

Sermon Notes

"The Growth of the Kingdom"
Matthew 13:24-43

1. Every Christian Must Wait for the Kingdom to Grow in Extent (vv. 31-32)

2. Every Christian Must Wait for the Kingdom to Grow in Influence (v. 33)

3. Every Christian Must Wait for the Kingdom to Grow in Fruitfulness (vv. 36 – 43)

Prayer Opportunities

ONGOING PRAYER: Michael Herbert, Will Jenkins, and Westray Nowlin

IN APPRECIATION: *Dear Rivermont Family, Words cannot express the depth of our gratitude for the many ways in which you embraced our entire family during Ryan's illness. As we grieve this time of separation, we run on with continued thanks for your ongoing prayers, loving presence and support. All are expressions of God's presence, providence and protection. Thanks be to God! In Christ with love- Eleanor, Mac, Charlie and Broughton*

BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND LEADERS as they attend their High School Retreat in Warrenton, VA, October 15 - 17.

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).
- 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.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, October 10

- 8:00 am Prayer for the Service (Family Room)
- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
- 9:45 am College Hour (CO House)
- 9:45 am GTKR (Country Gardens)
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Small Batch)
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm 6th-8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

Monday, October 11

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 203)

Tuesday, October 12

- 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
- 10:30 am Women's Circle (Country Gardens)
- 1:00 pm Shepherding & Care Meeting (Room 203)
- 5:00 pm Preschool Fundraiser Night (Jersey Mike's, Old Forest Road)

Wednesday, October 13

- 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

Thursday, October 14

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

Sunday, October 17

- 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 (CO House)
- 9:45 am GTKR (Country Gardens)
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 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

October 10, 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, we humbly ask Your blessing upon this worship service, that by Your power we may worship You in spirit and in truth, and truly honor You. May Your glory be magnified, may Your name be exalted, and may we find our greatest joy in You. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us afresh: to strengthen the fainthearted, encourage the weak, comfort the suffering, and call us all into renewed faith and committed discipleship; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

Sabrina Vaughan, harp

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Lowell Mason

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 soul, my life, my all.

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

arr. Frank Voltz

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 116 (responsively)

I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

*You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet
from stumbling;*

I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #252

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

HAMBURG

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (vs. 1)

SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand!

*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.)

(11:00) ANTHEM FOR PREPARATION FOR THE WORD: Sabrina Vaughan, harp

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

arr. S. Vaughan

O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free!
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Matthew 13:24-43 (page 818)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"The Growth of the Kingdom"

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!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:30)

Sabrina Vaughan, harp

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

arr. S. Vaughan

(11:00)

Sanctuary Choir

"If Ye Love Me"

Thomas Tallis

(John 14:15-17)

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you another Comforter,
That He may abide with you forever, ev'n the Spirit of Truth.

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):

Almighty and gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness to us and over all creation; but above all we give thanks for the gift of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, in Whom alone we have life and peace and everlasting joy. In His name, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and entirely; and we pray that You will bless and multiply these tokens of our lives, and use them for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the earth; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #188

"Jesus, I am Resting, Resting"

TRANQUILLITY

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Fugue in G Major"

J. S. Bach

*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.