

**To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come—**

**this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name
of the Lord Jesus Christ.**



THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 30, 2022

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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” arr. Hustad

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

The Book of Psalms is full of heartfelt utterances made during storms of this kind. Where can one find nobler words to express joy than in the Psalms of praise or gratitude? In them you can see into the hearts of all the saints as if you were looking at a lovely pleasure-garden, or were gazing into heaven. . . . Or where can one find more profound, more penitent, more sorrowful words in which to express grief than in the Psalms of lamentation? In these, you see into the hearts of all the saints as if you were looking at death or gazing into hell, so dark and obscure is the scene rendered by the changing shadows of the wrath of God.

Martin Luther

There is not an emotion of which any one can be conscious that is not here [in the book of Psalms] represented as in a mirror.

John Calvin

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.... The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 46

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.

Riveroaks Family Night: Join us tonight at 6:00pm for the first-ever Riveroaks Family Night! This 5th Sunday night together will involve a little singing, a brief update from the Session, some Q&A, a testimony, and a church potluck dinner!

Wednesday Night Ministries and Meal! 5:30-7:00pm, the meal this week will be pizza and salad. Ministries starting at 6:15pm include Heart & Soul, RSM, and a “Behold’ Adult Class.

Welcome Class: We meet this Wednesday, November 2, 6:15-7:15 PM, in Room 117. See Tommy with any questions.

Training Seminar for All Current or Prospective Teachers: If you have ever taught in children's ministry, student/youth ministry, or adult Sunday school at Riveroaks—or if you are simply considering the possibility of teaching at Riveroaks—then we have an upcoming opportunity for you. On Saturday, November 5, 8:00-11:30am, Pastor Kyle Dillon will be leading a teacher training seminar in the Fellowship Hall. We will be covering the classic book *The Seven Laws of Teaching* by John Milton Gregory, highlighting the principles and strategies that promote effective teaching. We will provide a (free) Chick-Fil-A breakfast and coffee. If you are interested in attending, please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/mu3rwh9x>.

Fall Back! Note that Daylight Saving Time will end on Sunday, November 6, next week. Be sure to set your clock back an hour before going to bed Saturday night.

For A Complete Listing Of Riveroaks Bible Studies, please see *The Riveroaks Weekly*.

For more announcements, please see The Riveroaks Weekly.

SERMON NOTES

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Pastor Tommy Lee

Are The Foundations Being Destroyed?

Get Outta Dodge!

What Can The Righteous Do?

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 46:1-5

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble!

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling!

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High!

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns!

† HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 92

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

READING OF THE WORD

Nehemiah 6:1-14

Now when Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall and that there was no breach left in it (although up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, “Come and let us meet together at Hakkephirim in the plain of Ono.” But they intended to do me harm. And I sent messengers to them, saying, “I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?” And they sent to me four times in this way, and I answered them in the same manner. In the same way Sanballat for the fifth time sent his servant to me with an open letter in his hand. In it was written, “It is reported among the nations, and Geshem also says it, that you and the Jews intend to rebel; that is why you are building the wall. And according to these reports you wish to become their king. And you have also set up prophets to proclaim concerning you in Jerusalem, ‘There is a king in Judah.’ And now the king will hear of these reports. So now come and let us take counsel together.” Then I sent to him, saying, “No such things as you say have been done, for you are inventing them out of your own mind.” For they all wanted to frighten us, thinking, “Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done.” But now, O God, strengthen my hands. Now when I went into the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, who was

confined to his home, he said, “Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple. Let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you. They are coming to kill you by night.” But I said, “Should such a man as I run away? And what man such as I could go into the temple and live? I will not go in.” And I understood and saw that God had not sent him, but he had pronounced the prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. For this purpose he was hired, that I should be afraid and act in this way and sin, and so they could give me a bad name in order to taunt me. Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, according to these things that they did, and also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who wanted to make me afraid.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord of all, the demands of your righteousness are too hard for us to fulfill alone, so we rush off with this excuse and ignore your law. You forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more, and we abuse this freedom as if it were a license to selfishness, self-indulgence and self-righteousness. You give us the gift of grace: atonement in the blood of your Son, yet we make it cheap without serious repentance. We fail to see the power of your faithfulness. We are your people, but do we know you as our God? Forgive us Lord, the sins we know in our heart. Save us Lord from the sins we hide.*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin....Amen!*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

† SONG OF FAITH

“In Christ Alone”
(see insert)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

Pastoral Intern Dennis Booker

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

“To the Lamb on the Throne”

Forrest/The Adult Choir

Worthy the Lamb. Worthy the Lamb.

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name all victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!”

Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight,
His presence we have, the great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Then let us adore, and give Him His right,
All glory and pow’r, all wisdom, might; all honor and blessing with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

SERMON TEXT

Psalm 11

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

Pastor Tommy Lee

SERMON SERIES: SEEKING THE FACE OF GOD

VI. The Lord Is In His Holy Temple

† PSALM OF RESPONSE

“Psalm 11”
(see insert)

† BENECTION

Galatians 6:18

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

His kingdom is forever.

POSTLUDE

“Ein Feste Burg”

JS Bach