

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** "Festive Gloria" Aaron David Miller

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

Sunday, June 4, 2023
9:45 am (no adult Sunday School)
9th grade - all adults are encouraged to attend
5th - 8th Grade meet in the Youth House

For the purposes of:

1. Receiving as information updates regarding the current year-to-date financial report and the fiscal year budget, ending June 30, 2024.
2. Receiving as information ministry updates.

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Ingrid Marshall to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stan Marshall.

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.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, May 28

- 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) 🏛️

Monday, May 29

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30

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

Saturday, June 3

- 8:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏛️
- 9:00 am Nature Walk In the Park (Riverside Park) 🏛️
- 11:00 am Emergency Preparedness Class (John Knox) 🏛️

Sunday, June 4

- 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
- 9:20 am College Coffee (Locke Commons)
- 9:45 am Congregational Meeting
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Stitchin' Circle (Locke Commons) 🏛️

🏛️ = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event (Members Welcome!)
For more information, please visit inrivermont.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 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Father God, Who on this day of Pentecost did send forth the light of Your Holy Spirit to teach the hearts of Your faithful people: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right understanding of all things, and to rejoice evermore in the holy comfort that He brings; through the merit of Christ our Savior, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, forevermore. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"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 will 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!
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!

Miriam Amos, organ

arr. Dan Miller

WELCOME:

Pastor Shane Whelan

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 47 (responsively)

Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth.
God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
For God is the King of all the earth;

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #331

"Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit"

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*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vv. 1 & 4)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

(11:00) BIBLE CEREMONY:

(Graduation from Children's Church for Rising Second Grade Students)
Penelope Carothers Ada Quarantotto
Parker Chalk Kymani Shaw
Irene May Ruthie Yeoman

*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 4:1-11 (Page 1002)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Entering God's Rest"

Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison): THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who, for us and our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*THE GLORIA:

"Gloria Patri"

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**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)

"As the Deer"

Ashley Plude, piano

arr. Martin Nystrom

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul longs for You, O God.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.
I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver, and the apple of my eye.

(11:00)

"Come, Spirit, Come"

Sanctuary Choir

Lloyd Larson

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up Your rest;
Come with Your grace and heav'nly aid; come fill our hearts which You have made.
O Comforter, to You we cry, O heav'nly Gift of God most high;
O fount of life, and fire of love, come sweet anointing from above.
Come, Spirit, come, come fill our souls.
Come, Spirit, come, come and make us whole.
We praise the Lord, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with Them one;
And may the Son on us bestow all gifts which from the Spirit flow.

Miriam Amos – Accompanist

*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):

All praise be to You, eternal God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—to Whom be glory forever and ever! You are the God of our creation, redemption, sanctification; and from You we have received every good gift for body and soul. Receive this offering of our lives, we pray, and be pleased to work Your good will in our lives and through these gifts, for the increase of Your kingdom upon the earth and the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #338

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

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