

Sermon Notes

"Plot Twist"
2 Kings 3

- 1. The Plot Twist
- 2. The Set Up
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- 4. The Lesson

Prayer Opportunities

ONGOING PRAYER: Beth Helm, Michael Herbert, Joan Pennock, Ellen Torrance and Tami Urbina.

RECUPERATING: Jeffrey Westbrook

IN APPRECIATION: Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with Rivermont's first Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday in Riverside Park. During the past couple weeks, many of you came out to stuff 4,500 Easter eggs, 1,000 door hanging bags along with delivering them to our neighborhood homes. You also planned and prepared lunch for 500 guests. Through your warm hearts and hands, you glorified Jesus Christ as He brought our neighborhood together, gave us beautiful weather, and meaningful Gospel connections. With joyful hearts, praise His holy name!

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Murli and Usha Menon
Murli is the founder and director of Impact of Hope International (IOHI) in his native India. He is also the founder and director of the South Asian Institute of Leadership and Culture Studies, a three-year Bible college that prepares and sends students into ministry positions in India. IOHI also facilitates church planting, conducts creative outreach to various professional groups, manages humanitarian relief efforts, provides training for lay leaders, and cares for under-privileged children in group homes. Pray that the Lord will sustain and bless their ministries to church planters, national leaders, and children in group homes.

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by David Dinsmore to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sue Ann Dinsmore on her birthday, April 13.

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).
 - Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
 - Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont class (rivermont.org/gtkr).

General Fund as of March 31, 2022	
Budget to date:	\$1,394,093
Ahead of Budget:	\$ 90,541
Year-to-date contributions:	\$1,484,634
Year-to-date expenses:	\$1,348,104
Contributions Above Expenses:	\$ 136,530

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

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| <p>Sunday, April 24
 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
 11:00 am Worship Service
 12:30 pm College Lunch Hour (CO House)
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
 6:30 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)</p> <p>Monday, April 25
 9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 206)
 11:00 am Caregivers' Support Group (Room 206)</p> <p>Tuesday, April 26
 6:26 am HS Boys 626
 (Biscuitville, Old Forest Rd)
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study
 (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
 9:00 am Preschool</p> | <p>Wednesday, April 27
 9:00 am Preschool
 5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub, New Song
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Thursday, April 28
 9:30 am Oasis Women's Bible Study
 10:00 am Community Bible Study</p> <p>Friday, April 29
 6:15 pm 20 Somethings+ Secret Church</p> <p>Saturday, April 30
 6:00 pm Youth Families Picnic (Peaks View Park)</p> <p>Sunday, May 1
 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)
 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)</p> |
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OUR PASSION: *the renewing of lives through God's compelling love in Lynchburg and the world.*

ORDER of WORSHIP

April 24, 2022
First Sunday in Eastertide

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty God, nothing is too difficult for You! Renew our minds by the power of Your Spirit with the truth of Your Word! Fill our hearts with love for You, zeal for Your kingdom, and a fervent desire to serve You. Grant us the grace now to worship You in spirit and in truth. Replace our apathy with passion, fear with faith, and despair with hope. And to Your great name be all the honor and glory, now and forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Praise Ringers

arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Mike Palombo

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Matthew 11:28-30 (responsively)

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: #30

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:32-39

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Before the Throne of God Above" (vs. 3)

BEFORE THE THRONE

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,

The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself, I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood.

My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,

With Christ, my Savior and my God.

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

(Romans 15:7)

(11:00) ANTHEM FOR PREPARATION FOR THE WORD:

"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"

Chapel Choir

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho and the walls came a-tumblin' down.

You can talk about your kings of Gideon. You can talk about your men of Saul.

But there's none like good ol' Joshua at the battle of Jericho.

Then up to the walls of Jericho they marched with spear in hand.

"Go blow them horns," cried Joshua, "cause the battle is in God's hands."

Then the ram horns began to bellow, and the trumpets began to sound,

And Joshua commanded the children to shout!

And the walls came a-tumblin' down.

Lori Flowers – Director; Charis Jantomaso - Accompanist

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

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 3 (page 308)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Plot Twist"

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:

"Praise and Glory to the Father"

REGENT SQUARE

Praise and glory to the Father, praise and glory to the Son,

Praise and glory to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One;

One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run!

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:

Sarah Biggerstaff, Katy Bloker, Abby Panneck

"I Will Be a Child of Peace"

arr. Elaine Hagenberg

O Holy Father, I will be a child of peace and purity.

For well I know Thy hand will bless the seeker after righteousness.

*THE DOXOLOGY:

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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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: #460

"Amazing Grace"

AMAZING GRACE

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"My Savior's Love"

arr. Melody Bober

*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.