

Sermon Notes

"Why Make Disciples"

3 John 4

1. God Created Us For It (Genesis 1:26-28)

2. God Redeemed Us For It (Matthew 28:19)

3. It Works

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Greg Alty, Terry Beckloff, Michael Herbert, Will Jenkins, and Mike Pogue

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are extended to Eleanor Webb and family in the loss of her husband, Ryan, who departed this life to be present with the Lord on Saturday, August 7. As you pray for Eleanor, please include their sons, Mac and Charlie, and their daughter, Broughton, in your prayers.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: ODISHA CHILDREN'S HOME

The Odisha Children's Home was established in 2006 through Impact International (Murlu Menon's ministry) and REPC. Since then it has been funded entirely by REPC members. The home provides up to 30 boys basic care needs (food, shelter, clothing) as well as opportunities for education, socializing, character formation, and leadership development, all from a Christian worldview. Pray for these boys and the workers who care for them, that they would be a bright beacon shining the light of Christ into a dark part of the world. If you would like to help support one of the boys, please contact Pastor Brett at the church.

The Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ryan Webb along with those who have gone home before him, Susan and Richard McCann and Edward H. Tarkington.

Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, you may 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!

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 Digital Connect Card by scanning the QR code into your mobile device. You can also fill out a Connect Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.



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 Discipleship groups.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont Class in September. 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, August 15

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)

Monday, August 16

10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 202)

Tuesday, August 17

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study
 (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
 6:00pm Deacons' Meeting
 7:00 pm Session Meeting

Thursday, August 19

6:00 pm Men's Cornhole Tournament

Sunday, August 22

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)
 5:00 pm Session Meeting/Officer nominee testimonies

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

August 15, 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, our good and faithful Shepherd, we give You thanks for all the ways in which You guide and guard our lives. We thank You for protecting us and providing for our every need. We rejoice that You know us by name, and call us by name, and care for each one of us. We ask You now, O Shepherd of our souls, to be present with us in the power of Your Spirit. Comfort the afflicted, correct the wayward, assure the anxious, warn the straying, seek and save the lost, and lead us in the paths of righteousness, for Your name's sake. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Adagio from Violin Concerto No. 5"

Christi Howell, violin

W. A. Mozart

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Mike Palombo

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 67:1-3 (responsively)

*May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make His face to shine upon us,
that Your way may be known on earth,
Your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise You, O God;
let all the peoples praise You!*

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #115

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Revelation 5:9-10

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (vs. 1)

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 they matchless King through all eternity.

DIADEMATA

*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: 3 John 4 (page 1026)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Why Make Disciples"

Cam Colquitt, Regional Director
Campus Outreach Lynchburg

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!

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:

"Jesus Paid It All (with Jesus Loves Me)"

Christi Howell, violin

arr. James Michael Stevens

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me your all in all."
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.
And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.
Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong.

*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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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: (See insert)

"In Christ Alone"

IN CHRIST ALONE

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Allegro from the Fourth Cello Sonata"

Antonio Vivaldi

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

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