

***THE DOXOLOGY:**

OLD HUNDREDETH

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, You are the fountain of all good: we bring to You our gifts, according to the blessing You have given. Enable us, with our earthly things, to give You the love of our hearts and the service of our lives. Let Your favor, which is life, and Your loving kindness, which is better than life, be upon us now and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #457**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

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

***POSTLUDE:**

"Fantasia in G Minor (BWV 542)"

J. S. Bach

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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General Fund as of February 28, 2023	
Budget to date:	\$ 1,312,307
Ahead of Budget:	\$ 97,504
Year-to-date contributions:	\$ 1,409,811
Year-to-date expenses:	\$ 1,238,261
Contributions Above Expenses:	\$ 171,550

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.

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.

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 Class. For more information go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, March 26

- 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:30 pm College Lunch (CO House)
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Knitting Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰
- 6:00 pm 7th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

Monday, March 27

- 7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:30 am Story Time (Youth House) 🏰
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (Quinlan)

Tuesday, March 28

- 6:26 am High School 626 (Chick-fil-A near Hobby Lobby)
- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
- 9:00 am Preschool

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event Members Welcome!

Wednesday, March 29

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:30 pm Praise Ringers
- 4:45 pm Chess Club (Room 303) 🏰
- 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

Thursday, March 30

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

Saturday, April 1

- 10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰
- 10:30 am Rivermont United Soccer Outreach

Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday

- 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
- 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
- 9:20 am College Coffee (Locke Commons)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
- 12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run With Campus Outreach (Riverside Park)
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Knitting Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Preparation *for* Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

BLESSED LORD, Who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30) **Rachel Love, soloist**

"He Was Despised"

(Isaiah 53:3)

He was despised, despised and rejected, rejected of men;
A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.

G. F. Handel

(11:00)

"All Things Through Christ"

Be still, my heart; be still, my soul; my Lord has brought me living hope.

In searing pain, in hollow ache, He is my all in all I face.

My wearied eyes have burned with tears,

My troubled mind has churned on fears,

But gospel truth delivers me from stronghold of anxiety.

This is my cry within the fight! This is my song throughout the night!

This is my joy, my peace, my light!

This is my strength: "All things through Christ."

To walk by faith and not by sight, I choose to give my mind to Christ.

And though tomorrow may bring change, in Him my future stays the same.

Christ is my all in all I face.

Now may the Lord of peace and grace, at ev'ry time, in ev'ry way,

Bestow again His perfect peace; be not afraid, He knows the need.

Else Frazier – Director; Ashley Plude – Accompanist

New Song

Taylor, arr. Nichols

WELCOME:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 119:9-11, 15-16 (responsively)

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to Your Word.

With my whole heart I seek You;

Let me not wander from Your commandments!

I have stored up Your Word in my heart,

That I might not sin against You.

I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways.

I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your Word.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #26

"Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

WOODLANDS

*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)

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.

TOWNEND

(11:00) THE RECEPTION OF CONFIRMANDS:

Ellie Bonebright

Jane Kuhn

Anna Grace McCloskey

Rodney Meng

Lindsey Meyer

Charity Morrison

William Petersen

Ashley Plude

Oliver Schrock

Wes Schrock

The Words of Instruction

The Confirmation Vows

*The Covenantal Vows of the Congregation

(11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Oliver and Wes Schrock

*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: Hebrews 2:1-4 (Page 1001)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Pay Attention"

Pastor Brett Eubank

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)

"All Things Through Christ"

New Song

Taylor, arr. Nichols

(11:00)

"And Can It Be"

Sanctuary Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?

Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;

Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;

'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me.

And can it be, and can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine!

Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,

Bold I approach thee eternal throne,

And claim the crown through Christ my own.

Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for Me?

Amazing love, how can it be? Amazing love!

Hadley Hall - Accompanist