

# Sermon Notes

“Life Together in Unity”  
Psalm 133

## 1. The Goodness of Unity

## 2. The Source of Unity

## 3. The Blessing of Unity

# Prayer Opportunities

IN THE HOSPITAL: Norman Hammer

CONGRATULATIONS TO: David and April Weber on the birth of their daughter, Josephine Day who was born January 9. Proud siblings are Amelia, Judah, Annalise, and Eva.

### MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK: Eric Vess Advancing Native Mission

Eric is in Myanmar (Burma) where he will be teaching in two trainings for pastors, workers and students of ANM partners in Mandalay and in Yangon and participate in a Bible college graduation. This is the 20th year that Rivermont has participated in this strategic partnership with our brothers in Burma. Please pray that Eric and his partner Chris may be effective, encouraging, and helpful to our ministry partners in Myanmar. Pray for safe and uneventful travel. He hopes to return on January 22.

# 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 from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

**GETTING TO KNOW RIVERMONT:** Pastor Brett and Pastor Ron will host an eight-week class about the life, ministry and mission of Rivermont EPC, during the Sunday School hour. We will have a brunch to kick-off the class today at 9:45 am in Room 203 with instruction beginning on January 19. This class is designed for the curious, as well as for those desiring to pursue formal membership at Rivermont EPC. Please call Janet at the church office (846-3441) for more information or to register.

# Coming Up This Week

### Sunday, January 12

- 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am 20-Somethings+ Coffee Corner and Life Group (Country Gardens)
- 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont Brunch (Room 203)
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Service
- 12:30 pm 20-Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (East Coast Wings - 19399 Forest Rd.)
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

### Monday, January 13

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (202)
- 6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)
- 6:30 pm Trail Life (New Covenant Schools)

### Tuesday, January 14

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:00 pm Preschool Fundraiser (Papa Johns, Old Forest Road)
- 6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)

### Wednesday, January 15

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 12:00 pm 60 Plus Luncheon (Rivermont Room)
- 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers
- 4:30 pm Praise Ringers and Rivermont Chimes
- 5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub, Chapel, New Song
- 5:45 pm RFN Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm Bible Studies
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 16

- 9:30 am Rivermont Oasis (Quinlan Room)
- 10:00 am Community Bible Study (FH)
- 5:30 pm Admin. Committee Meeting

### Sunday, January 19

- 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am 20-Somethings+ Coffee Corner and Life Group (Country Gardens)
- 9:45 am College Hour (Rivermont A)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (Room 203)
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (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

January 12, 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:

Most holy God, Who has created us and Who sustains us through Your might hand of providence; we pray that this morning You would send forth Your light and Your truth, that they would lead us and guide us, so that You would be honored in the praises of us, Your people. In Christ's holy name. Amen.

PRELUDE: "Adagio in E Major" Frank Bridge

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Shane Whelan

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP, from Psalm 145 (responsively)

*I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.*

Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.*

The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord,  
and all Your saints shall bless You!*

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #53

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 John 1:9

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

BEFORE THE THRONE

"Before the Throne of God Above" (verse 3)

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, for 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: Psalm 133:1-3 (page 519)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Life Together in Unity" Pastor Ron Cox

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

### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

THE COLOSSIAN CREED 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 ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

(8:30) DEACONS: Grant Barkley, Beth Doan, Mark Faulconer,  
Jim Meador, Brandon Miller, Drew Neiderer,  
Erick Petersen, Bill Westenberger

(11:00) ELDERS: Michael Hall, Vance Pickard, Chris Smith, Eric Vess

The Words of Instruction

The Constitutional Vows of the Officers

\*The Constitutional Vows of the Congregation

\*The Prayer of Ordination and Installation

\*The Declaration of Ordination and Installation

\*The Welcome, Charge and Blessing

\*The Affirmation of Unity: Psalm 133

(To the tune of, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing")

Behold how good a thing it is,  
And how becoming well,  
When those that brethren are delight  
In unity to dwell.

For it is like the precious oil  
Poured out on Aaron's head,  
That, going down upon his beard,  
Upon his garments spread.

Like Hermon's dew upon the hills  
Of Zion that descends,  
The LORD commands His blessing there,  
Ev'n life that never ends.

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

"Canon of Praise"

Mozart (arr. Douglas E. Wagner)

Heav'n and earth, rejoice and sing:

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy," to the King.

Glory, honor, adoration, alleluia, praises we bring.

Allelu, allelu, alle, alleluia!

### \*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):

Gracious Father, Your goodness overflows upon us! We give You thanks and praise for Your faithfulness, Your kindness, and Your love. Receive this offering, we pray, as we offer ourselves anew to You. May all that we are, all that we have, and all that we do, be blessed for the spread of the gospel, the increase of Your kingdom, and the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #355

SYMPHONY

"We Are God's People"

### \*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

### \*POSTLUDE:

"Fugue"

Maurice Durufle

\*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.