

Sermon Notes

"Gospel Reconciliation"

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

(Second Sermon in the series of Making Disciples)

1. The Motivations of Ministry (vv. 11-15)

2. The Context of Ministry (vv. 16-19)

3. The Heart of Ministry (vv. 18-21)

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Greg Alty, Michael Herbert, Will Jenkins, Beth Martin, and Ryan Webb

IN APPRECIATION: *Dear Rivermont Congregation, I greatly appreciate your outpouring of love shown to me during my recent illness. Thank you for your cards of encouragement, texts, and most importantly, your prayers. I am feeling much better and am so pleased to be back worshipping with you. God is good! - Peggy Bettcher*

BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND LEADERS as they attend the Reformed Youth Ministry's Conference this week in Florida. Pray for students to hear and know the gospel of Jesus Christ.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: RAY AND KAY BAKER

The Bakers serve in Stockholm, Sweden with Greater Europe Mission (GEM) where Ray serves as an author and speaker on the staff of The Center for Christian Apologetics, while Kay serves as the regional leader for GEM's work in the Nordic and Baltic countries as well as the UK and Ireland. Pray that Ray's newly published book on C. S. Lewis (in English) will be reached by many. Pray for Kay to effectively lead those under her charge towards greater gospel faithfulness and fruitfulness.

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 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 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)

Monday, July 12

10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 202)

Tuesday, July 13

6:30 am Hybrid Men's Dawn Patrol Bible Study
(Fellowship Hall and via Zoom)

Thursday, July 15

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

Sunday, July 18

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
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

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through God's compelling love
in Lynchburg and the world.*

ORDER of WORSHIP

July 11, 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 Lord, we humbly ask Your blessing upon 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 upon 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: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. John Innes

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: Dave Young, REPC Elder

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: From Psalm 32 (responsively)

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.
Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
But steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.
Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,
And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!*

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #342 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" REGENT SQUARE

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:14

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (v. 1) SOLID ROCK

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand!**

*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 5:11-21 (page 966)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Gospel Reconciliation" Pastor Ron Cox

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: Doug and Julie Haley, Vicky Pogue

"Shine on Us" Michael W. and Deborah D. Smith

Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us.
That we may be saved, that we may have life to find our way
In the darkest night. Let Your light shine on us.
Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us.
That we may be saved, that we may have life to find our way
In the darkest night. Let Your grace fall on us.
Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us.
That we may be saved, that we may have life to find our way
In the darkest night. Let Your love come over us.
Let Your light shine on us.

*THE DOXOLOGY:

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.

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*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

Almighty and gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness to us and over all creation; but above all we give thanks for the gift of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, in Whom alone we have life and peace and everlasting joy. In His name, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and entirely; and we pray that You will bless and multiply these tokens of our lives, and use them for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the earth; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #172 "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder" ALL SAINTS OLD

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE: "Rigaudon" Andre Campra

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

The Session received the following people into membership
in their June 27 meeting:

Annette Barrasso	Michael and Frances Herbert
Nadine Gilmore	Michael and Christina LaFleur
James and Dawn Gordon	Susan Vonolszewski

We give thanks to God for bringing them into the Rivermont family.