

Sermon Notes

"Bound to Become Like Him"
Matthew 28:16-20

Christ is powerfully present, therefore make disciples.

1. Go to the nations

2. Baptize in the name

3. Teach to obey

Prayer Opportunities

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PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: FREEDOM 424

Freedom 4/24 began as the audacious dream of a 19-year-old Liberty University student to make a difference in the lives of sexually exploited girls in the red light areas of Bangkok, Thailand. Since then, Freedom 4/24 has grown into a global effort to bring freedom and justice to trafficked and exploited women and children. Pray for their global and local ministry partners as they work on the frontlines as well as the women and children they are ministering to. To learn more about Freedom 424's work, go to www.freedom424.org.

Prayer & Fasting

Please join us for prayer on Tuesday, July 6 at 12:00 pm in the Chapel as we set aside this day for fasting and praying for the Nation.

Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, please share that need through the Rivermont website at 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 located on the back of the pew or 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.

- Attend live or Zoom Sunday School classes at 9:45 am (rivermont.org/sundayschool).
- Visit rivermont.org/zoom to find live and online 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 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

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, July 4

- 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
- 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
- 9:45 am College Hour
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion

Thursday, July 8

- 7:00 pm Women's Oasis Summer Fellowship (Courtyard)

Saturday, July 10

- 12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (HRCC)

Monday, July 5

Church Office Closed for July 4th Holiday

Tuesday, July 6

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
- 12:00 pm Fasting & Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Relational Discipleship Meeting
- 6:30 pm Youth American Gospel Study (Quinlan)

Sunday, July 11

- 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
- 9:45 am College Hour
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Grey's Restaurant)
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

July 4, 2021

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 God of steadfast love, we worship and praise You that You not only save us by Your grace, but sanctify us by that same grace. We ask that You, Who began the good work of salvation, will carry that work to completion as we continue to grow in that grace. Compel us by Your love to grow as Your disciples. Grant us the eyes of faith so that we may behold You in all of Your glory and become like You in all of life. And empower us by Your Spirit to be Your witnesses to all nations beginning here in Lynchburg to the ends of the earth. All to the glory of Your great name. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen!

PRELUDE:

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Adelheid Terry, piano

arr. Melody Bober

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 96:1-4 (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 feared above all gods.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #53

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

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

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (v. 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 through 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: Matthew 28:16-20 (page 835)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"Bound to Become Like Him"* Pastor Mike Palombo

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from Colossians 1:15-20 (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: *"Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

EBENEZER

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.**

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Nicole Thompson, Soprano; Christi Solomon, Violin; Adelheid Terry, Piano

"Arise, My Soul, Arise!"

Dan Forrest

Arise, my soul, arise;
Shake off thy guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice
In my behalf appears:
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands:
My name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears,
Received on Calvary;
They pour effectual pray'rs,
They strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled;
His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child;
I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And, "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

*THE COMMUNION HYMN: #246

"Man of Sorrows! What a Name"

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

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: #263

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):

"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*POSTLUDE:

"O Lord How Manifold Are Thy Works"

Adelheid Terry, piano

Sir Joseph Barnby

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