

Sermon Notes

"Overcoming"
Joshua 11:1-15

- To Overcome Every Christian Must Trust God's Sovereign Purpose (vv. 1-5)**
- To Overcome Every Christian Must Trust God's Sovereign Promise (vv. 6-9)**
- To Overcome Every Christian Must Trust God's Sovereign Savior (vv. 10-15)**

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Annette Barrasso, Michael Herbert, Will Jenkins, and Westray Nowlin

CONGRATULATIONS TO Frank and Whitney Cairns in the birth of their daughter, Margot Clare, on September 23. Delighted big sisters are Charlotte, Felicity and Genevieve.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO Minhwa Morse and family in the loss of her husband and our dear friend, Andy, who departed this life to be present with the Lord on September 21. As you pray for Minhwa please include their children, Mindy and Micah, in your prayers.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: NO WALLS MINISTRY

With thanksgiving, we praise God for His work through our deep partnership with No Walls Ministry in Lynchburg. No Walls seeks to bridge divides and pursue unity through Christ by bringing people together through community service, relationship building and education. Please pray for Ron Miller as he assumes the role of President of the Board after Pastor Brett concludes his term at the end of the year. Pray also for a smooth transition as No Walls incorporates the ministry, Community Connected, into the fold. Finally, please pray for No Walls as they look to start a trauma-informed daycare (Restoring Roots Daycare) that will be led by Chelsea Flowers and housed out of Gospel Community Church's College Hill campus. Pray that this ministry will be a beacon of hope for the community.

The Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by friends of Andy Morse to the glory of God and in loving memory of their dear friend. A celebration of Andy's life was held yesterday in the Sanctuary.

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).
- Join us for dinner (5:45 pm) and bible classes (6:30 pm) on Wednesday nights. 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. Learn more at rivermont.org/gtkr.

General Fund as of August 31, 2021	
Budget to date:	\$309,799
Behind Budget:	\$ 8,671
Year-to-date contributions:	\$301,128
Year-to-date expenses:	\$285,589
Contributions over Expenses:	\$ 15,539

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

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| <p>Sunday, September 26</p> <p>8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)</p> <p>8:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group</p> <p>9:45 am College Hour</p> <p>9:45 am GTKR (Country Gardens)</p> <p>11:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>12:00 pm New Member/All Church Picnic (Riverside Park)</p> <p>4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)</p> | <p>Wednesday, September 29</p> <p>9:00 am Preschool</p> <p>4:30 pm Praise Ringers</p> <p>5:15 pm Carillon, Chapel, Cherub, New Song</p> <p>5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal</p> <p>6:00 pm BRITE Class (Room 203)</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Classes</p> <p>6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> |
| <p>Monday, September 27</p> <p>9:00 am Preschool</p> <p>10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 202)</p> <p>11:00 am Caregivers' Support Group (Room 201)</p> | <p>Thursday, September 30</p> <p>9:00 am Community Bible Study</p> <p>9:30 am Women's Oasis Bible Study</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, September 28</p> <p>6:26 am Youth HS Boys' 626 (Biscuitville)</p> <p>6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)</p> <p>9:00 am Preschool</p> | <p>Sunday, October 3</p> <p>8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)</p> <p>8:30 am Worship Service with Communion</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday school</p> <p>9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group</p> <p>9:45 am College Hour</p> <p>9:45 am GTKR (Country Gardens)</p> <p>11:00 am Worship Service with Communion</p> <p>4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)</p> |

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

September 26, 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:

O Lord my Lord, this is Your day, the heavenly command of rest, the open door of worship, the record of Jesus' resurrection, the seal of the sabbath to come, the day when Your people unite in endless song. I bless You for the throne of grace, that here favor reigns; that open access to it is through the blood of Jesus; that the veil is torn aside and I can enter the holiest and find You ready to hear, waiting to be gracious, inviting me to pour out my needs, encouraging my desires, promising to give more than I ask or think. But while I bless You, shame and confusion are mine: I remember my past misuse of sacred things, my irreverent worship, my base ingratitude, my cold, dull praise. Sprinkle all my past sabbaths with the cleansing blood of Jesus, and may this day witness deep improvement in me. Give me rich abundance the blessings the Lord's Day was designed to impart; may my heart be fast bound against worldly thoughts or cares; flood my mind with peace beyond understanding; may my meditations be sweet, my acts of worship life, liberty, joy, my drink the streams that flow from Your throne, my food the precious Word, my defense the shield of faith, and may my heart be more knit to Jesus. Amen. *(The Valley Of Vision)*

PRELUDE:

(8:30) **"Preludio"** Michael Brennan, guitar
Manuel Ponce

(11:00) **"Just As I Am"** arr. David H. Hegarty
Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Just as I am, Thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Ron Cox

***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: #76** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
LAUDA ANIMA

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 103:8, 10-12**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs. 1,4) AZMON
O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.
He breaks the power of reigning sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

(8:30) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Dr. David Weber
Reid and Katherine Goss present their daughter, Isla Wren, for baptism.

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(8:30) David and Anne Simms
Steve and Tami Urbina

(11:00) Keilan and Mikayla Coleman
Jacob and Madison Neiderer

(11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Pastor Ron Cox
Madison Neiderer

***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 room #115.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Joshua 11:1-15 (page 187)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Overcoming" 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:** "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: Michael Brennan, guitar
(8:30)

"Softly and Tenderly"

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

(11:00) Sanctuary Choir
arr. John Ness Beck

"It Is Well With My Soul"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well with my soul.
My sin – O the joy of this glorious thought – my sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" – it is well with my soul.

***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: #693** "Blessed Assurance" ASSURANCE

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** "Grand Chorus in D Major" Alexandre Guilmant

*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.