

Sermon Notes

"The Empowering Favor of God"
Ezra 7

- You Must Live Under God's Grace (vv. 1-6)**
- You Must Live In God's Word (vv. 7-10)**
- You Must Live For God's Mission (vv. 11-28)**

Prayer Opportunities

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

RECUPERATING: Lowell Sykes, Charlie Wilson and Kenny Wright.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

- Wes and Peggy Bettcher and family in the death of Peggy's mother, Margaret Zarzombek, on September 20. She lived in Hoffman Estates, IL.
- Carwin and Mary Owens and family in the death of Mary's mother, Mary Randolph "Ranny" Aultice, on September 22. The family will receive friends from 3 until 5 p.m., Sunday, October 9 at Heritage Funeral Service, 427 Graves Mill Road.
- The family of Mary Spencer who went to be with the Lord on September 17. A viewing will be held at Diuguid Waterlick Chapel, 21914 Timberlake Rd., Lynchburg, on October 6 from 5:00-8:00 pm. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 8 at 2:00 pm at Meadows Presbyterian Church, 2200 Angus Rd. Charlottesville, VA. The memorial service will also be live-streamed on YouTube for those unable to attend: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_nJBboD14bB_otu4TGLqJA/live.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: KETREENA RUTH

Ketreena is a member of REPC and serves in her hometown of Hyderabad, India, as a missionary with Global Partners. While in the US, Ketreena served on staff with Campus Outreach until God unexpectedly called her to return home to work alongside Global Partners. Ketreena is one of six staff members in Hyderabad and her work revolves around discipling young women in the Scriptures, helping rural women provide for their families/communities by training them to make handcrafts, clothing, jewelry, overseeing several orphanages in India and supporting rural pastors and their communities with water wells. Pray for continual fruit in all of her labors.

Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, you can share your needs on a Connect Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate or one of the designated prayer boxes located outside the Library and in the Locke Commons. You may also submit a prayer request at rivermont.org/prayer or 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).
 - Join us for dinner and Bible Studies on Wednesday nights. To make dinner reservations go to rivermont.org/rfn.
 - Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
 - Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont Weekend on October 21-22. To learn more and to sign up go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

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| <p>Sunday, October 2 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room) 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion 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 with Communion 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel) 5:00 pm Grief Share Support Group (Room 201)</p> <p>Monday, October 3 9:00 am Preschool 10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 206)</p> <p>Tuesday, October 4 6:26 am High School Boys' 626 (McDonalds, Old Forest Road) 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom) 9:00 am Preschool 10:30 am Women's Circle (Country Gardens) 12:00 pm Monthly Prayer Meeting (Chapel)</p> <p>Wednesday, October 5 9:00 am Preschool 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</p> | <p>Thursday, October 6 9:30 am Women's Oasis Bible Study 10:00 am Community Bible Study</p> <p>Friday, October 7 5:30 pm Missions Conference Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 pm Missions Conference Session 1</p> <p>Saturday, October 8 8:00 am Missions Conference Breakfast 8:45 am Missions Conference Session 2 9:30 am Ministry Opportunities 12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community Church at College Hill) 6:00 pm Missionary Panel (Sanctuary) 7:15 pm Dessert Reception (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>Sunday, October 9 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 (Missionary Reports from the Field) 9:45 am Getting To Know Rivermont (Country Gardens) 11:00 am Worship Service 12:30 pm Potluck Luncheon with our Missionaries (Fellowship Hall) 4:00 pm El Salvador Mission Trip Report (Chapel) 5:00 pm Grief Share Support Group (Room 201) 6:00 pm 6th - 8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)</p> |
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ORDER of WORSHIP

October 2, 2022

Preparation for Worship

As the Prelude begins, 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:

(8:30) **"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"** arr. Dan Miller

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

(11:00) **Mark Landry, Lee Richwine, Jeffrey Smith, Jeffrey Westbrook**
"Fill My Cup, Lord" Blanchard, arr. M. Landry

Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!
Like the woman at the well I was seeking for things that could not satisfy;
And then I heard my Savior speaking,
"Draw from My well that never shall run dry."
Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord! Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!
There are millions in this world who are craving
The pleasures earthly things afford;
But none can match the wondrous treasure that I find in Jesus Christ, my Lord.
So my brother, if the things this world gave you
Leave hungers that won't pass away,
My blessed Lord will come and save you, if you kneel to Him and humbly pray.
Miriam Amos - piano

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Brett Eubank

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Lamentations 3:22-25 (responsively)**

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.
"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."
The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #4**

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART
Verse 4 - Women; Verse 5 - Men

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (verse 1) DIADEMATA

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king thro' all eternity.**

***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:

"This Little Light of Mine" Cherub Choir
arr. John R. Paradowski

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let anyone blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine.
Amy Hall – Director; Sandra Landry – Accompanist

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

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Ezra 7 (page 393)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **"The Empowering Favor of God"** 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:** **"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!**

THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:30) **Mark Landry, Lee Richwine, Jeffrey Smith, Jeffrey Westbrook**
"Fill My Cup, Lord" Blanchard, arr. M. Landry

(11:00)

"The Prayer of Saint Francis" Sanctuary Choir
arr. Rene Clausen

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is injury, help me to pardon. Where there is doubt, let me bring faith. Where there is despair, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let me bring light. Where there is sorrow, let me bring joy. O Lord, Master Divine, grant that I not so much seek to be consoled, as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, and in pard'ning that we are pardoned. For in dying we are born to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Amen.

Noah Caldwell – piano

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session. After reviewing the Communion packet with your child, contact the church office to set up a meeting with the pastors. The packet may be found at www.rivermont.org/communion.

The Words of Invitation and Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, 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 the Bread and the Cup

The Concluding Communion Prayer

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #310**

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King" DARWALL

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:** **"Toccata on All Creatures of Our God and King"** arr. Diane Bish

*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.
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.