

Sermon Notes

"Preparing for a Great Work"
Ezra 8

1. Deploying Great Leaders

2. Depending on our Great God

3. Devoting Great Resources

Prayer Opportunities

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

RECUPERATING: Willy Clingenpeel, Lowell Sykes, Charlie Wilson and Kenny Wright

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: JOHN AND JENNIFER SAMSON

The Samsons are new missionaries in Kenya serving with DOOR International. Less than 2% of the world's 70 million deaf people know God. Add to that, 90% of them struggle to read so the written Bible makes no sense. DOOR International exists to bring the Bible to the heart language of every deaf person in the world. John serves as an exegetical consultant with DOOR, which means he helps with translation and Biblical interpretation. Some of you got to meet the Samsons at the REPC Mission Conference. Let's remember their work in our prayers as they labor for God's Word to be made known.

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Greg Alty. A celebration of life service was held yesterday in the REPC Sanctuary.

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

Sunday, October 16

- 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 Getting To Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Grief Share Support Group (Room 201)
- 6:00 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

Monday, October 17

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

Tuesday, October 18

- 6:26 am HS 626 (Chick-fil-A, Hobby Lobby)
- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 12:00 pm 60 +/- Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)
- 7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
- 7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

Wednesday, October 19

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:30 pm Praise Ringers
- 5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub, Chapel, & New Song

Wednesday, October 19, continued

- 5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal
- 6:30 pm Bible Studies
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 20

- 9:30 am Women's Oasis Bible Study
- 10:00 am Community Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Men's Hymn Sing (1335 Hawks Farm Rd., Forest)

Friday, October 21

- 6:00 pm Getting to Know Rivermont (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, October 22

- 9:00 am Getting to Know Rivermont (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 am Elijah Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 6:00 pm Youth Event (Whelan Home)

Sunday, October 23

- 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 Getting To Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Grief Share Support Group (Room 201)
- 6:00 pm 7th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

October 16, 2022

Preparation *for* Worship

As the Prelude begins, prepare your heart for worship and please silence your mobile devices.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Precious Jesus, revive Your feeble people, and pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground. In You, blessed Lord, there is fullness to supply all. Surely You are a fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon. Oh Lord, send forth today abundant streams to cleanse, revive, comfort, satisfy and strengthen all Your churches. Lord, cause me to drink of the rivers of Your pleasure, for You are the fountain of life. (*Piercing Heaven: Prayers of the Puritans*)

PRELUDE:

(8:30) **"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"** arr. Eugene Englert

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.
And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house for ever.

(11:00) Lynn Seipp, clarinet; Sonna Seipp, piano
"Cantabile" Niels Gade

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 28:7-8 (responsively)

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.
The Lord is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.
Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #101 **"Come, Thou Almighty King"** TRINITY

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Isaiah 53:3 and Colossians 1:14

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:
"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (verse 1) SOLID ROCK
**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

*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 8 (page 394)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **"Preparing for a Great Work"** Pastor Mike Palombo

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: **"Praise and Glory to the Father"** REGENT SQUARE
Praise and glory to the Father, praise and glory to the Son,
Praise and glory to the Spirit: ever Three and ever One;
One in might and One in glory, while unending ages run!

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:
(8:30) **"The Meditations of My Heart"** Sanctuary Choir
(Based on Psalm 19:14) Elaine Hagenberg
May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord.
O Lord my rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer.
Miriam Amos - Accompanist

(11:00) Lynn Seipp, clarinet; Sonna Seipp, piano
"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" arr. Douglas Wagner

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.
I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

*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):
Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours. Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all. We offer to You the riches You provide and the gifts You have given. We give to You, for You have given all to us through Christ our Savior. Grant us power and might to serve You, our King, and live to Your glory this week and forevermore. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #30 **"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"** ST. ANNE

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):
"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*POSTLUDE: **"Rondo for Organ"** John Bull

*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 plate.
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.