

Sermon Notes

"A Kingdom Purpose"
Matthew 5:13-16

Introduction

1. Our Kingdom Purpose is to be Salt (v. 13)

2. Our Kingdom Purpose is to be Light (vv. 14-15)

3. Our Kingdom Purpose is to Glorify God (v. 16)

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Michael Herbert and Will Jenkins

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: ALLEN & PRUE MILLER

Allen has been the Area Director for Young Life in Central Virginia since 1992 and are on multiple high school and middle school campuses in Central Virginia as well as Liberty University. Young Life is an international ministry dedicated to seeing that every teen has the opportunity to hear the gospel from a trained leader who has a sincere and unconditional love for them. To that end, pray that God would call all of the kids who signed up for their semester-long YL Leader training to continue with them and that they would grow closer as a community of leaders. Also pray that the Lord would raise up finances to bring on a second full-time staff.

Prayer & Fasting

Please join us for prayer on Tuesday, September 7, at noon in the Sanctuary as we set aside this day for fasting and praying. Our focus will be on Repentance.

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!

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). The fall semester begins September 12.
- Visit rivermont.org/zoom to find live and online adult Discipleship groups.
- Join us for dinner and classes on Wednesday nights. The fall semester begins September 15. To make dinner reservations go to rivermont.org/rfn.
- 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.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, September 5

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship with the Lord's Supper
9:45 am Congregational Meeting
11:00 am Worship with the Lord's Supper
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 6

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
9:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm Fasting & Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, September 8

9:00 am Preschool
6:00 pm BRITE Class (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm Men's Cornhole Tournament

Thursday, September 9

9:30 am Women's Oasis Bible Study
6:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Bonus Event (Hillcats Game)
7:00 pm Life Group Training (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, September 11

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

Sunday, September 12

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
9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Waterstone Pizza)
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

September 5, 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:

Our heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your grace and mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins, and the promise of life everlasting. For His sake, send forth Your Holy Spirit upon us, to warm our hearts and to enlighten our minds and to strengthen our souls, so that we may truly worship You and be renewed in faith for further service to Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE: **"Finale from Organ Sonata VI"** Felix Mendelssohn

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Mike Palombo

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Matthew 11:28-30

*Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.*

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #1

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell" OLD HUNDREDETH

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 John 4:9-10

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (verse 1) TOWNEND

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

*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 5:13-16 (page 810)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **"A Kingdom Purpose"** Dr. David Weber

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: **"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 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: #345 **"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"** AUSTRIAN HYMN

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):
"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*POSTLUDE: **"O Worship the King"** arr. Neil Harmon

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