

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** "Grand Choeur - Sortie pour Noel" Cesar Franck

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

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

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
- 5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏛️
- 6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade Peaks View Park

Monday, May 15

- 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)
- 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏛️

Tuesday, May 16

- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (FH)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 12:00 pm 60 Plus Luncheon (FH)
- 3:30 pm Park Play Group (Riverside Park) 🏛️
- 6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)
- 7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)
- 7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

Wednesday, May 17

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, May 18

- 12:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, May 20

- 10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏛️

Sunday, May 21

- 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
- 12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (La Cocina, 2610 Lakeside Dr.)
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Stitches' Circle (Locke Commons) 🏛️
- 6:00 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

🏛️ = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event (Members Welcome!)
For more information, please visit rivermont.com

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

May 14, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Eastertide

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 or call 846-3441 by May 21.

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. All requests are confidential.

Preparation *for* Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who did cause the womb of Sarah to conceive in her old age, to establish a people for Yourself, and did raise up Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord from this very people: We pray for Your life-giving power to be brought into the desolation of our souls. We pray where there is death there will be life, where there is lack there would be abundance, and where there is mourning there would be rejoicing, and that all who are here this morning would be numbered among the children of Abraham, through the adoption given to us in Your Son Who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forevermore. Amen.

PRELUDE: *"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"* arr. Michael D. Costello

If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days:
Who trust in God's unchanging love builds on the Rock that naught can move.

WELCOME: Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 42:1-2, 5 (responsively)

*As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for You, O God.
My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God;
for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.*

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #17

"Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him" FABEN

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: (Please See Insert)

"The Power of the Cross" Getty and Townend

*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: Exodus 1:15-2:10 (page 45)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"Searching for a Heroine"* 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 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)

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Hadley Hall – Accompanist

(11:00)

Grayson Laughon, violin

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Ruth Coleman

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures green He makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be mine abode, and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

*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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

Father, in response to Your great gift to us, we offer ourselves to You with thanksgiving and joy. Accept these tokens of our lives; bless and multiply them for the spread of the gospel, the strengthening of Your church, and the increase of Your kingdom, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #587

"Who Is on the Lord's Side?" ARMAGEDDON