

# Sermon Notes

*"The Love of Christ"*  
2 Corinthians 5:14-21

1. Controls us (vv.14-15)

2. Re-creates us (vv.16-17)

3. Reconciles us (vv.18-21)

# Prayer Opportunities

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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Emily Wade and Daniel Liberto who were married July 11, 2020 at Rivermont EPC.

**PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:** Brandon and Sarah Miller/Campus Outreach Lynchburg

Brandon just finished a 6-week spiritual leadership training for college students hosted by Campus Outreach Staff called Alpha Online. Within the East Coast Network of Campus Outreach, over 500 college students were engaged with the gospel of Jesus over the past couple months! They are also busy with their biological son turning one, their process of adopting their foster son, and their move to a new home! Let's join them in holding fast to God's promises like that of Philippians 4:19 in their support raising season for their continued ministry. Brandon and Sarah appreciate Rivermont's kindness, generosity, and encouragement in the Gospel over the years!

## 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 to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Emily Elizabeth Wade and Daniel Thomas Liberto.

# 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 12

- 8:00 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (via Zoom)
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)
- 8:00 pm College Meeting (via Zoom)

## Tuesday, July 14

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)

## Thursday, July 16

- 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (via Zoom)

## Sunday, July 19

- 8:00 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (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 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:

Lord, as we come to worship You this morning, may Your Spirit open our hearts and our understanding to see both our own desperate need and Your gracious provision for our salvation in Jesus Christ. Open our eyes also to see Your greatness and glory more clearly. Convict us, convert us, cleanse us and consecrate us, so that we may willingly and wholeheartedly give ourselves to You and to Your service. Enable us now to worship You in spirit and in truth. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

**"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

Heidi Terry, piano

Wyeth, arr. McDonald

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 115:1-3 and 12-13 (responsively)

*Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name give glory,*

**For the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness!**

*Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"*

**Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases.**

*The Lord has remembered us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.*

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE:

**"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (vv. 1,2,5)**

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**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.**

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: John 3:16; 1 John 4:10

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

**"Before the Throne of God above" (vv. 1 & 3)**

**Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;  
A great High Priest, Whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;  
I know that, while in heaven He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart, no tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**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 READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

**"The Love of Christ"**

Cam Colquitt, Regional Director  
Campus Outreach Lynchburg

### 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 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 CALL TO GIVE

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Doug and Julie Haley, Vicky Pogue

**"I Then Shall Live/Be Still My Soul"**

Gaither/Sibelius

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven,  
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.  
I know my name is clear before my Father;  
I am His child, and I am not afraid.  
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother,  
The law of love I gladly will obey.

Be still my soul, the Lord is on your side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to your God to order and provide,  
In every change He faithful will remain.  
Be still my soul, the best, your heavenly Friend,  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me,  
Your power and glory, let them shine through me.  
Your hallowed name, O may I bear with honor,  
And may Your living kingdom come in me.  
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,  
And may You feed a hungry world through me. Amen.

### \*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: (See Insert)

**"In Christ Alone"**

IN CHRIST ALONE

### \*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:

**"Come, People of the Risen King"**

Getty and Townend

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