

RIVERWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 30, 2020 • 8:30 & 10:30am • Rev. Jeff Pate, pastor

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am

Leader In Worship: Assisting Elder Gene Martin
Joann Williams, piano

10:30am

Leader In Worship: Assisting Elder John Kim
Dr. Linda Graham, piano

REFLECTIONS:

A real Christian who believes should do two things: dance out of a sense of joy and fight out of the sheer sense of victory.

G. K. Chesterton

It is a poor sermon that gives no offense; that neither makes the hearer displeased with himself nor with the preacher.

George Whitfield

(The Disciples) had seen the strong hands of God twist the crown of thorns into a crown of glory, and in hands as strong as that they knew themselves safe. They had misunderstood practically everything Christ had ever said to them, but no matter: the thing made sense at last, and the meaning was far beyond anything they had dreamed. They had expected a walkover, and they beheld a victory; they had expected an earthly Messiah, and they beheld the Soul of Eternity.

Dorothy L. Sayers

To be a Christian means to have Christ possess you. We usually think of possession as a negative word. That's because if anything else possess you, it'll drive you crazy. But if Christ possess you, he'll drive you absolutely sane.

Timothy J. Keller

CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 107*

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Pastor: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

**All: Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.**

Pastor: Congregation of followers of Jesus Christ, redeemed by the Lord's steadfast love,
come, let us worship!

HYMN: 635 “How Good It Is to Thank the Lord”

How good it is to thank the Lord, and praise to you, Most High, accord,
to show your love with morning light, and tell your faithfulness each night;
yea, good it is your praise to sing, and all our sweetest music bring.

O Lord, with joy my heart expands before the wonders of your hands;
great works, Jehovah, you have wrought, exceeding deep your ev'ry thought;
a foolish man knows not their worth, nor he whose mind is of the earth.

When as the grass the wicked grow, when sinners flourish here below,
then is there endless ruin nigh, but you, O Lord, are throned on high;
your foes shall fall before your might, the wicked shall be put to flight.

The righteous man shall flourish well, and in the house of God shall dwell;
he shall be like a goodly tree, and all his life shall fruitful be;
for righteous is the Lord and just, he is my rock, in him I trust.

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.*

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. ¹⁸Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” ²⁰and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” ²¹So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, ²³and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Almighty God, we are so quick to forget that we have a new identity in Jesus Christ. We think of our lives apart from you and in isolation from one another. We forget that we have been redeemed, bought with a price, and are being built together to be a spiritual house occupied by your Holy Spirit. Please forgive us for our forgetfulness. We also confess that there are times we embrace the wisdom of the age instead of the eternal truth of your Word. Have mercy on us. Our only hope is in your mercy, your grace, your love, and your power. We come to you in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from 1 Corinthians 1:22-31*

Pastor: Lift your heads and hear the good news of salvation. Jews demand signs and Greeks demand wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

All: but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Pastor: God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him, you are in Christ Jesus,

All: who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HYMN: 701 "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!"

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
redeemed thro' his infinite mercy, his child, and forever, I am.

Chorus:

Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
redeemed thro' his infinite mercy, his child, and forever, I am.

Redeemed and so happy in Jesus, no language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of his presence with me doth continually dwell.

(Chorus)

I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent; his love is the theme of my song.

(Chorus)

OFFERING:

*Remember to worship through the giving of tithes and offerings. There are offering plates next to the exits for you to place your offering. You may also give online using the link on the church's website or send checks to the church's mailing address.

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: 735 "Gloria Patri"

MISSIONS MOMENT

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN: "Come, O Creator Spirit Blest"

1. Come, O Creator Spirit blest, and in our hearts take up your rest;
Spirit of grace, with heav'nly aid come to the souls whom you have made.
2. You are the Comforter, we cry, sent to the earth from God Most High,
fountain of life and fire of love, and our anointing from above.
3. Make our dull minds with rapture glow, let human hearts with love o'erflow;
and when our feeble flesh would fail, may your immortal strength prevail.
4. Show us the Father, Holy One, help us to know th'eternal Son;
Spirit divine, forevermore you will we trust and you adore.

THE SACRAMENT OF LORD'S SUPPER:

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

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

Pastor: 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.

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

HYMN: 598 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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)

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

September 3 Robert DeWitt

September 4 David Drinkard

COVENANT KIDS CLUB AND YOUTH GROUP

Covenant Kids Club and Youth Group will meet tonight from 6:30-7:30pm.

GIFT BASKETS

There are two gift baskets in the foyer. One is a "wedding shower" for Jacob and Terrie Bell who were married last month. The other is "baby shower" for the Gills to welcome Evelyn Ruth!