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# RIVERLEAF WOOD

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## WELCOME TO RIVERWOOD

We are glad you are here! Finding a church home can be a daunting process, so we want to help you by telling you who we are up front. We are first and foremost a people **resting** in God's grace offered to us in the gospel of Jesus Christ, being progressively **renewed** by the Holy Spirit, and **responding** in faith, repentance, and obedience.

We are also a reformed, confessional, and apostolic church. That means that we trace our roots back through the Protestant Reformation, the historic confessions, catechisms, and creeds of the church, all the way back to the teachings of the apostles. In all of this, our ultimate authority is God's word.

No matter where you are in your understanding of the Christian faith, we hope you find Riverwood to be a place where you can build relationships, ask questions, and grow in your knowledge of Jesus.

We would love to connect with you today before you leave! You can help us with that by scanning the QR code on the back page of this bulletin and filling out the linked *Information Connection* page. Our elders will also be in the foyer after the service to meet you and answer any questions you may have.

Now receive this welcome into worship:

**"To all who are weary and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort;  
to all who fail and need forgiveness; to all who struggle and need strength;  
to all who sin and need a savior: this church opens wide her doors  
in the name of Jesus, the friend of sinners."**





June 14, 2026

10:30 Worship Service

Pastor, *Rev. Jeff Pate*  
Assisting Elder, *Dusty Sheppard*  
Piano, *Nancy Allen*

## WELCOME

*Please program all communication devices to be in silent mode. Thank you.*

## PRELUDE

## PRAISE

### CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 37*

Pastor: Trust in the Lord, and do good;  
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

**All: Delight yourself in the Lord,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Pastor: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;  
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

**All: The Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the  
wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship.

**HYMN: 40** "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

## PRAYER OF PRAISE 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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

# CONFESSION OF SIN

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**SCRIPTURE READING:**     *Luke 6:20-26*

**20** And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. **21** Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. **22** Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! **23** Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. **24** But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. **25** Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. **26** Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets."

Leader:                 This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:**                    **Thanks be to God!**

## **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:**

**Lord Jesus, your word exposes how worldly our lives and our affections have been. You called us to value your kingdom and your righteousness, but we can be so captivated with the things of the flesh. Please forgive us. We crave material wealth, temporal praise, and constant entertainment, while you offer us spiritual riches, eternal glory, and lasting joy. Even as we worship you, we can offer our tithes and formal songs while neglecting the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. Have mercy on us. Holy Spirit, reshape our hearts to delight in the Father who loved us, and reshape our lives to be like his Son who he sent for our salvation. We ask this in the name of Jesus, amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

# RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

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## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD:** *from Romans 3*

**Pastor:** Christians, lift your heads and hear the gospel. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith." The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

## **HYMN:** "It Was Finished upon that Cross"

How I love the voice of Jesus, on the Cross of Calvary.  
He declares His work is finished; He has spoken this hope to me.  
Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost,  
Christ had triumphed over evil. It was finished upon that Cross.

Now the curse it has been broken; Jesus paid the price for me.  
Full the pardon He has offered. Great the welcome that I receive.  
Boldly I approach my Father, clothed in Jesus' righteousness.  
There is no more guilt to carry. It was finished upon that Cross.

Death was once my great opponent. Fear once had a hold on me.  
But the Son who died to save us, rose that we would be free indeed.

Death was once my great opponent. Fear once had a hold on me.  
But the Son who died to save us, rose that we would be free indeed.  
Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed.

Free from every plan of darkness, free to live and free to love.  
Death is dead and Christ is risen. It was finished upon that Cross.

Onward to eternal glory to my Saviour and my God  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory. It was finished upon that Cross! (x3)

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# AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER & OFFERTORY

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**      *Westminster Larger Catechism #70*

Leader:      What is justification?

**All:**      **Justification is an act of God's free grace unto sinners, in which he pardons all their sins, accepts and accounts their persons righteous in his sight; not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but only for the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, by God imputed to them, and received by faith alone.**

**RESPONSE:**      "Gloria Patri"

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.

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

**HYMN:**      597

"Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire"

# RECEIVING THE WORD

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**SCRIPTURE:**      *Psalm 73*

**1** Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. **2** But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. **3** For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. **4** For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek. **5** They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind. **6** Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment. **7** Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies. **8** They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression. **9** They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth. **10** Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them. **11** And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?" **12** Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches. **13** All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence. **14** For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning. **15** If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed the generation of your children. **16** But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, **17** until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end. **18** Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin. **19** How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! **20** Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms. **21** When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, **22** I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you. **23** Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. **24** You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. **25** Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. **26** My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. **27** For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. **28** But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

Pastor:            The grass withers, the flower fades,  
**All:**                **but the Word of our God will stand forever.**

**SERMON:**            "A Divine Perspective on a Worldly Dilemma"

*Rev. Jeff Pate*

**HYMN:****"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"**

Mine are days that God has numbered I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of kings  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter harm and hatred for His name  
But mine is armor for this battle strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore

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# COMMUNION & BENEDICTION

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## RESPONSIVE READING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.**

The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**All: The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.**

Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love

Pastor: him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord. The gifts of God for the people of God.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**HYMN: 600**

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"

## BENEDICTION

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DISMISSING HYMN: #263** "Lift High the Cross"

*Refrain:*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. (Refrain)

## **Happy Birthday**

June 14 Dana Miller

## **No Sunday School this Summer**

We will be taking a break from Sunday School classes this summer. Stay tuned for more details on when classes will kick off this fall!

## **Pier Groups**

We believe an important component of Christian discipleship is regular time in the word and prayer with fellow believers. One way we seek to provide opportunities for that is through small groups that we refer to as Pier Groups. There are two Pier Groups currently meeting:

- Martins (4032 Carousel Circle, 35406) on Sundays in their home @ 5:30 pm. For more info contact Gene at (205) 614-2781.
- Pates (2030 Idlewood Drive, 35405) on Tuesdays at their home @ 6 pm. You can reach out to Jeff at (205) 771-0170. *Please text first since the location does fluctuate during the summer months.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Nursery Schedule

June 14: Erin Sheppard & Lilly Henry

June 21: Vielyana Kim & Caleb Kim

## Riverwood Church Officers

### *Elders:*

John Kim

Gene Martin

Jeff Pate

Dusty Sheppard

### *Elders Emeritus:*

Bob Prince

Robert Sheppard

### *Deacons:*

Tommy Coleman

Steven Crawford

Bruce DeHaan

Ed Kidder

Steve Patridge

Marvin Skelton

### Financials through May

Operating Income:	\$155,436.14
Operating Expense:	\$156,999.93
Net Income:	(\$1,563.79)
Designated gifts:	\$57,846.30
Building loan balance:	\$242,413.47



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