

Sermon Notes

"Bless the Lord, Fathers"
Psalm 103

1. **Bless the Lord for His Fatherly Compassion (v. 13)**
2. **Bless the Lord for His Covenant Faithfulness (vv. 8, 11)**
3. **Bless the Lord for His Righteous Justice (v. 6)**
4. **Bless the Lord for His Forgiveness of Sin (vv. 9-12)**
5. **Bless the Lord for His Gift of New Life (vv. 4-5, 14-16)**
6. **Bless the Lord for the Sake of Your Children (vv. 17-18)**

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Greg Alty, Claire Dodd, Lori Gassler, Janice Hatton, Doris MacIntyre, Charlie Mitchell, Ryan Webb, Luke and Jackson Whelan

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Aloysius and Esther Kyazze, Sports Outreach Ministries, Gulu, Uganda

Esther leads SOM Uganda's Christine's house, a ministry to teenage girls who are victims of sexual abuse. With the COVID lockdown, they had to send the girls back to their homes. Last week, Esther and her team visited all of the girls at their homes. Here's a quick, encouraging update from her:

"This month we had a three-day follow-up visit to the girls from this year's group, and brought food items, baby kits and plant seedlings. Each girl received a jackfruit seedling and an avocado seedling. Both of which take a long while (5 – 6 years) to grow fruit. The message behind these seedlings was love, care and bonding. The way one cares for these seedlings carefully and continuously until they grow fruit is the same way God nurtures and bonds with us through life until we are one with the fruits of the spirit. As the girls grow with the trees, so will the fruits of the Holy Spirit in the girls and the people around them, with continual spiritual guidance."

p.s. One of the girls' grandfathers gave his life to Christ during the visit!

Welcome to Rivermont!

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to our church, we are so grateful to the Lord that He has brought you to us this morning. We would love to connect with you more personally and we invite you to fill out a Connect Card on our website at rivermont.org. Follow the Connect tab and click on Getting to Know Rivermont tab.

Next Steps to Connect:

We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to this church body.

- Visit www.rivermont.org/zoom to find Adult online Discipleship groups.
- Attend a Sunday School class via zoom at 9:30 am between worship services.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.

If you would like more information about these opportunities, visit our website at rivermont.org.

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

There are four ways to give:

1. By placing your offering in the offering plates located in the Narthex.
2. Texting an amount to 434-595-3833, follow the prompts.
3. Online at www.rivermont.org/give.
4. Mail check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, July 19
 8:00 am Worship Service
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom)
 9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (via Zoom)
 11:00 am Worship Service
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)
 8:00 pm College Meeting (via Zoom)

Tuesday, July 21
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)

Thursday, July 23
 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (via Zoom)

Sunday, July 26
 8:00 am Worship Service
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom)
 9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (via Zoom)
 11:00 am Worship Service
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)
 8:00 pm College Meeting (via Zoom)

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OUR PASSION: *the renewing of lives through God's compelling love in Lynchburg and the world.*

ORDER of WORSHIP

July 19, 2020



Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, prepare your heart for worship and please silence your mobile devices.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Gracious Lord, we humbly ask Your blessing upon this worship service, that by Your power we may worship You in spirit and in truth, and truly honor You. May Your glory be magnified, may Your name be exalted, and may we find our greatest joy in You. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us afresh: to strengthen the fainthearted, encourage the weak, comfort the suffering, and call us all into renewed faith and committed discipleship; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE: "Brother James' Air" arr. Dale Wood

(Based on Psalm 23)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, the quiet waters by.
My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of blessedness, ev'n for His own Name's sake.
Within the paths of blessedness, ev'n for His own Name's sake.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Mike Palombo

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 103:1-5 (responsively)

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,
Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from the pit,**

**Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, Who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE:

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" (vv. 1,4,6) MIT FREUDEN ZART

All praise to God, Who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, power, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul He fills, the God Who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not His flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before His presence now and banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness;
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION: Psalm 32:2 (responsively)

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,

And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

*THE SILENT CONFESSION

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 103:11-12

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners" (vs. 5) HYFRYDOL

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

A WORD OF THANKSGIVING: Pastor Ron Cox

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 103

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Bless the Lord, Fathers" Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from Colossians 1:15-20 (in unison)

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

*THE GLORIA: "Gloria Patri" GREATOREX

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! A—men, A—men!

THE PASTORAL PRAYER, concluding with THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison):

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. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

THE CALL TO GIVE

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Charis Jantomaso, piano **"My Jesus, I Love Thee" arr. Brian Chung**

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

*THE DOXOLOGY: OLD HUNDREDT

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

Gracious Father, we praise You for every good and perfect gift which comes down from heaven. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins! We praise You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, by Whom we are born anew and adopted as Your children through Jesus our Lord. With joy, we present ourselves as living sacrifices in Your service. Receive and bless this offering, for the sake of Your kingdom, and send us forth in the power of Your Spirit to live as witnesses of Jesus Christ, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE:

"From All That Dwell below the Skies" DUKE STREET

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung though every land, by every tongue.

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Eternal are Your mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends Your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all): "A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*(PLEASE WAIT FOR ROW BY ROW DISMISSAL BY THE USHERS)

*POSTLUDE: "Alleluia from 'Exultate Jubilate'" W. A. Mozart

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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