

Sermon Notes

"Trusting the Shepherd's Path"
Psalm 23

- 1. We Must Trust the Shepherd's Purpose (vv. 2-3)
- 2. We Must Trust the Shepherd's Presence (v. 4)
- 3. We Must Trust the Shepherd's Provision (v. 5)
- 4. We Must Trust the Shepherd's Promise (v. 6)

Prayer Opportunities

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO Beth Jackson and family in the loss of her father, Rob Jackson on March 10. He was from Dover, FL and was the Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church Dover.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Murli and Usha Menon

Murli is the founder and director of Impact of Hope International (IOHI) in his native India. He is also the founder and director of the South Asian Institute of Leadership and Culture Studies, a three-year Bible college that prepares and sends students into ministry positions in India. IOHI also facilitates church planting, conducts creative outreach to various professional groups, manages humanitarian relief efforts, provides training for lay leaders, and cares for under-privileged children in group homes. Pray that the Lord will sustain and bless their ministries to church planters, national leaders, and children in group homes.

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.

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.

Next Steps to Connect:

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 us for dinner and classes on Wednesday nights during the fall and spring.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- 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.

If you would like more information about these opportunities, stop by our Welcome Table!

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, March 15 Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:15 pm Aging Out of Foster Care Support Group (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

Monday, March 16

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 202)
- 6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)

Tuesday, March 17

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)
- 6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)
- 7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
- 7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

Wednesday, March 18

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

Thursday, March 19

- 9:30 am Rivermont Oasis (Quinlan Room)

Saturday, March 21

- 6:00 pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Event (Putt-Putt Fun Center)

Sunday, March 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 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
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)



RIVERMONT
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

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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, our good and faithful Shepherd, we give You thanks for all the ways in which You guide and guard our lives. We thank You for protecting us and providing for our every need. We rejoice that You know us by name, and call us by name, and care for each one of us. We ask You now, O Shepherd of our souls, to be present with us in the power of Your Spirit. Comfort the afflicted, correct the wayward, assure the anxious, warn the straying, seek and save the lost, and lead us in the paths of righteousness, for Your name's sake. Amen.

Prelude:

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended,
That man to judge Thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected, O most afflicted.
Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee,
I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee,
Think on Thy pity and Thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

"Humbly I Adore You"

Humbly I adore You, verity unseen,
Who Thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean;
Lo, to Thee surrendered my whole heart is bowed,
Tranced as it beholds Thee, shrined within the cloud.
Taste, and touch, and vision, to discern Thee fail;
Faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.
I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told;
What the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.
Jesus, Whom now veiled, I by faith decry,
What my soul doth thirst for, do not, Lord, deny,
That Thy face unveiled, I at last may see,
With the blissful vision blest, my God of Thee.

Carillon Handbells

arr. Brenda E. Austin

arr. Shawn Gingrich

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Shane Whelan

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95:1-2

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #302

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: John 10:14-15

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (verses 1&3)

TOWNEND

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.

But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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 23 (page 458)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **"Trusting the Shepherd's Path"** 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!

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 ANTHEM:

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

The Sanctuary Choir

Carl F. Mueller

(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.
My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.
My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:
And in God's house for evermore my dwelling place shall be. Amen.

*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDETH

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):

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You did not spare Your own Son, but gave Him up for us all; and with Him, You have freely given us all things. Receive these offerings, we pray; and enable us, with all our gifts, so to yield ourselves to You that with body, soul, and spirit we may truly and freely serve You, and in Your service find our perfect freedom and our deepest joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #605

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

ALL THE WAY

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Psalm 18"

Benedetto Marcello

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS will be collected by the Deacons as you leave the Sanctuary.