

REFLECTIONS

What we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

Paul, the apostle
2 Corinthians 4:5-7

If the Lord be with us, we have no cause of fear. His eye is upon us, His arm over us, His ear open to our prayer - His grace sufficient, His promise unchangeable.

John Newton

As the wicked are hurt by the best things, so the godly are bettered by the worst.

William Jenkyn

Our sorrows are all, like ourselves, mortal. There are no immortal sorrows for immortal souls. They come, but blessed be God, they also go. Like birds of the air, they fly over our heads. But they cannot make their abode in our souls. We suffer today, but we shall rejoice tomorrow.

C. H. Spurgeon

RIVERWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

T U S C A L O O S A , A L A B A M A

August 1, 2021 • 11:00 Worship Service • Rev. Jeff Pate, Pastor

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00am

Leader In Worship: Assisting Elder Gene Martin

Linda Graham, piano

WELCOME

Program all communication devices to be in silent mode. Thank you.

PRELUDE

Please use this time for prayer and meditation as we prepare to go before the living God in worship.

PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 127 & Ephesians 2*

Pastor: Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

All: Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

Pastor: Jesus Christ is building his church. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,

All: Jesus Christ being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

Pastor: Church of Jesus Christ, come, let us worship.

HYMN: 342 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion’s help forever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

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

SCRIPTURE READING: *Deuteronomy 10:12-22*

¹²“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵Yet the Lord set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. ²²Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Pastor: The psalmist testifies: *Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed are those against whom the LORD counts no iniquity...I acknowledged my sin to you and I did not cover my iniquity; I said “I will confess my transgression to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.* Let us confess our sins to God who is faithful to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: **Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from John 3:16-18a*

Pastor: Hear the good news! God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned. Through faith in the Son of God, your sins are forgiven and you no longer stand condemned. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

HYMN: 252 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

DOXOLOGY (Hymnal, page 731)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator 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 to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to 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.

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: 334 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

HYMN: 480 "Come, for the Feast Is Spread"

Come, for the feast is spread, hark to the call;
come to the Living Bread, offered to all.
Come to his house of wine, low on his breast recline,
all that he has is thine; come, sinner, come.

Come, where the fountain flows, river of life;
healing for all thy woes, doubting, and strife.
Millions have been supplied, no one was e'er denied,
come to the crimson tide; come, sinner, come.

Come to the throne of grace, boldly draw near;
he who would win the race must tarry here.
Whate'er thy want may be, here is the grace for thee,
Jesus thine only plea; come, Christian, come.

RESPONSIVE READING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Pastor: With these words our Lord commands all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in true faith and in the confident hope of his return in glory.

All: **In this supper God declares to us that our sins are completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself finished on the cross once for all.**

Pastor: He also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who is bodily now in heaven at the right hand of the Father.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Riverwood Presbyterian uses wine in the celebration of Holy Communion. If you would prefer non-alcoholic grape juice, please take a cup from the inner circle of the tray.

BENEDICTION

HYMN: 95 “Though Troubles Assail Us”

Though troubles assail us and dangers affright,
though friends should all fail us and foes all unite,
yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
the promise assures us, “The Lord will provide.”

The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;
from them let us learn to trust God for our bread.
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied
so long as 'tis written, “The Lord will provide.”

When Satan assails us to stop up our path,
and courage all fails us, we triumph by faith.
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,
this heart-cheering promise, “The Lord will provide.”

No strength of our own and no goodness we claim;
yet, since we have known of the Savior's great name,
in this our strong tower for safety we hide:
the Lord is our power, “The Lord will provide.”

BENEDICTION

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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

August 1 Savannah Cook
August 1 Evan Patridge
August 5 Joann Williams
August 6 Eleanor Gill

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

TEACHERS AND AIDES NEEDED FOR CATECHISM

Catechism is scheduled to resume on Wednesday, August 18 from 3:30-5:00pm. The Catechism program is also utilized by RCS families. I am anticipating 30-40 children attending this fall. **HELP IS NEEDED!** Specifically, the program will need a minimum of 4 teachers and 4 teacher's aides. The plan is to divide the children into four groups for Bible lessons and memorization work. All teaching materials will be provided. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Joann.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, August 15: Sunday School Promotion Sunday
Wednesday, August 18: Catechism begins

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through June 2021

Operating Income:	\$211,998.73
Operating Expense*:	\$244,092.10
Net Income:	(\$32,093.37)
Designated gifts:	\$46,608.00
Building loan balance:	\$676,660.44

**Includes the minimum monthly building loan payment*