
Announcements and Upcoming Events

Welcome to Riveroaks! We are delighted that you have joined us for worship, either in person this morning or online, we want to welcome you. If you are a visitor, please take a moment to provide us your information. You can fill out a visitor card and leave it at the entrance, or you can fill out our online visitor form: www.riveroakspca.org/visitor

The Riveroaks session has decided to drop the sign-up option for worship and other church events, but please continue to wear masks and observe social distancing while at Riveroaks. We also encourage those of you who live together to please sit closer to each other. By moving toward the center, we may be able to get more seating for visitors on the outside of the marked aisles.

Today's sanctuary flowers have been given by the Weddle family in memory of their son, Peyton Martin Weddle, who went to be with the Lord 5 years ago today at the age of 21.

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior” (Isaiah 43: 2-3).



THE LORD'S DAY

February 21, 2021

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The Order of the Public Worship of God



PRELUDE: "O Zion Haste"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD ON WORSHIP

INTERLUDE AND MEDITATION

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95:1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

† SALUTATION AND OPENING RESPONSE:

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

Psalm 95:6

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

† INVOCATION

THE LORD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST

CALL TO CONFESSION: The Great Commandment

Hear now the commandments of Your God, which he has commanded you to keep, saying, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." This is the first and great commandment.

And the second, like unto it is this,

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Have you fully obeyed the Lord in all that he has commanded?

**No, but we have sinned against Him
in thought, word, and deed.**

Find for - give - ness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life,
Paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life,
To re - ceive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life,
As His bod - y here on earth. As we share in His suf - fer - ing

And we drink of His sa - cri - fice As a sign
And we drink of His sa - cri - fice As a sign
And we drink of His sa - cri - fice As a sign
We pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join

of our bonds of peace A - round the ta - ble of the King.
of our bonds of love A - round the ta - ble of the King.
of our bonds of grace A - round the ta - ble of the King.
in the feast of heav'n A - round the ta - ble of the King.

† BENEDICTION: Numbers 6:24-26

† THREE-FOLD AMEN

† POSTLUDE: "Lift High the Cross"

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

† HYMN OF RESPONSE: "Behold the Lamb"



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way Slain for us,
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, Torn for you,
3. The blood that clean - ses ev - ery stain of sin, Shed for you,
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise To re - spond,



and we re-mem-ber The prom - ise made that all who come in faith
eat and re-mem-ber The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
drink and re-mem-ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in
and to re-mem-ber Our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ



SILENT INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Most holy and merciful Father;
we acknowledge and confess before you,
our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good,
and all our shortcomings and offenses.
You alone know how often we have sinned against you,
in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us.
Teach us to hate our errors and cleanse us from our secret faults.
Forgive us for every failure; help us to follow You in every way,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your
own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works.

† HYMN No. 101: "Come Thou Almighty King"

† CONFESSION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered unto Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 3:1-9

ANTHEM: "The Lord is My Light" (Craig Courtney)
John Linn, Soloist

SERMON TEXT: Mark 1:1-15

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD: Rev. James H. Grant, Jr.

Spiritual Formation:
The Starting Point—The Gospel

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

† RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD: Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,

For they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

† SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

Lam. 3:41

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Psalm 92:1

It is good and right to do so.

It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing....

† SANCTUS

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS