

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE:** "Te Deum" Marc-Antoine Charpentier

\*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.  
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**2023 Graduates**

Please pray for our graduates as they embark on the next season in their lives. We would like to honor our graduates by listing them in the May 28 bulletin. If you have a 2023 graduate (high school, college, graduate school, trade school) please submit their name, school they will graduate from, and future plans to [rhonda@rivermont.org](mailto:rhonda@rivermont.org) or call 846-3441 by May 21.

**In Appreciation**

Thank you for your support of the Birthday Card ministry with donations of cards and stamps. In June, it will be 2 years that this ministry was started to lift up and encourage our church members and bring a sense of fellowship and belonging as part of a "family." You are loved! - Westminster Canterbury Card Group

**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](http://rivermont.org/prayer) or 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)).
- 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](http://rivermont.org/gtkr).

## Coming Up This Week

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

### Sunday, May 7

- 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
- 3:15 pm Youth "Fund and Games" Fundraiser (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 pm Rivermont Choir Concert (Sanctuary)

### Monday, May 8

- 7:00 am No Walls Men's Bible Study (Quinlan)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:30 am Story Time (Youth House) 🏰
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (Quinlan)
- 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰
- 6:00 pm Art with Amy (Youth House) 🏰

### Tuesday, May 9

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 3:30 pm Park Play Group (Riverside Park) 🏰

### Wednesday, May 10

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir
- 7:00 pm Women's Lawn Games (Youth House)

### Saturday, May 13

- 10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏰
- 11:00 am City Art in the Park (Riverside Park)
- 12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community Church College Hill)

### Sunday, May 14

- 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
- 11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰
- 6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade Peaks View Park

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event (Members Welcome!)  
For more information, please visit [inrivermont.com](http://inrivermont.com)

## 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

May 7, 2023  
Fourth 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:

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:

Carillon Handbells

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

arr. Matthew Compton

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'ful hand;  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.

### WELCOME:

Pastor Shane Whelan

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95:1-7 (responsively)

*Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

*For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.*

In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

*Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #103

*"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: #535

*"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"*

EBENEZER

### \*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 3:7-12 (page 1002)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

*"The Heart of the Matter"*

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:

*"Glorify Your Name"*

Donna Adkins

FATHER, we love You, we praise You, we adore You: Glorify Your name in all the earth! Glorify Your name, glorify Your name, glorify Your name in all the earth! (Repeat, using: JESUS and SPIRIT)

### THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:30)

*"Bound for the Promised Land"*

Carillon Handbells

arr. Derek K. Hakes

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.  
I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land,  
Oh who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.  
O'er all those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.  
No chilling winds or poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.  
When I shall reach that happy place, I'll be forever blessed,  
For I shall see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest.

(11:00)

New Song

*"Living Hope"*

Wickham/Johnson, arr. Wise

How great the chasm that lay between us!  
How high the mountain I could not climb!  
In desperation, I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness, Your lovingkindness  
Saw through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written, Jesus Christ, my living Hope.  
Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of Ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever; Jesus Christ, my living Hope.  
Hallelujah, praise the One Who set me free!  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken ev'ry chain; there's salvation in Your name –  
Jesus Christ, my living Hope.  
Then came the morning that sealed the promise;  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the roaring Lion declared, "The grave has no claim on Me."  
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Elese Frazier – Director; Rachel Amos – Accompanist

### \*THE COMMUNION HYMN: #469

*"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" (verses 1-4)*

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### 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](http://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: #469

*"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" (verses 5-6)*

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