The gospel produces rest; restlessness is always a sign of unbelief. Knowing the love of God sets you free to work hard with a restful heart.

C. John (Jack) Miller

The gospel is meant to make us cheerful, because the Christian life is a life of love, which gets us involved in a great deal of hard work and heartache, as we share the sufferings and sorrows of our neighbors and even our enemies. So our obedience to God's commandments would be a crushing burden if it were not supported by the love of Christ – by which I mean the Lord Jesus' love for us, including all that he has done for us and for our salvation, as announced and revealed in the gospel. When we believe that good news, we have strength for the journey. And that strength has an emotional side to it, which is not anxiety but cheerfulness.

Phillip Cary

Restlessness and impatience change nothing except our peace and joy. Peace does not dwell in outward things, but in the heart prepared to wait trustfully and quietly on Him who has all things safely in His hands.

Elisabeth Elliott

The gospel is not something partial or piecemeal: it takes in the whole life, the whole of history, the whole world. It tells us about the creation and the final judgment and everything in between. It is a complete, whole view of life, and many are unhappy in the Christian life because they have never realized that this way of life caters for the whole of man's life and covers every eventuality in his experience. There is no aspect of life but that the gospel has something to say about it. The whole of life must come under its influence because it is all-inclusive; the gospel is meant to control and govern everything in our lives.

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones
from *Spiritual Depression*
Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Leader In Worship: Assisting Elder Clay Staggs  
Nancy Allen, piano

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

Prelude  
When Morning Gilds the Skies  
arr. Sandra Eithun  
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 104; 2 Corinthians 4:6  
Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great!  
All: You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.  
Pastor: 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.  
All: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul! Come, let us worship!

HYMN OF PRAISE: 164 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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: Psalm 130:1-6

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! 2 O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy. 3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? 4 But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. 5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; 6 my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

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

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Almighty God,
Truly from the depths of our sin we call to you. We can come from no other place. Our sin is always before us. In our great need, O Lord, we cry out to you. Hear us, Lord! Hear our pleas for mercy! If you held our sins against us, even a single sin, we could never stand before you. We would be forever condemned. We would be without hope.

But you, O Lord, in Christ have forgiven us. Because of his mighty work on our behalf, you have shown us mercy and have forgiven our sins. You have called us to be your own.

We wait for you.
We trust in you.
We hope in your Word.

In his name alone we pray. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: from 1 Peter 1:3-5

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
People: According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
Pastor: to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,
People: who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
Pastor: In Christ alone we have peace with God. The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
**HYMN:**  “Hope of the World”

1. Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion,
   speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
   Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,
   who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

2. Hope of the world, God’s gift from highest heaven,
   bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
   still let thy Spirit unto us be given
   to heal earth’s wounds and end her bitter strife.

3. Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
   from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt;
   we render back the love thy mercy gave us;
   take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.

4. Hope of the world, O Christ o’er death victorious,
   who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,
   we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious:
   Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY**

Presentation of tithes & offerings

*Whiter than Snow*  
arr. Sandra Eithun

**DOXOLOGY (Hymnal, page 731)**
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:
Leader: Christian, what do you believe?
People: I believe that...
...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (1 Jn 1:5)
...Jesus is the image of the invisible God. (Col. 1:15)
...we must be perfect, as God is perfect. (Matt. 5:48)
...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Rom. 3:23)
...if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. (1 Jn 2:1)
...God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)
...neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 8:38, 39)

RESPONSE: 735 “Gloria Patri”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN: 330 “Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness”

PREACHING OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 6:13-15

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

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

SERMON: “The Importance of Peace in a Time of War” Rev. Jeff Pate
COMMUNION

HYMN: 427  “Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands”

RESPONSIVE READING:
Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
All: who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.
Pastor: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
All: to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!

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.

HYMN: 575  “Soldiers of Christ, Arise”

Benediction

Announcements

DISMISSING HYMN: 263  “Lift High the Cross” v. 4

TODAY AT RIVERWOOD

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a; Psalm 42 and 43; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

YOUTH GROUP
Youth Group meets tonight from 6:00-8:00pm in the Barn.

COVENANT KIDS FUN NIGHT
All Covenant Kids are invited to get together tonight from 6:00-8:00pm. We will be tie-dying t-shirts, playing games, and more. Please bring a white t-shirt to tie-dye.
HAPPY BIRTHDAYS
June 25   Elliot Arnold
June 25   Bruce DeHaan
June 25   Gene Martin
June 27   Peter Vander Wal
June 28   Parker Pate

DEACON’S FUND OFFERING
Every month that has a fifth Sunday, our Deacons have an offering to replenish funds in an account used exclusively for mercy ministry needs. This fund has enabled our Diaconate to extend the kingdom of God to many within our community. Next Sunday, June 30, all cash and designated gifts will be used for this purpose.

DINNER ON THE GROUNDS
After church next Sunday, June 30, plan to join your Riverwood family for dinner on the grounds. Each family is asked to bring a meal that is enough for your family plus extra for sharing. We encourage the use of coolers to keep things cold or hot as refrigerator space is very limited and too many crock pots blow our circuit breakers! The church will provide plates, cups, cutlery, napkins, and ice. Join us as we break bread together.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
The Mystifying Miracles: July 8th – 11th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, ages 4 – 12

Prayers Needed. First and foremost, please be praying for this ministry. Pray for the workers and the students. Pray that God will bless everyone who participates either as a worker or student with the joy and wonder of His word.

Workers Needed. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer of the sanctuary. We need help in ALL areas. You can also e-mail Joann (jwilliams@riverwoodchurch.org) to sign up to help.

Snack Items Needed. We provide daily snacks to the children and workers. Items that are needed are individual drink boxes (e.g. Capri Sun, Koolaid), individual snack bags of cookies, chips, etc, and volunteers to provide fresh fruit the week of VBS. There is a box in the foyer of the sanctuary for the non-perishable items. Please contact Joann if you are able to assist with fresh fruit.

Pre-registration is NOW Open. To pre-register your child, look for the link in your email announcements. Please note that it is not necessary to pre-register your child; however, pre-registration helps us in planning for the week.
At Riverwood Presbyterian Church we have Sunday School at 9:30am for all age groups.

**MEETING DOWNSTAIRS:**
Nursery: Multi-Staffed
2-3 year olds: Janalie Graham & Joanie Norris
4-5 year olds: Lorrie Pate

**MEETING UPSTAIRS:**
Grades 1-3: Greg & Sarah Vander Wal
Grades 4-6: Tom & Elena Arnold

**MEETING IN THE BARN:**
Youth Class led by Jeff Pate

**MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:**
Adult Class – The Life of David – led by elders

**MEETING IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING:**
Adult Class – *The Legacy Journey* by Dave Ramsey – led by Gene Martin

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**MINISTRIES OF SERVICE**

**NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:**
June 23: Sarah Vander Wal / Joanie Norris / Janalie Graham & David Barnes / Sumlin Pate
June 30: Lynn Tootle / Ginny Nippert / Brad & Rachel Yarbro / Kathy Gilbert

**JUNE DEACON SCHEDULE:**
Head Deacon: Ed Kidder
Clean Up: Wayne Bell

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Through May 2019:*

- Operating Income: $167,139.15
- Operating Expense*: $164,024.16
- Net Income: $3,114.99
- Designated gifts: $37,321.52
- Building loan balance: $837,007.68

*Includes the minimum monthly building loan payment*