



riveroaks
reformed presbyterian church

THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 30, 2023

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

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

arr. Shannon
Jill Peak, Guest Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

For Christians to influence the world with the truth of God's Word requires the recovery of the great Reformation doctrine of vocation. Christians are called to God's service not only in church professions but also in every secular calling. The task of restoring truth to the culture depends largely on our laypeople. To bring back truth, on a practical level, the church must encourage Christians to be not merely consumers of culture but makers of culture. The church needs to cultivate Christian artists, musicians, novelists, filmmakers, journalists, attorneys, teachers, scientists, business executives, and the like, teaching its laypeople the sense in which every secular vocation—including, above all, the callings of husband, wife, and parent—is a sphere of Christian ministry, a way of serving God and neighbor that is grounded in God's truth. Christian laypeople must be encouraged to be leaders in their fields, rather than eager-to-please followers, working from the assumptions of their biblical worldview, not the vapid clichés of pop culture.

J. Gresham Machen

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

GOD CALLS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

from Luke 1:68 & Isaiah 48:20

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people!

Declare this truth with a shout of joy, proclaim it, send it out to the end of the earth; say, "The Lord has redeemed his servants!"

† HYMN, No. 53

"Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"

† PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES

READING OF THE WORD

Romans 4:1-8

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, I am blind: be my light. I am ignorant: be my wisdom. I am self-willed: be my mind. Your cross was raised to be my refuge; your blood poured out to wash me clean; and by you all heaven is poured into my heart. I was a stranger, an outcast, a slave, and a rebel. But your cross has brought me near, has softened my heart, has made me your Father's child, has admitted me into your family, has made me a joint-heir with you. O that I may love you as you love me, that I may walk worthy of you, my Lord, and that I may reflect your image....*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin....Amen!*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 9:24-28

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

† HYMN, No. 691

“It is Well With My Soul”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Jude Naftali Maloba
and Nuru Selwe Maloba
Covenant Children of Diana Andera

Solemn Vows - Parent

Do you acknowledge your children's need of the cleaning blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now present these children to be baptized into the Christian Faith, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with them and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Solemn Vows - Congregation

Do you, members of this congregation, and also members of the Body of Christ outside of this local church, undertake this responsibility - assisting this parent in the Christian nurture of these children?

We do.

Solemn Words to the Children

Children, Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. He has entered into the shadows of Gethsemane and the terrors of Calvary; he has uttered the cry "It is finished!" He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, and there he intercedes for his church. Today we have pledged to teach you all of these things, and our prayer for you is that you will always mature and grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our great Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOR JUDE AND NURU
HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Elder Brent Sheppard

OFFERTORY

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”
arr. Wood

GOD SPEAKS

SERMON TEXT

PSALM 32

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Pastor Tommy Lee

Series: Oh Come, Let Us Worship!

IX. Loving The Lord Our God In The Confession Of Our Sin

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE, No. 363**

“We Gather Together”

GOD SENDS

† **BENEDICTION**

Galatians 6:18

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers [and sisters!] Amen.

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

POSTLUDE

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

arr. Sikes

SERMON NOTES

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IX. Loving The Lord Our God In The Confession Of Our Sin
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Transgression, Sin, & Iniquity

Forgiven, Covered, & Not Counted Against

The Misery Of Hiding; The Joy Of Being Found

Wise Counsel To You And Me, From King David

A Precious Promise From God

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: Tonight at 6:00pm! This 5th Sunday night together will involve a little singing, a brief update from the Session, a testimony and devotion, and a church potluck dinner! Bring something to share!

Ministries and Meal: 5:30-7:15pm, the meal this Wednesday will be Chick-fil-A. Hungry Games for RSM (Middle and High School Student Ministry) and the Disaster Response Ministry meeting begin at 6:00pm. An Adult Bible Study begins at 6:25pm and Adult Choir begins at 6:45pm. There will be no children's activities.

Disaster Response Ministry: Men, join us this Wednesday evening at 6:00pm in room 116-17 for an informational meeting about our newly-formed Disaster Response Ministry. Contact Robert Britton for more information. (251-689-0411 or rroobbeerrtt1@gmail.com)

Men's Ministry Bike Ride: Men, let's meet together this Saturday, May 6 at 10:30am at the Kirby Parkway Trailhead of the Wolf River Greenway. We'll ride to Cheffies for lunch and return, about 14 miles. Expected return time: 1:00pm. Contact Vann Coe for more information. (901-481-4451)

Corporate Sunday School Class: When referring to the Scriptures, James 1:25 uses the phrase "perfect law of liberty." But what does that mean? How can the law of God be liberating? Join us next Sunday, May 7 at 9:30am for a Corporate Sunday School Class in the sanctuary with Art Hunt for a special lesson titled, "Three Views of Liberty: Modern, Ancient, and Biblical."

Senior Sunday: We will celebrate our seven graduating high school seniors next Sunday in the morning service followed by a lunch for the seniors and their families. The church is raising \$3,500 to give each senior a \$500 gift from the church family. To contribute, you can give online at the link below or list "senior gifts" in the memo line of your check. If you would like to give a gift to a specific senior, please give your gift directly to them. <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/senior-gifts>

New Men's Discipleship Group: Brothers, we wanted to let you know that our new men's discipleship group is now a thing. We are meeting on (most) Saturday mornings at 8:00 at Riveroaks. We've just got started and there's room for more. If you're the least bit interested in helping each other grow together towards greater maturity in Christ and would like more details, please let Tommy know or text Jim Newsom at (901) 828-8147.

Ladies' Summer Book Study: Ladies, please join us for a Summer book study on Wednesday evenings, May 31-June 28, 6:30-8:00pm. The study will take place in various homes and will be a discussion of the book, *Ten Words to Live By* by Jen Wilkin. Register online at <https://rrpc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1724064> or contact the church office by tomorrow to receive a free copy of the book (office@riveroakspca.org).

Middle and High School RYM Florida RYM: (Reformed Youth Ministries) Florida is a week-long retreat at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center. Our students will worship, attend elective classes, and have a lot of fun at the beach! Middle School: June 26-30, High School: July 10-15. Register online at <https://www.riveroakspca.org/student-ministries>

For more announcements, please see The Riveroaks Weekly.



Three Views of Liberty

Modern * Ancient * Biblical

Corporate Sunday School Class
Sanctuary, 9:30 a.m., May 7

RIVEROAKS FAMILY NIGHT

Tonight @ 6:00pm

Enjoy a time of singing, devotion and testimony,
a Session update and a potluck dinner

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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