

# Sermon Notes

"The Priority of Biblical Worship"

Ezra 3

1. **Biblical Worship Renews our Hearts (1-3a).**
2. **Biblical Worship Reforms our Habits (3b-7).**
3. **Biblical Worship Reorients our Longings (8-13).**

## The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give:

1. By placing your offering in the offering plates.
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.

## Prayer Opportunities

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

**RECUPERATING:** George Caylor, Lowell Sykes, Charlie Wilson and Kenny Wright

**IN APPRECIATION:** *Dear Rivermont Family, thank you so much for the many expressions of love and support during Frank's illness and passing. I am so grateful for your prayers and words of encouragement. Your care has sustained me while we were on the journey with his diagnosis of Frontotemporal Dementia. Love, Ann Knight*

### PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: OONG & ELENA LEE

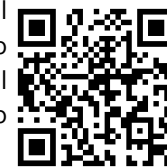
Oong and Elena Lee are our Serge missionaries serving as church planters in the London suburb of Shepherd's Bush. After struggling with several years of infertility, God has blessed the Lees with twins, Noah and Aurora, born on July 8. We will be holding a virtual missionary luncheon through Zoom with the Lees today in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 worship service. This will be an opportunity to learn more about their life and ministry. To learn more about the Lees' ministry in England, go to: <https://give.serge.org/donate/oong-and-elena-lee/>.

### 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)).
- Join us for dinner and Bible Studies on Wednesday nights. The Fall Semester begins September 14. To make dinner reservations go to [rivermont.org/rfn](http://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 starting September 11. Learn more at [rivermont.org/gtkr](http://rivermont.org/gtkr).

## Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit [rivermont.org/events](http://rivermont.org/events)

### Sunday, September 11

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
8:30 am Worship Service  
9:00 am College Coffee (CO House)  
9:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group  
9:45 am Getting To Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)  
11:00 am Worship Service  
12:30 pm Missionary Lunch with the Lees (Fellowship Hall)  
12:45 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Field Near Water Dog)  
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)  
6:00 pm 6th-8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

### Monday, September 12

9:00 am Preschool  
10:00 am Prayer Group (206)

### Tuesday, September 13

6:26 am HS Girls 626 (Chick-fil-A, Hobby Lobby)  
6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)

### Wednesday, September 14

9:00 am Preschool  
3:00 pm After-School Enrichment Outreach  
4:30 pm Praise Ringers  
5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub, Chapel, & New Song  
5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal  
6:30 pm Bible Studies  
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir  
6:30 pm BRITE Class

### Thursday, September 15

9:30 am Women's Oasis Bible Study  
10:00 am Community Bible Study

### Sunday, September 18

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
8:30 am Worship Service  
9:00 am College Coffee (CO House)  
9:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group  
9:45 am Getting To Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)  
11:00 am Worship Service  
12:30 pm Rivermont Rhythm & Rockin' Picnic  
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)  
5:00 pm Grief Share Support Group (Room 201)  
6:00 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

## Contact Us

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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

September 11, 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:

Lord, as we come to worship You this morning, may Your Spirit open our hearts and our understanding to see both our own desperate need and Your gracious provision for our salvation in Jesus Christ. Open our eyes also to see Your greatness and glory more clearly. Convict us, convert us, cleanse us and consecrate us, so that we may willingly and wholeheartedly give ourselves to You and to Your service. Enable us now to worship You in spirit and in truth. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

### PRELUDE: **Miriam Amos and Rachel Amos, organ and piano**

*"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"*

Bach, arr. Donald Hustad

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright;  
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned,  
Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round Thy throne.

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Pastor Shane Whelan**

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 16:34-36 (responsively)

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;*

**For His steadfast love endures forever!**

*Say also: "Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise.*

**Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!"**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #53

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

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### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

*"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (vs. 1 & 3)*

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Father-like He tends and spares us; all our hopes and fears He knows.  
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as His mercy flows!

### THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS:

(8:30) DEACONS: Claire Dodd, Gary Eaton, Jane Gordon, Scott Hall,  
Debby Hallgren, Maria Müller, Ryan Pickard, Todd Scruggs

(11:00) ELDERS: Clay Atkins, Jacob Caldwell, Brian Nash, Rodney Suddith

The Words of Instruction

The Constitutional Vows of the Officers

\*The Constitutional Vows of the Congregation

The Prayer of Ordination and Installation

The Declaration of Ordination and Installation

The Welcome, Charge, and Blessing

### \*THE PSALM OF UNITY:

Psalm 133

(Tune: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing)

**Behold how good a thing it is and how becoming well,  
When those that brethren are delight in unity to dwell!**

**For it is like the precious oil poured out on Aaron's head,  
That, going down upon his beard, upon his garment spread!**

**Like Hermon's dew upon the hills of Zion that descends,  
The Lord commands His blessing there, even life that never ends!**

### \*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: Ezra 3 (page 390)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"The Priority of Biblical Worship"* **Dr. David Weber**

### 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: *"Alleluia! Alleluia!"* **EBENEZER**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.  
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

### 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 RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

*"He Watching Over Israel"*

(Psalm 121:3-4; 138:7)

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.

Shouldst thou walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

**Hadley Hall, organ**

**Sanctuary Choir**

Felix Mendelssohn

### \*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.**

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### \*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

Gracious Father, Your goodness overflows upon us! We give You thanks and praise for Your faithfulness, Your kindness, and Your love. Receive this offering, we pray, as we offer ourselves anew to You. May all that we are, all that we have, and all that we do be blessed for the spread of the gospel, the increase of Your kingdom, and the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)

*"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"*

(Tune: Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!)

### \*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

### \*POSTLUDE:

*"Psalm 19"*

**Hadley Hall, organ**

Benedetto Marcello

\*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.  
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**We recognize those officers who completed their service on the Session and the Diaconate. We are grateful for their service.**

**Elders:** Gary Helm, Sam Mizener, Ben Moomaw and Dave Young.

**Deacons:** Clay Atkins, Judy Aylor, Sheree Britton, Mike Emanuel, David Faidley, Eddie Ivins, Todd Scruggs and Eleanor Webb.