

Sermon Notes

"A Spring Thanksgiving"
2 Kings 4:42-44

- 1. Every Christian Must Not Fear the Meager Offering
- 2. Every Christian Must Trust in the Gracious Promise
- 3. Every Christian Must Hope in the First Fruits

Prayer Opportunities

ONGOING PRAYER: Priscilla Ribeiro-Cummings, Calvin Dameron, Michael Herbert, Joan Pennock, Ellen Torrance and Tami Urbina.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are extended to Russ Carr and family in the death of his wife, Sue, on May 5. A memorial service will be held on May 29 at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

PRAY FOR OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND LEADERS as they attend their spring retreat, May 20-22, at Lake Anna in Bumpass, VA.

PRAY FOR OUR GRADUATES as they embark on the next season in their lives. We would like to honor our graduates by listing them in the June 12 bulletin. If you have a 2022 graduate (high school, college, graduate school, trade school) please submit their name, school they will graduate from, and future plans to rhonda@rivermont.org or call 846-3441 by June 5th.

IN APPRECIATION: *Dear Rivermont, What a joy to receive your Easter offering, a tremendous gift that BRPC will steward extremely well! You guys are instrumental in helping us build a healthy community with healthy families. It is a joy to have you in partnership with us. Warmest regards, Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center*

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: CHRIS AND ASHLYN (Last name withheld for security)

We are so grateful to partner with Ashlyn and her new husband Chris as they serve together as missionaries in North Africa with Serge. Having recently gotten married, they are in the US to go through additional training, fundraising and marriage orientation. Lord willing, they will be able to return to North Africa early 2023. Much of their work centers around relational evangelism as they work with their team using business, education and cultural learning. We are thrilled to welcome them to REPC today to share a Moment for Mission in the services as well as participate in a missionary luncheon following the 11:00am worship service.

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).
 - 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, May 15 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 Missionary Luncheon with Ashlyn & Chris (Fellowship Hall) 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel) 7:00 pm 6th- 12th Grade SNL (Peaksview Park)</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 18 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Thursday, May 19 7:00 pm Women's Summer Fellowship (Courtyard)</p> <p>Friday, May 20 to Sunday, May 22 6th-8th Grade Spring Retreat</p>
<p>Monday, May 16 9:00 am Preschool 10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 206)</p> <p>Tuesday, May 17 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom) 9:00 am Preschool 11:00 am Preschool Graduation (Sanctuary) 6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox) 7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox) 7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)</p>	<p>Sunday, May 22 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 20 Somethings+ Lunch (Burg Burritos, 1103 Church Street) 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

May 15, 2022
Fourth 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:

Holy Father, as You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to be our Great High Priest, Who has entered into the Most Holy Place by His own blood: mercifully look upon us, and grant that we may worship and serve You with consciences cleansed by His blood; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30)

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

Come, ye disconsolate, where e'er you languish:
Come, at the mercy seat fervently kneel;
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish,
Earth hath no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.
Joy to the desolate, light of the straying,
Hope when all others die, fadeless and pure.
Here speaks the Comforter, in mercy saying:
"Earth hath no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."
Here see the Bread of Life, see waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above;
Come to the feast prepared, come, ever knowing:
Earth hath no sorrow but heav'n can remove.

James Wood, soloist

arr. Alice Parker

(11:00)

"Be Thou My Vision"

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.

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Mike Palombo

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

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

We have come to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,

You have come to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous 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 let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,

For our God is a consuming fire.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #26

"Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

WOODLANDS

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:1-2

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Spirit of the Living God"

IVERSON

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."

(Ephesians 2:13 ESV)

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

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 4:42-44 (page 310)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"A Spring Thanksgiving"

Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, #1 (responsively):

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

My only comfort is that I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. At the cost of His own precious blood, He has fully paid for all my sins, and has set me free from the dominion of the devil. He also watches over me so well that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. Indeed, all things must work together to fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly ready and willing from now on to live for Him. Amen!

*THE GLORIA:

"Glorify Your Name"

Donna Adkins

FATHER, we love You, we praise You, we adore You: Glorify Your name in all the earth! Glorify Your name, glorify Your name, glorify Your name in all the earth! (Repeat, using: JESUS and SPIRIT)

MOMENT FOR MISSION:

Chris and Ashlyn

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:

(8:30)

"Teach Me, O Lord"

(based on Psalm 118, 119:33)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes;
And I shall keep it unto the end.

Sanctuary Choir

Thomas Attwood

(11:00)

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

James Wood, soloist

arr. Alice Parker

*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 everlasting Father, faithful in all Your ways and righteous in all Your doings: we praise You, and we give thanks for the bounty of Your gifts lavished upon us. Most of all, we thank You for the gift of Your Son: for His righteous life, His humble suffering, His atoning blood, His victorious resurrection, and His triumphant ascension to Your right hand. As we offer these tokens of our lives, we present ourselves to You as a living sacrifice of praise. May we live for Your glory, in faith and obedience, by the power of the Holy Spirit, until Jesus Christ comes again with power and glory! Amen!

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #688

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

HOLY DESIRE

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"The God of Abraham Praise"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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