

# Sermon Notes

**"The Endurance of Discipleship"**

**John 6:60-71**

(Fourth Sermon in the series of Making Disciples)

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Why do some people not endure? (vv. 60-62)
- 3. How do we endure? (vv. 63-66)
- 4. Why should we endure? (vv. 67-71)

# Prayer Opportunities

**RECUPERATING:** Greg Alty, Dot Barker, Michael Herbert, Will Jenkins, Andy Morse and Ryan Webb

**BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND LEADERS** as they attend the Great Getaway this week in Northern Virginia. Pray for students to hear and know the gospel of Jesus Christ.

- IN APPRECIATION:**
- A massive "THANK YOU" all, for your loving care, prayers, cards, calls, emails, visits and amazing gastronomic skills and just for being in our lives. We are humbled and blessed and grateful for you as our church family. Love and prayers, Didi and Will
  - To the VBS children, Thank you so much for providing such wonderful supplies for our families moving back into housing after experiencing homelessness. I am so grateful to know such generous young people! Best, Sarah Quarantotto

**PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: REFORMED YOUTH MINISTRIES**  
Reformed Youth Ministries (RYM) exists to reach youth, whether they are unbelievers or established believers, through conferences that are Word-driven, God-centered, and gospel-focused. Our high school students recently returned from the RYM Conference in Florida and were deeply impacted by their time there. Continue to pray for all of the students who attended conferences this summer that the gospel seeds that were planted and watered would grow to maturity in the coming school year.

**Prayer & Care**

If you have a need or prayer request, please share that request through the Rivermont website at [rivermont.org/prayer](http://rivermont.org/prayer). You may also email [janet@rivermont.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://rivermont.org/sundayschool)).
  - Visit [rivermont.org/zoom](http://rivermont.org/zoom) to find live and online adult Discipleship groups.
  - Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
  - Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont Class starting in September. Learn more at [rivermont.org/gtkr](http://rivermont.org/gtkr).

If you would like more information about these opportunities, visit our website at [rivermont.org](http://rivermont.org).

# Monthly Financial Report

**GENERAL FUND as of June 30, 2021**

<b>Budget to date:</b>	\$ 1,798,726
<b>Ahead of Budget:</b>	\$ 47,392
<b>Year-to-date contributions:</b>	\$ 1,846,118
<b>Year-to-date expenses:</b>	\$ 1,689,320
<b>Contributions over Expenses:</b>	\$ 156,798

# Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit [rivermont.org/events](http://rivermont.org/events)

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| <p><b>Sunday, July 25</b><br/>       8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)<br/>       8:30 am Worship Service<br/>       9:45 am Sunday School<br/>       9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group<br/>       9:45 am College Hour<br/>       11:00 am Worship Service<br/>       4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)</p> <p><b>Monday, July 26</b><br/>       10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 202)</p> <p><b>Tuesday, July 27</b><br/>       6:30 am Hybrid Men's Dawn Patrol Bible Study<br/>       (Fellowship Hall and via Zoom)</p> | <p><b>Thursday, July 29</b><br/>       6:00 pm Low Country Boil (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p><b>Sunday, August 1</b><br/>       8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)<br/>       8:30 am Worship with the Lord's Supper<br/>       9:45 am Sunday School<br/>       9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group<br/>       9:45 am College Hour<br/>       11:00 am Worship with the Lord's Supper<br/>       4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)</p> |
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**OUR PASSION:** *the renewing of lives through God's compelling love in Lynchburg and the world.*

## ORDER of WORSHIP

July 25, 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 Father, we give You thanks for the gift of this day on which we gather as Your people to find our rest in You. May Your Spirit dwell with us, work within us, and move among us, that we may worship You in spirit and truth. May Your Word come to us in power and be received by us in faith. May our love for You and for one another be increased; may our lives be further sanctified, that we may grow in the likeness of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in Whose name we pray.

### PRELUDE: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Come, Christians, join to sing, "Alleluia! Amen!"  
Loud praise to Christ our King; "Alleluia! Amen!"  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Carey Roberts, REPC Elder

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 42:1-2, 5 (responsively)

*As a deer pants for flowing streams,  
so pants my soul for You, O God.  
My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.  
Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God;  
for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.*

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #457

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

NETTLETON

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* (vv. 1,4)

HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my should, my life, my all.

### \*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: John 6:60-71 (page 892)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON: "The Endurance of Discipleship" Pastor Shane Whelan

### 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!

### A MOMENT FOR MUSIC MINISTRY: Peggy Bettcher

### 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:

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Hadley Hall, organ

arr. Dan Miller

Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

### \*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDRETH

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):

Father, in response to Your great gift to us, we offer ourselves to You with thanksgiving and joy. Accept these tokens of our lives; bless and multiply them for the spread of the gospel, the strengthening of Your church, and the increase of Your kingdom, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #30

*"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

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### \*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

### \*POSTLUDE:

*"Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne"*

Hadley Hall, organ

Dietrich Buxtehude

\*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.  
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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](http://rivermont.org/give).
4. By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.