

In worship God gathers his people to himself as center: 'The Lord reigns' (Ps. 93:1).
Worship is a meeting at the center so that our lives are centered in God and not lived
eccentrically. We worship so that we live in response to and from this center, the living
God.

Eugene Petersen

I am not pleading for a dry, humorless, academic Christianity but for a warm devotion set
on fire by truth.

John Stott
from *Your Mind Matters*

Christ, in His divine innocence, said to the woman of Samaria, "You worship you know
not what," being apparently under the impression that it might be desirable on the whole
to know what one was worshipping. He thus showed himself sadly out of touch with the
twentieth-century mind, for the cry today is "Away with the tedious complexities of
dogma—let us have the simple spirit of worship; just worship, no matter what." The only
drawback for a generalized and undirected worship is the practical difficulty of arousing any
sort of enthusiasm for the worship of nothing in particular.

Dorothy L. Sayers
from *The Dogma is the Drama*

RIVERWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

June 9, 2019 • 10:30 Service • Rev. Jeff Pate, Pastor

Day of Pentecost
Leader In Worship: Assisting Elder Clay Staggs
Nancy Allen, piano

WELCOME

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

PRELUDE

O God Beyond All Praising

arr. Lloyd Larson

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 99 & 114*

Leader: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

All: **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

Pastor: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

All: **Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!**

Pastor: Come, let us worship.

HYMN OF PRAISE: 100 “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

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: *Psalm 119:129-136*

¹²⁹Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. ¹³⁰The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. ¹³¹I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments. ¹³²Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. ¹³³Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. ¹³⁴Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts. ¹³⁵Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes. ¹³⁶My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Almighty Father, we come professing your righteousness and confessing our sinfulness. The very mouths that sing your praises today, we have used to boast in our pride and grumble in our ingratitude. We have spoken rashly and used words carelessly. Please forgive us. We have failed to guard our steps and instead have knowingly walked into temptation and sin. Please have mercy on us. We have made promises to you and others that we have failed to keep or even remember. Help us in our weakness. Teach us to order our steps according to your word and to use our mouths to glorify you and love our neighbors. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom all your promises find their Yes. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from Acts 13:38-39; Ephesians 1:7*

Pastor: Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through Jesus forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

All: **In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

HYMN: 465 "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

COMMITMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

O Worship the King

arr. Lloyd Larson

Presentation of tithes & offerings

DOXOLOGY (Hymnal, page 731)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: **That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

RESPONSE: 735 “Gloria Patri”

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Michael & Karen Singleton

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN: 335 “Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

PREACHING OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: *Ephesians 6:13-14a; John 8:31-32*

¹³Therefore 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. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth...

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

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

SERMON: "Bound Up by Liberty" Rev. Jeff Pate

HYMN: "In Christ Alone"

IN CHRIST ALONE

1. In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine - bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

COMMUNION

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: 668 "Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode"

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSING HYMN: 263 "Lift High the Cross" v. 4

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

June 9 Nancy Hopper
June 13 Carolyn Hopper
June 13 Brianna Morgan

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

YOUTH GROUP

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

SESSION & DIACONATE MEETING

The elders and deacons will meet this Wednesday, June 12, at 6:30pm in the Administration Building for their monthly meeting.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, June 30: Deacon's Fund Offering
Saturday, July 27, 10:00am: Family Fun Day at Lake Lurleen

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

MINISTRIES OF SERVICE

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

June 9: Michael Henry / Debbie Jones / Greg Vander Wal & Chanley Henson / Kay Kirkley
June 16: April Henry / Katharine Bedsole / April Henry & Olivia Patridge / Rachael Drinkard

JUNE DEACON SCHEDULE:

Head Deacon: Ed Kidder
Clean Up: Wayne Bell

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