

Sermon Notes

"The Inheritance"
Galatians 3:15-18

1. Every Christian Must Believe that God's Promise is Unchangeable (v. 15)
2. Every Christian Must Believe that God's Promise is Unbreakable (v. 16)
3. Every Christian Must Believe that God's Promise is Never-Ending (vv. 17-18)

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Greg Alty, Will Jenkins, and Ryan Webb

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Community Connected

Under the guidance of REPC members, Rodney Suddith and Matt Schubert, Community Connected is breaking the chain of poverty one relationship at a time. By providing a network of brothers and sisters in Christ (many are from REPC) to walk alongside individuals and families in our community, lives are being transformed and empowered. Pray for spiritual, relational and economic fruit to be experienced in the five "open tables" that are going on right now. Learn more about their work from the website: www.community-connected.org.

The Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The Palms used in the service today are presented by the Butler family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Laura and Lindsay Butler, Lindsay Butler, Jr., and Hazel Butler.

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 rivermont.org/zoom to find Adult Online Discipleship groups.
- Attend a Sunday School class at 9:30 am between worship services.
- 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 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, March 28 - Palm Sunday

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

Monday, March 29

9:00 am Preschool

Tuesday, March 30

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
9:00 am Preschool

Wednesday, March 31

9:00 am Preschool
6:30 pm Brass Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group (Youth Center)

Thursday, April 1

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

Friday, April 2

12:05 pm Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday

8:00 am Worship Service with Communion
9:30 am Worship Service with Communion
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

Preparation *for* Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, prepare your heart for worship and please silence your mobile devices.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Triumphant Lord and God, we have come to welcome and worship Your Son this day. Yet as the words of Scripture echo through our souls, we realize how our behavior parallels that of the people of Jerusalem: one day we are celebrating Christ's arrival, the next we are criticizing Him for the demands He places on us. Gracious God, have mercy on us, for our faith is seldom mature. At times we resist Your message. At times we have treated Your Word carelessly, producing a shallow belief. Many times we compromise and shape our faith around convenience. Loving Lord, we confess our involvement in these sins. Cleanse and renew us by the consistent love and life of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

PRELUDE: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

arr. Pierre La Plante

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Shane Whelan

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:19-23, 26 (responsively)

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He,
humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless You from the house of the LORD.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (See Insert)

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

ST. THEODULPH

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:34; 6:8,11

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: (See Insert)

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

EBENEZER

(8:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Pastor Ron Cox

Mike and Whitney Palombo present their daughter, Elliana Ruth, for baptism.

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST: Revelation 1:4-5 (responsively)

*Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on
earth. To Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood.*

Hosanna in the highest!

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Galatians 3:15-18

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"The Inheritance"

Dr. David Weber

Lori Flowers – Director

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

THE PHILIPPIAN CREED based on Philippians 2:6-11 (in unison)

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death — even death on a cross! Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name that is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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 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 OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:00)

Sanctuary Choir

"Lift Your Voice"

David Lantz III

Lift your voice! Lift it like a trumpet!

Clap your hands, sing for joy, shout with the people of God!

Hosanna! Blessed is the King Who comes in the name of the Lord!

See, He comes, riding on a donkey.

Israel's King, Jesus Christ, comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Blessed be the King Who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lift your voice! Lift it like a trumpet! Blessed be the King!

Praise the living God! Glory in the highest! Stand and shout, "Hosanna!"

(11:00)

Chapel Choir

"Sing Hosanna!"

Jacob Tilton

Lift your voice and sing a hosanna. Sing hosanna to the Lord.

Lift your hands and wave the palm branches. Sing hosanna to the Lord.

Lift your heads for Jesus is coming. Sing hosanna to the Lord.

See, He rides on a humble donkey. Sing hosanna to the Lord.

Children, sing! Your King is coming. Let the earth cry out.

For your God has come to save. Sing hosanna with a shout.

Great is the King Who comes in the name of the Lord!

Glory to God in the highest!

*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):

God, You are the fountain of all good: we bring to You our gifts, according to the blessings You have given. Enable us, with our earthly things, to give You the love of our hearts and the service of our lives. Let Your favor, which is life, and Your lovingkindness, which is better than life, be upon us now and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

*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:

"Marche Romaine"

Charles Gounod

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