

Sermon Notes

1. In our Christian work we must flee sin.

2. In our Christian work we must pursue good.

3. In our Christian work we must trust God.

Prayer Opportunities

IN HOSPITAL: None

RECUPERATING: None

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO Mark Smith and family in the death of his father, Owen Winfrey Smith, who died Saturday, May 4. He was from Lynchburg, Virginia.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK: CAMP TIMOTHY

Since 1952, Camp Timothy has served as a safe, caring, and nurturing environment for local inner-city children ages 5 to 14. The camp operates Monday through Friday from 8:45 am to 2:30 pm for six weeks, starting June 9. The 100+ children participating in the camp enjoy swimming, workshops, field trips, worship, lunch, and a Bible-based curriculum. The camp also includes an overnight trip to Camp Hat Creek. Camp Timothy is looking for counselors and campers and can be reached at CampTimothy1952@gmail.com. Let's pray for God's kingdom to go forth through this summer program sponsored by REPC and other partnering congregations.

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 one of our Life Groups which meet throughout the week in member homes.
- Sign up for our next Getting To Know Rivermont class at www.rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, May 12
 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
 11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Worship Service

Monday, May 13
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Family Room)
 5:30 pm Personnel Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 14
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol
 6:36 am Girls' 636 (Panera)
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Circle 1 (Family Room)
 5:00 pm VBS Council Meeting (302)
 6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, May 15
 9:00 am Preschool
 12:00 pm Sixty Plus Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
 5:00 pm Preschool Fundraiser (Jersey Mike's)
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, May 16
 5:30 pm Administrative Committee Meeting

Sunday, May 19
 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
 3:30 pm CWMC (Conference Room)
 4:45 pm RIMC (Conference Room)
 6:00 pm Mission First Service (Chapel)

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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

May 12, 2019
Third 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:

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who did cause the womb of Sarah to conceive in her old age, to establish a people for Yourself, and did raise up Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord from this very people: we pray for Your life-giving power to be brought into the desolation of our souls. We pray that where there is death there would be life, where there is lack there would be abundance, and where there is mourning there would be rejoicing; and that all who are here this morning would be numbered among the children of Abraham through the adoption given to us in Your Son Who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forevermore. Amen.

PRELUDE: *"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"* arr. Michael D. Costello

If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days:
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the Rock that naught can move.

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. Michael D. Costello

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 42:1-2, 5 (responsively)

*As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for You, O God.
My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God;
for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.*

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #647 *"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"* ST. PETER

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 John 1:9, Romans 8:1

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: *"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"* (vs. 2) DARWALL

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*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

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: 1 Peter 2:18-25 (page 1015)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Christian Work" 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! Amen, Amen!

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: Sanctuary Choir *"O the Deep Love of Jesus"* Mozart, arr. Fetteke O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free; Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me, is the current of His love; Leading onward, leading homeward to my rest above; To my glorious rest above.

*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 (in unison): Father, in response to Your great gift to us, we offer ourselves to You with thanksgiving and joy. Accept these tokens of our lives; bless and multiply them for the spread of the gospel, the strengthening of Your church, and the increase of Your kingdom, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #523 *"My Hope Is in the Lord"* WAKEFIELD

*THE BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE: *"O Worship the King"* arr. Michael Burkhardt

*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.