

# Sermon Notes

*"The Coming of the Kingdom"*  
Matthew 13:1-23

## 1. The Kingdom Comes as a Sowing (vv. 1-9)

## 2. The Kingdom Spreads as a Secret (vv. 10-17)

## 3. The Kingdom Will Come as a Harvest (vv. 18-23)

# Prayer Opportunities

**RECUPERATING:** Annette Barrasso, Michael Herbert, Will Jenkins and We stray Nowlin

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Drew and Julie Neiderer on the birth of their daughter, Julia Frances, on September 26.
- Andrew and Stephanie Pieleck on the birth of their daughter, Alaina Frances, on September 30. Proud siblings are Andrew and Abby.

### PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: KETREENA RUTH

Ketreena is a member of REPC and serves in her hometown of Hyderabad, India, as a missionary with Global Partners. While in the US, Ketreena served on staff with Campus Outreach until God unexpectedly called her to return home to work alongside Global Partners. Ketreena is one of six staff members in Hyderabad and her work revolves around discipling young women in the Scriptures, helping rural women provide for their families/communities by training them to make handcrafts, clothing, jewelry, overseeing several orphanages in India and supporting rural pastors and their communities with water wells. As with many of our other missionaries, COVID-19 has made ministry even more challenging, so please pray for ongoing wisdom and discernment as she engages in ministry as well as family and ministry relationships.

### Prayer & Fasting

Please join us for prayer on Tuesday, October 5, at noon in the Sanctuary as we set aside this day for fasting and praying. Our focus will be on Reformation/Revival.

### Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, please share that need through the Rivermont website at [rivermont.org/prayer](http://rivermont.org/prayer). You may also email [janet@rivermont.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://rivermont.org/gtkr).

## The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give:

- By placing your offering in the offering plates located in the Narthex.
- By texting an amount to 434-595-3833; follow the prompts.
- Online at [www.rivermont.org/give](http://www.rivermont.org/give).
- By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

# Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit [rivermont.org/events](http://rivermont.org/events)

### Sunday, October 3

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
8:30 am Worship Service with Communion  
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 with Communion  
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)

### Monday, October 4

9:00 am Preschool  
10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 203)  
7:00 pm WEEE Connect

### Tuesday, October 5

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, October 6

9:00 am Preschool  
4:30 pm Praise Ringers  
5:15 pm Carillon, Chapel, Cherub, New Song  
5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal

### Wednesday, October 6, continued

6:00 pm BRITE Class (Room 203)  
6:30 pm Bible Classes  
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, October 7

9:00 am Community Bible Study  
9:30 am Women's Oasis Bible Study  
7:00 pm Mission Steering Committee Mtg.

### Saturday, October 9

12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community-College Hill)

### Sunday, October 10

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 Getting to Know Rivermont (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)

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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

October 3, 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:

**(8:30)** **"Be Thou My Vision"** arr. Paul Manz

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.  
High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**(11:00)** **Chapel Choir**

**"Jesus, Strong and Kind"** Farren, Thompson, Robinson, Buchanan

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.  
No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him.  
Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.  
No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him.  
For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind.  
Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.  
No one else can be my shield, I should come to Him.  
Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me.  
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.  
Lori Flowers - Director; Julie Haley - Soloist; Charis Jantomaso - Accompanist

**THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Pastor Brett Eubank

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Lamentations 3:22-25 (responsively)

*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;*

**His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.**

*"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."*

**The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #4

**"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"** MIT FREUDEN ZART  
verse 4 – Women; verse 5 – Men

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 John 2:1-2

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

**"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (verse 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 thy matchless King through all eternity.**

### \*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: Matthew 13:1-23 (page 818)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**THE SERMON:** **"The Coming 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)** **"I Then Shall Live/Be Still My Soul"** Doug and Julie Haley, Vicky Pogue  
Gaither/Sibelius

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven;  
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.  
I know my name is clear before my Father; I am His child, and I am not afraid.  
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother, the law of love I gladly will obey.  
Be still, my soul, the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to your God to order and provide, in every change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul, the best, your heavenly Friend;  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Your Kingdom come around and through and in me,  
Your power and glory, let them shine through me.  
Your hallowed name, O may I bear with honor,  
And may Your living kingdom come in me.  
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,  
And may You feed a hungry world through me. Amen.

**(11:00)**

### **"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"**

(Based on Psalm 8)

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers;  
The moon and stars suspended in space.  
O, what is man, that You are mindful of him?  
You have given man a crown of glory and honor,  
And have made him a little lower than the angels.  
You have put him in charge of all creation:  
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.  
O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name  
Transcend the earth and fill the heavens.  
O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly,  
And so would we. Alleluia!  
The majesty and glory of Your name! Alleluia!

### 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](http://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: #310

**"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"** DARWALL

### \*THE BENEDICTION

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

**\*POSTLUDE:** **"March from the 'Occasional Oratorio' "** G. F. Handel

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