

# Sermon Notes

*"God's goodness to envying hearts"*  
Psalm 73

How do we seek the Lord with envious hearts?

1. Expose the lies of envy
2. Enter the sanctuary of God
3. Keep the end in mind

# Prayer Opportunities

**RECUPERATING:** Greg Alty, Claire Dodd, Lori Gassler and Ryan Webb.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Isaac and Jill Alty on their marriage July 4, 2020 in Stanardsville, VA. Please pray for them as they continue to live apart for the next year while Jill completes her PhD in Chapel Hill and Isaac is a surgical intern in Boston.

**PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:** Chris and Lori Gassler, Wycliffe Bible Translators/SIL Cameroon, West Africa

Following surgery last week, Lori was diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer. She will begin six months of chemo treatment July 14 in Lynchburg, delaying their return to Cameroon until at least January 2021. Let's pray for Lori (healing, patience and protection from side effects); for Chris as he works remotely as an ethnomusicologist; and for the kids as they work through yet another change of plans. Pray that the Gasslers are light and salt wherever they are, and for God's mercy for those in Cameroon.

## Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, please share that need through the Rivermont website at [www.rivermont.org](http://www.rivermont.org). Follow the Ministries and Care tab, click Care and Prayer requests. Fill out the appropriate form. You may also email [janet@rivermont.org](mailto:janet@rivermont.org). All requests are confidential.

## The Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Alan Pettigrew to the glory of God and in honor of our pastors and staff.

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.rivermont.org/give)
4. Mail check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

# Coming Up This Week

**Sunday, July 5**  
 8:00 am Worship Service with Communion  
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom)  
 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion  
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)  
 8:00 pm College Meeting (via Zoom)

**Monday, July 6**  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday, July 7**  
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)  
 12:00 pm Prayer and Fasting (via Zoom)

**Thursday, July 9**  
 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (via Zoom)

**Sunday, July 12**  
 8:00 am Worship Service  
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (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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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

July 5, 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:

Loving God of mercy and grace, we ask that as we worship You this morning that You will stir our affections for You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Help us with unveiled faces to behold Your glory so that we may be transformed into the image of Your Son, from one degree of glory to another. Direct our hearts into the love of God so that we might learn to be content with all that You provide. Lead us in the way of Your kingdom that we might love You our King and serve You in Your kingdom, to the glory of Your great name. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

#### *"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"*

Vicky Pogue, soloist

Gabriel, arr. Colman

Why should I be discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heav'n and home,  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.  
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.  
Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.  
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.  
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### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 37:3-6 (responsively)

*Trust in the Lord, and do good;*  
**dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.**  
*Delight yourself in the Lord,*  
**and He will give you the desires of your heart.**  
*Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act.*  
**He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,**  
**and your justice as the noonday.**

#### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE:

##### *"How Great Thou Art" (vv. 1,3,4)*

O STORE GUD

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.**

(Refrain) Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.**

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

#### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: From Romans 5

#### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

##### *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (v. 1)*

SOLID ROCK

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

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

*"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."  
(Romans 15:7)*

### THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 73

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"God's goodness to envying hearts"* Pastor Mike Palombo

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

#### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

**The Creed of Hippolytus circa 215 AD (responsively)**

*Do you believe in God the Father All Governing?*

I do.

*Do you believe in Christ Jesus, the Son of God, Who was begotten by the Holy Spirit from the Virgin Mary, Who was crucified under Pontius Pilate, and died and was buried and rose the third day living from the dead, and ascended into the heavens, and sat down at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead?*

I do.

*Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, in the Holy Church, and in the resurrection of the body?*

I do.

#### \*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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session. After reviewing the Communion packet with your child, contact the church office to set up a meeting with the pastors. The packet may be found at [www.rivermont.org/communion](http://www.rivermont.org/communion).

#### The Words of Invitation and Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, 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 the Bread and the Cup

#### The Concluding Communion Prayer

#### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE:

##### *"Jesus Paid It All" (vv. 1,2,4)*

ALL TO CHRIST

**I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me your all in all."**

(Refrain) **Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.**

**Lord, now indeed I find Your power, and Yours alone,  
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.**

**And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.**

#### \*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:

##### *"Prologue"*

Carl Bohm

\*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.  
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## Prayer and Fasting on Tuesday, July 7 at 12:00pm

Join us for a day of fasting and a time of prayer as we focus on prayer for the nation. We will meet for prayer via Zoom at 12:00pm. Go to [www.rivermont.org](http://www.rivermont.org) and look for the featured event on the Home page.