

# Sermon Notes

"Magnifying Christ in the Marketplace of Cultures"

Acts 17:16-34

## 1. The Divine Artist Who Created the World

## 2. The Divine Engineer Who Sustains the World

## 3. The Divine Critic Who Judges the World

# Prayer Opportunities

**ONGOING PRAYER:** Priscila Ribeiro-Cummings, Lucy Harris, Michael Herbert, Sylvia Marsh, Joan Pennock, Ellen Torrance, and Tami Urbina.

**RECUPERATING:** Charlie Wilson and Kenny Wright

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Nina Caldwell and Alexander Rice who were married on August 9. Proud parents of the bride are Jacob and Jerusha Caldwell and grandmother of the bride, Deborah Hallgren.

**IN APPRECIATION:** "If you spoke a heartfelt word, sent a lovely card, or thought of us and prayed, we are most grateful. In our trials we know God will make a way...we pray His way." Babs and Charlie.

### PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: ALLEN & PRUE MILLER

Allen has been the Area Director for Young Life in Central Virginia since 1992. Young Life is on multiple high school and middle school campuses in Central Virginia as well as Liberty University. Young Life is an international ministry dedicated to seeing that every teen has the opportunity to hear the gospel from a trained leader who has a sincere and unconditional love for them. To that end, pray for continued fruit from the week of camp that many students attended. Also pray that God would bring the right students to go through leadership-training and grow them into a community of leaders.

### 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 Sunday School classes at 9:45 am ([rivermont.org/sundayschool](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://rivermont.org/events)

### Sunday, August 14

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  
12:45 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run  
(Market at Main, 904 Main St.)  
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

### Wednesday, August 17

6:30 pm Men's Cornhole Tournament

### Sunday, August 21

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)

### Monday, August 15

10:00 am Prayer Group (206)

### Tuesday, August 16

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study  
(Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)  
6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)  
7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)  
7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

August 14, 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, our good and faithful Shepherd, we give You thanks for all the ways in which You guide and guard our lives. We thank You for protecting us and providing for our every need. We rejoice that You know us by name, and call us by name, and care for each one of us. We ask You now, O Shepherd of our souls, to be present with us in the power of Your Spirit. Comfort the afflicted, correct the wayward, assure the anxious, warn the straying, seek and save the lost, and lead us in the paths of righteousness, for Your name's sake. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

#### *"Be Thou My Vision"*

Elizabeth Matney, violin

arr. Ruth Coleman

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.  
Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.  
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.

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Carey Roberts, REPC Elder

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 67 (responsively)

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, Selah that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.*

*Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!*

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #295

#### *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

DIADEMATA

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

#### *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (vs. 1)*

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, His praise should sing?  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the everlasting King.

### (11:00)THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Pastor Ron Cox

Frank and Whitney Cairns present their daughter, Margot Clare, for baptism.

### \*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: Acts 17:16-34 (page 926)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

Pastor Mike Palombo

*"Magnifying Christ in the Marketplace of Cultures"*

### 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:

#### *"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)

### 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:

#### *"Deep River"*

James Wood, soloist

arr. Moses Hogan

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go, to that gospel feast,

That promised land where all is peace.

### \*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDRETH

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):

God of all creation, You are the giver of all good things. You give to all mankind life and breath and everything. We humbly offer with thanksgiving the gifts given by Your hand. We offer to You our minds to consider Your Word. We offer to You our feet to walk in Your ways. We offer to You our mouths to declare Your gospel. We offer to You our hands to serve Your kingdom. We offer to You ourselves as instruments for righteousness, to declare that God is great and God is good. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #263

#### *"Lift High the Cross"*

CRUCIFER

### \*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

### \*POSTLUDE:

#### *"Fanfare from Premiere Suite"*

Jean Joseph Mouret

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