

*THE BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE: "Allegro Maestoso from Water Music Suite" G. F. Handel

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

We are excited to have new staff members who have recently started at Rivermont EPC. Please welcome Davis Hester (Student Ministry Director), Katherine Colquitt (Women's Ministry Director), and Liza Shields (Children's Ministry Director) when you have a chance.

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Abigail Gibson Hall and Hunter Chadwick Rives. They were united in marriage yesterday in the REPC Sanctuary. Proud parents of the bride are Warner and Nancy Hall.

In Appreciation

My heart is so grateful for all the beautiful remembrances of my mom, Carolyn Wennerstrom, during my loss of her on this earth. It is overwhelmingly wonderful to know she was so loved during her brief membership here at REPC.

Love in Christ, Carol Thompson and family

Dear Rivermont Family,

Allan and I are so appreciative of your expressions of care and concern following our recent surgeries. We are grateful for all the prayers, calls, texts, cards, visits and delicious food! Thank you and God bless each one of you!

In Christ, Allan and Becky Howerton

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.

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, June 11

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am College Hour Sunday School
(CO House, 2436 Rivermont Avenue)
11:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Worship Service
12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run
(bring your lunch to Riverfront Park)
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

Monday, June 12

7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)
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, June 13

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (FH)
1:00 pm Shepherding and Care Meeting
(Room 203)
4:00 pm Park Play Group (Riverside Park) 🏰

Wednesday, June 14

7:00 pm Women's Summer Fellowship (FH)

Thursday, June 15

6:30 pm Campus Outreach Summer Kickoff
(The Whelan Home)
6:30 pm Pick up Soccer (field at Early and Dinwiddie) 🏰

Saturday, June 17

8:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏰

Sunday, June 18

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am College Hour Sunday School
(CO House, 2436 Rivermont Avenue)
11:00 am Worship Service



= 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

June 11, 2023

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 all grace and glory, look upon us in love and compassion through Your Son, Jesus Christ; and, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, enable us to worship You in spirit and in truth. Help us to draw near to You, in the assurance that You dwell with those who are of humble and contrite heart. Renew our minds by the truth of Your Word, strengthen our souls, and direct our wills; that we may more fervently love You and more sincerely serve You, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30) **N. Abraham, piano**

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

arr. Abraham

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love,
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.

(11:00) **Doug and Julie Haley, duet**

"My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness"

Townend/Getty, arr. Galbraith

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him Who bore my pain,
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again,
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness, and clothed me in His light,
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him Who walks beside,
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fear to fly,
Whose ev'ry promise is enough to ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him Who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, Whose ev'ry thought is love.

For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King.

So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.

WELCOME: **Pastor Shane Whelan**

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 47:1-2 (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.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #55

"To God Be the Glory"

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*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)

Stuart Townend

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.

*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 4:14-16 (page 1003)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **Pastor Ron Cox**

"Our Great and Compassionate High Priest"

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: *"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) **Doug and Julie Haley, duet**

"My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness" Townend/Getty, arr. Galbraith

(11:00) **Sanctuary Choir**

"Come Find His Rest"

arr. Dan Forrest

Based on Matthew 11:28-30

Come weary one, leave thy labors; come, lift thy head, see thy Savior and Friend.

His arms are opened wide; O soul, be satisfied. Come find His rest.

Take His yoke upon thee, for He is gentle and lowly in heart.

So learn from Christ the Lord, thy portion and reward. Come find His rest.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;

Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;

I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

Julie Haley - Soloist

*THE DOXOLOGY: OLD HUNDREDTH

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):

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: #523

"My Hope Is in the Lord"

WAKEFIELD