

Sermon Notes

"Kingdom Reformation"
Matthew 15:1-20

1. Every Christian Must Submit to the Word of God (vv. 1-9)
2. Every Christian Must Uproot False Belief (vv. 10-14)
3. Every Christian Must Aim for Heart Change (vv. 15-20)

THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE is seeking input from the congregation regarding potential candidates to be considered for the office of Elder and Deacon. Your participation is very important to the process of officer nomination and election. Please prayerfully consider which members you would like to suggest, then fill out a form with your suggestions and deposit it in one of the drop-boxes found in the Cheatham Center and in the Locke Commons. You may also fill out the online form by visiting rivermont.org/nominations.

Prayer Opportunities

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

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

- Beth Martin in the death of her daughter, Robin Elizabeth Martin, on October 22.
- Lucy Harris in the death of her husband, Kenneth, on October 27.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: ERIC VESS

Eric serves with Advancing Native Missions (ANM) and has been in Nepal for two weeks with his colleague, Jerry, teaching and encouraging pastors and Christian workers in the Midwest portion of the country. The country has experienced a great deal of flooding and loss, which has provided Eric and Jerry key opportunities to encourage these ministers. This weekend he is back in Kathmandu where he is meeting with ministry partners, including those that Rivermont EPC supports (Eliya and Jyoti Pradhan and Saroj Margarati). Pray for fruitful meetings as well as safe/uneventful travel back to the states this week.

The Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Greg Alty on his birthday, October 31.

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 studies (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.

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.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

<p>Sunday, October 31 - Reformation Sunday</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 (CO House)</p> <p>9:45 am GTKR (Country Gardens)</p> <p>11:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Monday, November 1</p> <p>9:00 am Preschool</p> <p>10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 203)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 2</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>12:00 pm Prayer & Fasting (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Wednesday, November 3</p> <p>9:00 am Preschool</p> <p>4:30 pm Praise Ringers</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 3, continued</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 Studies</p> <p>6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Thursday, November 4</p> <p>9:30 am Women's Oasis Bible Study</p> <p>10:00 am Community Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Men's Chili Hymn Sing (Flowers' Home)</p> <p>Sunday, November 7 - All Saints Day (Daylight Savings Time ends)</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 (CO House)</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

October 31, 2021
Reformation Sunday

Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, prepare your heart for worship and please silence your mobile devices.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Father of all grace and glory, look upon us in love and compassion through Your Son, Jesus Christ, and, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, enable us to worship You in spirit and in truth. Help us to draw near to You, in the assurance that You dwell with those who are of humble and contrite heart. Renew our minds by the truth of Your Word, strengthen our souls, and direct our wills that we may more fervently love You and more sincerely serve You, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"To God All Praise and Glory"

Carillon Handbells

arr. Derek K. Hakes

All praise to God, Who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul He fills, the God Who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29 (responsively)

*You have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem,
the city of the living God;*

We have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect;

We have come to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,

For our God is a consuming fire!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (See Insert)

"Reformation Hymn"

Anderson and Kauflin, arr. Bettcher and Meredith

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: From 1 Timothy 1 and Romans 5

*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.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Matthew 15:1-20 (page 820)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Kingdom Reformation"

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:

Pastor Brett Eubank

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:

Carillon Handbells and Brass

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

*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. Trusting in Him, our Savior, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and entirely, with joy and gratitude; 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; for the glory of Your name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #92

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN'FESTE BURG

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"March Triomphale"

Brass and Organ

Karg-Elert, arr. Olson

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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Ministering in Music this Morning:

Trumpets:	Larry Seipp, Mike Straw
Horn:	Kelly Hartless
Trombone:	Walker Pennock
Tuba:	Bill Folger
Timpani:	Jacob Caldwell
Assistant Organist:	Adelheid Terry