

Sermon Notes

"How Long?"
Psalm 79

1. We Must Be Brought to a Place of Distinction

2. We Must Be Brought to a Place of Repentance

3. We Must Be Brought to a Place of Trust

4. We Must Be Brought to a Place of Praise

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Greg Alty, Claire Dodd, Lori Gassler, Charlie Mitchell, Melody Quintero, Chuck and Anne Spruill, and Ryan Webb

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Humberto Alferez, Sports Outreach El Salvador

Humberto has made Sports Outreach his life's work as he and his team recruit, equip, and deploy young leaders in El Salvador and Honduras. Humberto and his team use sports ministry to share the gospel and alleviate human suffering. Through our partnership with Sports Outreach El Salvador, Rivermont is helping transform the Thomas Rodriguez neighborhood into a restored community. Please pray for Humberto as he is suffering from several gastrointestinal issues. Pray for the appropriate treatment as well as his upcoming surgery on Wednesday, October 7th to be effective in treating these difficult issues.

Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, please share that need through the Rivermont website at www.rivermont.org/prayer. You may also email janet@rivermont.org. All requests are confidential.

Welcome to Rivermont!

Visitors, 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/connect.

Thanksgiving For Your Generosity

Quarterly statements were securely emailed this past Friday from the church office. If you did not receive an email, it may be one of the following reasons:

- Your email is incorrect;
- We do not have an email listed for your household;
- A contribution has not been given.

Please notify kelly@rivermont.org for any updates.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our passion in renewing lives through God's compelling love in Lynchburg and the world!

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, October 4

- 8:00 am Worship Service with Communion
- 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am 7th-12th grade Sunday School (via Zoom)
- 9:45 am Communion with the Pastors (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Outdoor Worship Service (behind Country Gardens)

Monday, October 5

- 9:00 am Preschool

Tuesday, October 6

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 10:30 am Circle#4 Meeting (Cheatham)
- 12:00 pm Monthly Fasting & Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Relational Discipleship Meeting (via Zoom)

Wednesday, October 7

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:30 pm Praise Ringers (Chapel)
- 5:15 pm Carillon (Chapel)
- 5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:15 pm New Song (Room 301)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Women's Oasis Bible Study (via Zoom)

Thursday, October 8

- 10:00 am Women's Oasis Bible Study (via Zoom)

Sunday, October 11

- 8:00 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (via Zoom)
- 9:30 am 7th-12th grade Sunday School (via Zoom)
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:15 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Iron and Ale)
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)
- 5:00 pm Outdoor Worship Service (behind Country Gardens)

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ORDER of WORSHIP

October 4, 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:

Gracious Lord, we humbly ask Your blessing on this worship service, that by Your power we may worship You in spirit and in truth, and truly honor You. May Your glory be magnified, may Your name be exalted, and may we find our greatest joy in You. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us afresh: to strengthen the fainthearted, encourage the weak, comfort the suffering, and call us all into renewed faith and committed discipleship; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:00)

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Carillon Handbells and Piano

arr. Anna Laura Page

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

(11:00)

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Paul Manz

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.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively): Lamentations 3:22-25

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;

His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."

The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (See Insert)

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" (vv. 1,3,4,6)

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison):

Almighty and most merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed: we have not loved You with all our heart and soul and mind and strength; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves, nor one another as Christ has loved us. We confess our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and self-pity, our faithless anxiety and willful waywardness; our lack of compassion toward others; and all the sinful affections and impure secrets of our hearts. Have mercy upon us, O God; and forgive what we have been. In Your great goodness and love, and by the sanctifying power of Your Holy Spirit, help us to amend what we are; and, for the sake of Your glory, direct what we shall be; that we may walk in the light of life, living lives pleasing in Your sight; through Your Son, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ; in Whose name we pray. Amen.

*THE SILENT CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Colossians 2:13-14

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (verse 1)

DIADEMATA

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.**

*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 79

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"How Long?"

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:

"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 CALL TO GIVE THANKS:

Pastor Ron Cox

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:00)

Carillon Handbells

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Townend, arr. Bettcher

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.

(11:00)

Praise Ringers

"Our God"

Tomlin, Reeves, Myrin, Redman, arr. Bettcher

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind,
There's no one like You, none like You.
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise,
There's no one like You, none like You.
Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is Healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise,
There's no one like You, none like You.
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against?

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.

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: (See Insert)

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

DARWALL

*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:

"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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