

RIVEROAKS REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, May 22, 2022

10:45am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: "It Is Well with My Soul", arr. Kraus

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

*Give yourself to the Church... It is the dearest place on earth to us.
All who have first given themselves to the Lord, should, as speedily as possible, also give themselves
to the Lord's people... The Church is the nursery for God's weak children where they are nourished
and grow strong. It is the fold for Christ's sheep - the home for Christ's family.*
Charles Spurgeon

*Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.
And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David,
and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.*
1 Samuel 18:3-4

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than
yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*
Philippians 2:3-4

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 40:1-4

Minister: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**Congregation: He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a
rock, making my steps secure.**

Minister: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Congregation: Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Minister: Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust,

Congregation: who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 16: "Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord"

Come, let us sing unto the Lord new songs of praise with sweet accord;
For wonders great by him are done, his hand and arm have vict'ry won.

The great salvation of our God is seen through all the earth abroad;
Before the heathen's wond'ring sight he has revealed his truth and right.

He called to mind his truth and grace in promise made to Israel's race;
And unto earth's remotest bound glad tidings of salvation sound.

All lands, to God lift up your voice; sing praise to him, with shouts rejoice;
With voice of joy and loud acclaim let all unite and praise his name.

Praise God with harp, with harp sing praise, with voice of psalms his glory raise.
With trumpets, cornets, gladly sing and shout before the Lord, the King.

Let earth be glad, let billows roar and all that dwell from shore to shore;
Let floods clap hands with one accord, let hills rejoice before the Lord.

For lo, he comes; at his command all nations shall in judgment stand;
In justice robed and throned in light, the Lord shall judge, dispensing right.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

READING OF THE WORD: Hebrews 10:19-25

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful Father, you have not only called us to yourself, but you have called us to one another. And far too often, we ignore the rich gift of Christ-exalting fellowship to our downfall. Draw us out of ourselves and deeper into the Body of Christ. Forgive us for failing to see others as you see them, as members of your Bride ...*Silent and Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Ephesians 2:17-20

And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.

HYMN OF FAITH: "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

[Chorus] We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

He has done great things, we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire; he is the Lord, our God.

We are not consumed by the flood; upheld, protected, gathered up. [Chorus]

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid.

For the promised morning, oh, how long? Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength. [Chorus]

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed, you are the faithful one.

And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom. [Chorus x2]

HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ANTHEM: "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name", Fettke; The Adult Choir

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;
the moon and stars suspended in space.

Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
and have made him a little lower than the angels.

You have put him in charge of all creation:

the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.

But what is man, Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him.

O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name
transcends the dearth and fills the heavens.

O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly,
and so would we, and so would we.

Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

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.

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

SERMON TEXT: John 15:12-17

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD: Pastor Drew Turberville
Sermon Series: Take Heart; I Have Overcome The World
XIV. “Intertwined for His Glory”

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH: Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE, No. 498: "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

[Refrain] Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. [Refrain]

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll.
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul. [Refrain]

Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry. [Refrain]

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. [Refrain]

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.

**God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;
'neath his wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE: "Festival Alleluia" arr. Miller

SERMON NOTES

Christian Friendship is Marked by Sacrifice.

Christian Friendship is Marked by Mutuality.

Christian Friendship is Marked by Promotion.

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.

Riveroaks College & Career Ministry is hosting a luncheon on today immediately following the church service in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided! If you are a first-time visitor and would like to join this lunch gathering, we welcome you.

Community Groups meet Sunday night! These smaller, informal gatherings meet in individual homes on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings monthly (times vary at each location). If you'd like to join a group tonight, we'd love to have you! Please speak with one of our pastors.

Riveroaks Student Ministry (RSM) will resume meeting in homes on Wednesday, June 1. For locations, contact Pastor Drew.

Attention All Riveroaks Men! A Patio Night will be held on Friday, June 3 at 7:00pm at the home of Brad Harris (8217 Poplar Pike, Germantown). Please mark your calendars to join in this manly outdoor gathering. In case of rain, check with Brad about a rescheduled date.

A VBS Teacher Training Meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 5, to be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Sunday worship. Please contact Molly Pennington to sign up to help and to RSVP for the meeting. Prayerfully consider participating in this year's VBS as a teacher/helper. For questions, contact Molly Pennington (mpennington@riveroakspca.org).

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).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (9:30AM)

The Voice of the Heart: What does the Bible have to say about human emotions and needs? Are some good and some bad? How have our emotions and needs been affected by the Fall? Join us for our upcoming Sunday School class, in which we will be discussing 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: "A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't." (Charles H. Spurgeon) If you are looking for wonderful discussion as we ponder God's Word together, please join us for this summer adult class as we journey from Isaiah to Obadiah taught by teachers Paul Vander Zwaag and others (Rms. 116-117).