness”

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

“Spirit of the Living God”

HYMN OF RESPONSE, No. 341: “O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping through Us”

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us, revive your church with life and pow’r,
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us, and fit your church to meet this hour.

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us, till humbly we confess our need;
Then in your tenderness remake us, revive, restore, for this we please.

O Breath of love, come breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart;
Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us, revive your church in every part.

O Heart of Christ, once broken for us, 'tis there we find our strength and rest;
Our broken, contrite hearts now solace, and let your waiting church be blest.

Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting, equip your church to spread the light.

BENEDICTION: Psalm 20:1-2

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion!

**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: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus", arr. Mickelson/Atwood; Philip Johnson, piano; Molly Pennington, organ

SERMON NOTES

The Bringer of Conviction... with regard to Sin

The Bringer of Conviction... with regard to Righteousness

The Bringer of Conviction... with regard to Judgment

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.

Tonight we will meet together for an Evening Service at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall as Pastor Drew Turberville leads us in considering community. We all know that we are supposed to love our brothers and sisters in Christ, but how do we do it? And when do we do it? How does it impact how we view coming together at church and in our homes? We will discuss how Scripture points us to practical and effective ways to love and serve one another for the glory of God.

A VBS Teacher Training Meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following this morning's worship service. A meal will be included. Prayerfully consider participating in this year's VBS as a teachers and helpers. For questions, please email Molly Pennington (mpennington@riveroakspca.org).

The Missions Committee has scheduled a tour of Life Choices on Wednesday, June 15 at 5:45pm. The Life Choices staff will provide a light dinner and a tour of their offices and ultrasound clinic. They will also share different opportunities to support and volunteer. If you are interested in joining us for the tour, please contact Kim Benson (901-337-7509).

Riveroaks is taking a mission trip to Casa Aleluya Children's Home outside of Guatemala City (June 26-July 4). Approximate trip cost per person: \$1200.00. If you're interested and want more information, call Kim Benson (901-337-7509).

Space Probe VBS Children's Sign-up begins now by scanning the QR code! Invite your friends and neighbors to our exciting week of VBS (July 11-15). If you have questions, contact Molly Pennington.



Mark your calendars for Sunday evening, July 17! A Kevin Twit Concert is scheduled to be held in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm. More details to come.

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 as organized by Ashley Broom, Luke and Katherine Howard. (Parlor) [starts June 5]