

Sermon Notes

"Connecting Mercifully with our Neighbors"
Luke 10:25-37

Good Samaritans

1. What shall I do to inherit eternal life?
2. And who is my neighbor?
3. Who proved to be a neighbor?

Grace and Compassion

Prayer Opportunities

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

RECUPERATING: Sylvia Marsh and Charlie Wilson.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are extended to the family of John Locke who passed away Wednesday, July 20 in Brunswick, Maine. Please be in prayer for his sister, Elizabeth Dodge, and his brother, Bill Locke, along with their family and friends.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: EL SALVADOR MISSION TEAM

On July 25, a team of Rivermont youth and adult members will travel to El Salvador to work with Sports Outreach in the impoverished communities around Nuevo Cuscatlan. While there, the team will continue learning about poverty and will focus their time on relationship-building and serving the community in practical ways. Pray for the team's safety as they travel and work, for team unity and for open hearts as they build relationships with the Salvadorians. Pray also that God would give the team a desire to connect what they learned to our church's mission in Lynchburg.

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 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 starting September 11. Learn more at rivermont.org/gtkr.

General Fund as of June 30, 2022	
Budget to date:	\$1,858,791
Ahead of Budget:	\$ 65,693
Year-to-date contributions:	\$1,924,484
Year-to-date expenses:	\$1,822,695
Contributions Above Expenses:	\$ 101,789

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, July 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 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)	Thursday, July 28 7:00 pm Women's Oasis Summer Fellowship (Cheatham Center)
Monday, July 25 10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 206) 11:00 am Caregivers' Support Group (Room 206)	Friday, July 29 6:00 pm Summer Fellowship Night (Movie and Ice Cream Social)
Tuesday, July 26 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm 6th - 12th Grade Peaks View Park	Sunday, July 31 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 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

July 24, 2022

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:

"Partita on 'Christ Is My Life' "

Hadley Hall, organ

Johann Pachelbel

("For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Philippians 1:21)

Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with Thy grace,
That Satan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
Abide, O dear Redeemer, among us with Thy Word,
And thus now and hereafter true peace and joy afford.
Abide with heav'nly brightness among us, precious Light;
The truth direct and keep us from error's gloomy night.
Abide, O faithful Savior, among us with Thy love;
Grant steadfastness and help us to reach our home above.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Michael Hall, REPC Elder

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 103:1-5 (responsively)

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,

Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit,

Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #53

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (vv. 1&3)

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom.

*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: Luke 10:25-37 (page 869)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Connecting Mercifully with our Neighbors"

Pastor Ron Cox

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from Colossians 1:15-20 (in unison)

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who, is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

*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!

(11:00) THE COMMISSIONING OF REPC YOUTH TO EL SALVADOR:

Jacob Caldwell, Noah Caldwell, Hadley Hall, Emily Sweet, Betsy Weaver, Earl Weaver, Mac Webb, Amelia Weber, David Weber, Judah Weber, Jackson Whelan, Laura Whelan, Luke Whelan, Sawyer Whelan, and Shane Whelan.

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:

"Nearer, My God to Thee"

Elese Frazier, piano

arr. Dan Forrest

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me!
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee!
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
There let the way appear, steps unto heav'n;
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv'n;
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to Thee!
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

*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):

Gracious Father, we praise You for every good and perfect gift which comes down from heaven. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins! We praise You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, by Whom we are born anew and adopted as Your children through Jesus our Lord. With joy, we present ourselves as living sacrifices in Your service. Receive and bless this offering, for the sake of Your kingdom, and send us forth in the power of Your Spirit to live as witnesses of Jesus Christ, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #650

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

MY REDEEMER

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Toccata in G"

Theodore Dubois

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