

# Sermon Notes

1. Wealth cannot buy His grace.

2. Status cannot impress His grace.

3. Ritual cannot coerce His grace.

4. Place cannot contain His grace.

5. Lineage cannot inherit His grace.

# Prayer Opportunities

**IN HOSPITAL:** None

**RECUPERATING:** Erle Thompson

### CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

- David Faidley and family in the death of his son, Nathan Faidley. A memorial service will be held for him this Saturday, May 4 at 11:00 am in our Sanctuary. The family will receive the congregation following the service in the Cheatham Center.
- Rita Haun and family in the death of her mother, Nancy Fitchpatrick, who died Thursday, April 18. She was from Memphis, Tennessee.

### MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK: ODISHA CHILDREN'S HOME

The Odisha (formerly Orissa) Children's Home was established in 2006 through Impact International (Murli Menon's ministry) and REPC. Since then it has been funded entirely by REPC members. The home provides up to 30 boys basic care needs (food, shelter, clothing) as well as opportunities for education, socializing, character formation, and leadership development, all from a Christian worldview. Pray for these boys and the workers who care for them, that they would be a bright beacon shining the light of Christ into a dark part of the world.

# Welcome to Rivermont!

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to 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 Digital Connect Card by scanning the QR code into your mobile device. You can also fill out a Connect Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You can also drop it off at the Welcome Table in the Narthex (lobby) and receive a special gift as our way of saying thanks for coming.



## Next Steps:

- We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to this church body.
- Attend a Sunday School class at 9:45 am between worship services.
  - Join a Life Group, which meet throughout the week in member homes.
  - Sign up for our next Getting To Know Rivermont class at [www.rivermont.org/gtkr](http://www.rivermont.org/gtkr).

# Coming Up This Week

**Sunday, April 28**  
 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
 8:30 am Worship Service  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 12:30 pm 20-Somethings' Lunch (Youth House)  
 5:00 pm High School SNL (River Ridge Mall)  
 5:30 pm 7th-8th Grade Girls' SNE (Weber Home)

**Monday, April 29**  
 9:30 am Preschool  
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)  
 10:30 am Caregivers' Meeting (204)  
 4:30 pm Preschool Council Meeting (201)

**Tuesday, April 30**  
 9:30 am Preschool  
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol  
 6:36 am Boys' and Girls' 636 (Bojangles)

**Wednesday, May 1**  
 9:30 am Preschool  
 9:30 am Preschool Open House  
 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers (206)

**Wednesday, May 1 (continued)**  
 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes (John Knox)  
 4:30 pm Praise Ringers (206)  
 5:00 pm Building and Grounds Meeting  
 5:15 pm Cherub Choir (308)  
 5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room)  
 5:15 pm New Song (301)  
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, May 2**  
 9:30 am CBS (Fellowship Hall)  
 12:00 pm National Day of Prayer Service (Sanctuary)

**Saturday, May 4**  
 11:00 am Nathan Faidley's Memorial Service

**Sunday, May 5**  
 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
 8:30 am Worship with the Lord's Supper  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)  
 11:00 am Worship with the Lord's Supper  
 5:30 pm Youth Fundraiser Dinner (Fellowship Hall)  
 6:30 pm Youth Choir Concert (Sanctuary)

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**RIVERMONT**  
 EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

April 28, 2019  
 First Sunday in Eastertide

## Preparation *for* Worship

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

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty God, nothing is too difficult for You! Renew our minds by the power of Your Spirit with the truth of Your Word. Fill our hearts with love for You, zeal for Your kingdom, and a fervent desire to serve You. Grant us the grace now to worship You in spirit and in truth. Replace our apathy with passion, fear with faith, and despair with hope. And to Your great name be all the honor and glory, now and forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

***"Mighty to Save"***

Praise Ringers

Morgan, Fielding/arr. P. Bettcher

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing, let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations. Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is Mighty to save, He is Mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave. So take me as You find me—all my fears and failures—and fill my life again. I give my life to follow everything I believe in. Now I surrender. Shine your light and let the whole world see We're singing for the glory of the risen King!

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Shane Whelan

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Matthew 11:28-30 (responsively)

*Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden,*

**And I will give you rest.**

*Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me.*

**For I am gentle and lowly in heart,**

*And you will find rest for your souls.*

**For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.**

### \*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE: #172

***"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"***

ALL SAINTS OLD

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Exodus 34:6 and Romans 8:1

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

***"Before the Throne of God Above"*** (vs. 3)

BEFORE THE THRONE

**Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,**

**The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!**

**One with Himself, I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood.**

**My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,**

**With Christ, my Savior and my God.**

### \*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, to the glory of God."*

*(Romans 15:7)*

### THE SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES:

(11:00)

***"Thy Goodness Shines/Sing Him a Song of Praise"***

Amy Hall – Director

Cherub Choir

Forrest/Reeves

### THE INTERLUDE:

During the interlude, children ages 4 to first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to the Orange Room #115.

### THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 5:1-14 (page 311)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

"Freely, Only"

Dr. David Weber

### THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### \*THE GLORIA:

***"Praise and Glory to the Father"***

REGENT SQUARE

**Praise and glory to the Father, praise and glory to the Son,**

**Praise and glory to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One;**

**One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run!**

### MOMENT FOR MISSION:

Lori Flowers

### 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 RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

**Doug and Julie Haley, Vicky Pogue**

***"I Will Serve Thee/Majesty"***

Gaither/Hayford

I will serve Thee because I love Thee; You have given life to me.

I was nothing before You found me; You have given life to me.

Heartaches, broken pieces, ruined lives are why You died on Calvary.

Your touch is what I longed for; You have given life to me.

Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise!

Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own,

His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty. Jesus, Who died, now glorified, King of all kings!

### \*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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:

**Almighty and gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness to us and over all creation; but above all we give thanks for the gift of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, in Whom alone we have life and peace and everlasting joy. Trusting in Him, our Savior, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and entirely, with joy and gratitude; and we pray that You will bless and multiply these tokens of our lives, and use them for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the earth; for the glory of Your name. Amen.**

### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #644

***"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"***

ST. LEONARDS

### \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):

**"A-men, A-men, A-men!"**

### \*POSTLUDE:

***"The Trumpet Shall Sound"***

G. F. Handel

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

Prayer Ministry teams are available after each morning service for those who would like someone to pray with them about a personal need, large or small. The Prayer Ushers will meet you at the Family Room off the Cheatham Center. They will be identified with name tags. This ministry is available to visitors as well as members. All prayer requests are confidential.

You can also share your prayer needs on a Connect Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate or one of the designated prayer boxes located outside the Library and in the Locke Commons.

## The Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Kathy and Jim Meredith to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kathy's mother, Frances Palmer.