

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE:** "Sonata II – Allegro maestoso e vivace" Felix Mendelssohn

\*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](http://rivermont.org/sundayschool)).
- Join us for dinner and Bible Studies on Wednesday nights. To make reservations go to [rivermont.org/rfn](http://rivermont.org/rfn).
- 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, October 1

- 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰
- 6:00 pm Youth SNL (Youth House)

### Monday, October 2

- 7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:30 am Story Time (Youth House) 🏰
- 10:00 am Prayer Group (Country Gardens)
- 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏰

### Tuesday, October 3

- 6:26 am High School Boys' 626 (Chick-fil-A)
- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 10:30 am Women's Circle (Country Gardens)
- 4:00 pm Park Play Group (Riverside Park) 🏰

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event (Members Welcome!)

For more information, please visit [inrivermont.com](http://inrivermont.com)

### Wednesday, October 4

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 12:00 pm Prayer Meeting (John Knox Room)
- 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes & Praise Ringers
- 5:15 pm Carillon
- 5:15 pm Cherub, Chapel & New Song Choirs
- 5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night
- 6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge)
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 5

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (Quinlan)
- 10:00 am Community Bible Study

### Saturday, October 7

- 10:00 am Pickleball in the Park (Riverside Park) 🏰

### Sunday, October 8

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Worship Service
- 12:20 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (The Water Dog)
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏰



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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

October 1, 2023

### Hospital Admittance

If you would like us to know of your hospital admission, please remember to tell the hospital admissions clerk that you are a member of Rivermont EPC.

### 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.

## Contact Us

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## Preparation *for* Worship

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

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Gracious Lord, we humbly ask Your blessing upon this worship service, that by Your power we may worship You in spirit and in truth, and truly honor You. May Your glory be magnified, may Your name be exalted, and may we find our greatest joy in You. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us afresh: to strengthen the fainthearted, encourage the weak, comfort the suffering, and call us all into renewed faith and committed discipleship; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

**(8:30)** **Noah Caldwell, organ**  
*"Sonata II – Grave and Adagio"* Felix Mendelssohn

**(11:00)** **Chapel Choir**  
*"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"* arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time!  
**Lori Flowers – Director; Noah Caldwell – Accompanist**

**WELCOME:** **Pastor Brett Eubank**

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Lamentations 3:22-25 (responsively)

*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;*

**His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.**

*"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."*

**The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #4

**"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"** MIT FREUDEN ZART  
Verse 4 - Women; Verse 5 - Men

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

**"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (verse 1)** DIADEMATA

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.

### **(11:00) ANTHEM FOR PREPARATION FOR THE WORD:**

**"This Is the Day/Sing and Celebrate"**

**Cherub Choir**

Garrett/Martin

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and celebrate.

Lift up a song! Sing loud and strong! This is the day the Lord has made.

Sing and celebrate, praise and rejoice. Sing and celebrate. Make a joyful noise.

Sing and celebrate. Raise up your voice, for this is the day the Lord has made.

**Amy Hall – Director; Sandra Landry – Accompanist**

### \*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 9:23-26 (page 1006)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**THE SERMON:** **"A Heavenly Cleansing"** **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 RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

**(8:30)** **Chapel Choir**  
*"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"* arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

**(11:00)** **Sanctuary Choir**  
*"Still I Sing Alleluia"* arr. Kyle Pederson

With Spirit before me, with Spirit behind, with Spirit below and beside me;  
With Spirit all around, even where affliction's found,  
I will sing, I will sound, "Alleluia."

When darkness descends and the night never ends,

When my shadows and demons surround me;

When questions I spin echo answerless within, even then, even then, "Alleluia."

Alleluia, still I sing Alleluia, open us to You 'til we sing Alleluia.

Weave joy in our gain, bring us hope in our pain;

Hear all prayers that we offer to You, Lord;

Breathe life into death, draw us closer with each breath,

That our lips may confess, "Alleluia."

So praise, praise the Father, and praise, praise the Son,

Praise the Spirit Who moves in and through all.

All creation sound the word so profound; let us sing, let us live, Alleluia!

**Noah Caldwell – Accompanist**

### 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: #460** **"Amazing Grace!"** AMAZING GRACE