

Sermon Notes

"The Law of the Kingdom"
Matthew 5:17-20

Introduction

1. Every Christian Must Know the Law of the Kingdom (v. 17)
2. Every Christian Must Obey the Law of the Kingdom (vv.18-19)
3. Every Christian Must Be Transformed by the Law of the Kingdom (v.20)

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Louanne Guillermin, Michael Herbert, and Will Jenkins

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO Audrey Ashcroft in the death of her father, Rev. Billy McGarity, on September 5. He lived in Union City, TN.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: ELIYA AND JYOTI PRADHAN

Eliya and Jyoti Pradhan founded and direct an evangelistic and discipleship training ministry for children, parents and Christian workers in Nepal, Northeast India and Bhutan. They have a team of more than a dozen men and women who work with them in this growing ministry. Theirs is the only indigenous ministry in Nepal whose primary aim is to share the gospel with children. They conduct rallies and Bible schools throughout Nepal. They also produce a radio program for children. When children come to know Jesus, God often draws entire families to faith as other family members see the difference Jesus makes in the children's lives. Pray for the hundreds of Sunday School teachers and leaders they are training each month and that the children they are reaching through Bible schools will come to know Jesus.

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.

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.

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 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.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

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 GTKR (Country Gardens)
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Waterstone Pizza)
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm 6th-8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

Monday, September 13

9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 203)
6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 206)

Tuesday, September 14

6:26 am High School Boys 626 (Biscuitville, Old Forest Road)
6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
9:00 am Preschool
1:00 pm Shepherding & Care Meeting (Room 203)

Wednesday, September 15

9:00 am Preschool
4:30 pm Praise Ringers
5:15 pm Carillon, Chapel, Cherub, New Song
5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal (Outside)
6:00 pm BRITE Class (Room 203)
6:30 pm Bible Classes
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 16

9:30 am Women's Oasis Bible Study
10:00 am Community Bible Study

Friday, September 17

6:00 pm GTKR Weekend (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, September 18

8:30 am GTKR Weekend (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, September 19

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 GTKR (Country Gardens)
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

September 12, 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:

Lord, as we come to worship You this morning, may Your Spirit open our hearts and our understanding to see both our own desperate need and Your gracious provision for our salvation in Jesus Christ. Open our eyes also to see Your greatness and glory more clearly. Convict us, convert us, cleanse us and consecrate us, so that we may willingly and wholeheartedly give ourselves to You and to Your service. Enable us now to worship You in spirit and in truth. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

PRELUDE: "I Exalt Thee"

Sanchez

For Thou O Lord, art high above all the earth,
Thou art exalted far above all gods.
For Thou O Lord, art high above all the earth,
Thou art exalted far above all gods.
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord.
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Shane Whelan

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 81:1-2; 80:19 (responsively)

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!

Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #53

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 John 1:9

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (vs. 1&3)

LAUDA ANIMA

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

**Father-like He tends and spares us; all our hopes and fears He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as His mercy flows!**

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS:

(8:30) **DEACONS:** Rodney Foster, Connie Hecker, Kevin Hicks,
Matthew Johnson, Larry Langhans, Andrew Pieleck,
Mark Smith, Beth Ulrich

(11:00) **ELDERS:** Warner Hall, Wistar Nelligan, Carey Roberts, Jeff Widmeyer

The Words of Instruction

The Constitutional Vows of the Officers

*The Constitutional Vows of the Congregation

The Prayer of Ordination and Installation

The Declaration of Ordination and Installation

The Welcome, Charge, and Blessing

*THE PSALM OF UNITY:

Psalm 133

(Tune: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing)

Behold how good a thing it is and how becoming well;

When those that brethren are delight in unity to dwell!

For it is like the precious oil poured out on Aaron's head;

That going down upon his beard upon his garment spread!

Like Hermon's dew upon the hills of Zion that descends;

The Lord commands His blessing there, even life that never ends!

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

(Romans 15:7)

(Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to the orange room, #115.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:17-20 (page 810)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "The Law of the Kingdom"

Dr. David Weber

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 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 DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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):

Gracious Father, Your goodness overflows upon us! We give You thanks and praise for Your faithfulness, Your kindness, and Your love. Receive this offering we pray, as we offer ourselves anew to You. May all that we are, all that we have, and all that we do, be blessed for the spread of the gospel, the increase of Your kingdom, and the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #538

"More about Jesus Would I Know"

SWENEY

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE: "Rigaudon"

Henry Purcell

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