

Sermon Notes

"Restored"
Psalm 126

1. Every Christian Must Remember God's Work to Restore (vv. 1-3)

2. Every Christian Must Pray for God's Grace to Restore (v. 4)

3. Every Christian Must Trust in God's Way to Restore (vv. 5-6)

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Greg Alty, Claire Dodd, Lori Gassler, Grady Mann, Charlie Mitchell, Chuck and Anne Spruill, Ryan Webb and Bill Westenbarger

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Aloysius and Esther Kyazze, New Foundation Community Ministry/Sports Outreach, Gulu, Uganda

Aloysius is the founder and director of New Foundation Community Ministry in Gulu, northern Uganda. His ministry focuses on 1) church planting 2) leader development, 3) trauma counseling, and 4) community economic empowerment. His wife, Esther, provides key leadership for the Sports Outreach Uganda's Christine's House, which is a ministry to teenage girls who are victims of sexual abuse. Please join us in praying for Esther who is suffering from debilitating headaches. While she has undergone tests, nothing has uncovered an obvious cause. Pray for an upcoming trip to Kampala for further testing and safety in travel as the region is experiencing some political instability related to upcoming elections. Also pray that God would bring healing to their children, Hanna, Karen and Joshua who have also been ill as well.

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.

Next Steps to Connect:

We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to this church body.

- Visit www.rivermont.org/zoomss to attend an Adult Sunday School class via Zoom at 9:30 am between worship services.
- Visit www.rivermont.org/zoom to find Adult Online Discipleship groups.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont class. Learn more at www.rivermont.org/gtkr.

If you would like more information about these opportunities, visit our website at rivermont.org.

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give:

1. By placing your offering in the offering plates located in the Narthex.
2. By texting an amount to 434-595-3833; follow the prompts.
3. Online at www.rivermont.org/give.
4. By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, November 15

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
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

Monday, November 16

9:00 am Preschool
7:00 pm Mentorship Training (via Zoom)

Tuesday, November 17

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
9:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm Deacons' Meeting (via Zoom)
7:00 pm Session Meeting (via Zoom)

Wednesday, November 18

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

Thursday, November 19

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

Sunday, November 22

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
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

November 15, 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:

Our Father in heaven, Who sent Your only-begotten Son into the world, not to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved: we pray that You would be pleased to pour out Your Spirit on us; that, with true repentance from our sins, we might take up our cross, deny ourselves, and faithfully follow Jesus Christ; in Whom alone we trust for our salvation, and in Whose holy name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Partita on 'Hymn to Joy' "

Charles Callahan

1. Chorale
2. Ornamented Choral
3. Étude (Pedals)
4. Étude (Manuals)
5. Trio
6. Adagio

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 96 (responsively)

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations,

His marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

He is to be heard above all gods.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (See Insert)

"How Great Thou Art"

O STORE GUD

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 Timothy 1:15 and Romans 5:6-8

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"To God Be the Glory" (v. 1)

TO GOD BETHE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory, great things He has done!

*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:

(8:00)

"Every Good and Perfect Gift"

(Based on Psalm 1:17)

Ev'ry good and perfect gift is from above,
Coming down from the Father of lights like a heav'nly dove.

We see the light He gives, shining brightly all around;

So we rejoice and share the Light we've found.

Celebrate the gift, celebrate the Light,

Celebrate and raise your voice in song;

Celebrate His love, celebrate His joy, celebrate, to Him all praise belongs.

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.

Charis Jantomaso - piano

(11:00)

"10,000 Reasons"

(Bless the Lord)

Myrin, Redman, arr. Sorenson

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the ev'ning comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger;

Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing;

The end draws near, and my time has come;

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

Miriam Amos – piano

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 126

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Restored"

Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED (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:

"Glorify Your Name"

Donna Adkins

FATHER, we love You, we praise You, we adore You: Glorify Your Name in all the earth! Glorify Your Name, glorify Your Name, glorify Your Name in all the earth! (Repeat, using: JESUS and SPIRIT)

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.

(8:00) THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

The Sanctuary Choir

"Praise the One Who Makes Us One"

Tom Trenney

Praise the One Who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.

Praise the One Who frees the pris'ners turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One Who preached the gospel, curing ev'ry dread disease,

Calming storms, and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One Who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.

Praise the One Who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.

Praise the One Who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.

From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Praise the One true love incarnate Christ, who suffered in our place.

Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.

Praise the One redeeming glory. Praise the One Who makes us one.

*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):

We thank You, gracious Father, that You loved the world so much that You gave Your only Son for us that we might believe in Him and have eternal life. Empower us by Your Spirit to share these resources and this gospel with all people, in Lynchburg, the United States and the world. We offer to You the fruit of our labor, the gifts of our hands, and the love of our hearts for the sake of Your gospel and the salvation of the world; through Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)

"Like a River Glorious"

WYE VALLEY

*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:

"Finale from Partita on 'Hymn to Joy' "

Charles Callahan

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