

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):**

"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

***POSTLUDE: "Fugue in C Major"**

Dietrich Buxtehude

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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Dearest REPC,
The "Birthday Card" committee would like to thank you for the almost 4 years of providing birthday cards and stamps for this ministry. We have met together monthly as a group, to pray for you on your special day and to make sure to send a birthday card with a message from the church family.
Much love and blessings for all you do to keep this part of our ministry going.

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers under the cross today are given by the family of Sandy Matthes to the glory of God and in loving memory. A memorial service was held in the REPC Sanctuary on Wednesday, October 4.

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).
- Join us for dinner and Bible Studies on Wednesday nights. To make reservations go to 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.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

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) 🏰

Monday, October 9

- 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 10

- 6:26 am High School Girls' 626 (Chick-fil-A)
- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (FH)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:00 pm Park Play Group (Riverside Park)

Wednesday, October 11

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 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 12

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

Saturday, October 14

- 10:30 am Soccer Outreach (ARC Field) 🏰
- 11:00 am Fall Festival 🏰

Sunday, October 15

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

🏰 = In Rivermont for Rivermont Event
(Members Welcome!)
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OUR PASSION: *the renewing of lives through God's compelling love in Lynchburg and the world.*

ORDER of WORSHIP

October 8, 2023

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) **"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"** arr. David H. Hegarty

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.

(11:00) **"Jesus Is a Rock in the Weary Land"** Praise Ringers

Jesus is a rock in the weary land, the weary land, the weary land,
Jesus is a rock in the weary land, the shelter in the time of storm.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and speak my words in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

Hadley Hall - Director

WELCOME: Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 50:1-6 (responsively)

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people:

"Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!"

The heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is Judge!"

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #316**

"The Mighty God, the Lord" DIADEMATA

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"It Is Well with My Soul" (vs. 3-4) VILLE DU HAVRE

**My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**REFRAIN: It is well with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;
Even so, it is well with my soul.**

*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 9:27-28 (page 1006)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **"A Divine Appointment"** 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) **"Jesus Is a Rock in the Weary Land"** Praise Ringers

arr. Mark Arnold

(11:00) **"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"** Emily Emanuel, soloist

Crocker, Houston, Lighthelm

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find You in the myst'ry, in oceans deep, my faith will stand.
And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters, Your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
You've never failed and You won't start now.
Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders,
Let me walk upon the waters wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior.

***THE DOXOLOGY:** OLD HUNDRETH

**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):

**Almighty and gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for all Your
goodness to us and over all creation; but above all we give thanks for the gift
of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, in Whom alone we have life and peace
and everlasting joy. In His name, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and
entirely; and we pray that You will bless and multiply these tokens of our lives,
and use them for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the earth; to the glory
of Your name. Amen.**

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (Please see insert)**

"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" Helmsley