*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #342 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" **REGENT SQUARE**

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:**

"Allegro from the Fourth Cello Sonata"

Antonio Vivaldi

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so. Lyrics and music reproduced under CCLI#64526.

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lucy Woodall Harris.

Cheatham Center Floral Arrangement

The flowers today in the Cheatham Center are presented by Jim and Melissa Stanley to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Parker Stanley.

In Appreciation

Thank you for supporting the Trail Life BBQ Fundraiser held on March 11. Your generous support allows us to continue our mission to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others and experience outdoor adventure. -Trail Life Troop VA 2424

Prayer & Fasting

Please join us for prayer in the Chapel on Tuesday, May 2 at noon as we set aside this day for fasting and praying. Our focus of prayer will be for the youth.

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).
- 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.

Wednesday, May 3

9:00 am Preschool

Thursday, May 4

Friday, May 5

Saturday, May 6

Sunday, May 7

9:45 am Sunday School

4:30 pm Praise Ringers

6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

4:45 pm Chess Club (Room 303) 📥

10:00 am Community Bible Study

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10:30 am Rock Painting (Riverside Park)

10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park)

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)

8:30 am Worship Service with Communion

9:20 am College Coffee (Locke Commons)

11:00 am Worship Service with Communion

3:15 pm Youth "Fund and Games" Fundraiser (Fellowship Hall)

5:00 pm Rivermont Choir Concert (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm 20 Somethings+ Movie Night

(The Wades' Home)

5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub, Chapel & New Song

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, April 30

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room) 8:30 am Worship Service 9:20 am College Coffee (Locke Commons) 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel) 5:00 pm Stitchin' Circle (Locke Commons) 🍰 5:00 pm Israel Trip Meeting (John Knox)

Monday, May 1

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) 7:30 pm WEEE Connect Meeting (Room 201)

Tuesday, May 2

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom) 9:00 am Preschool
- 12:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 3:30 pm Park Play Group (Riverside Park) 🚣 5:00 pm Preschool Fundraiser Night
 - (Jersey Mike's, Old Forest Road)

here are a second for Rivermont Event Members Welcome!

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

ORDER of **WORSHIP**

April 30, 2023 Third Sunday in Eastertide

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Gracious Father, we give You thanks for the gift of this day on which we gather as Your people to find our rest in You. May Your Spirit dwell with us, work within us, and move among us, that we may worship You in spirit and in truth. May Your Word come to us in power, and be received by us in faith. May our love for You and for one another be increased; and may our lives be further sanctified, that we may grow in the likeness of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in Whose name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30) "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" arr. Michael Burkhardt Holy God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we bow before You; All on earth Your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore You. Infinite Your vast domain, everlasting is Your reign. Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name You; While in essence only One, undivided God we claim You, And adoring bend the knee, while we sing this mystery. Catherine Meyer, piano (11:00)

"Hymns of Commitment" Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still. Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love. All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live. I surrender all, all to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

WELCOME:

Pastor Brett Eubank

arr. Phillip Keveren

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 16:8–9, 11 (responsively) I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; My flesh also dwells secure. You make known to me the path of life; In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #24**

"Vast the Immensity, Mirror of Majesty"

MAJESTAS

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (vv. 1 & 4)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

***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 3:1-6 (Page 1002)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Great Expectations"

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:** "Gloria Patri" 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!

MOMENT FOR MISSION:

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THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: (8:30) (11:00)

***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.

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

Cam Colquitt, Campus Outreach

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

"Hymns of Commitment"

Catherine Meyer, piano

arr. Phillip Keveren

Sanctuary Choir

Lloyd Larson

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

(Based on Psalm 23) My Shepherd will supply my need, the God of love supreme; In pastures green You let me feed beside the living stream. You bring my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake Your ways; And lead me for Your mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death Your presence is my stay; One word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may Your house be my abode, and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest while others go and come; No more a stranger nor a quest, but like a child at home.

Noah Caldwell - Accompanist

Almighty and eternal God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer thanks and praise for the multitude of Your blessings upon us; for what do we have that we have not received? These gifts which we now offer are the gifts of Your own hand, and they all belong to You. With these gifts, therefore, we would offer ourselves, entirely and joyfully, to the praise of Your glorious grace; for we are not our own: we have been bought with a price, by Him who loved us and gave Himself up for us. So may the offering of this substance and the offering of our lives be blessed for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the world and the glory of Your name forever and ever. Amen.

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