

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE:** "O Worship the King" arr. Neil Harmon

\*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 starting in September.
- 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, April 14**  
 8:30 am Worship Service  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 12:30 pm Campus Outreach Lunch (Whelan Home)  
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)  
 5:00 pm Stitching Circle (Locke Commons) 🏛️

**Monday, April 15**  
 7:00 am No Walls Bible Study (Quinlan)  
 9:00 am Preschool  
 9:30 am Story Time (Room 207) 🏛️  
 10:00 am Prayer Group (Library)  
 5:30 pm Chess Club (Youth House) 🏛️

**Tuesday, April 16**  
 6:26 am High School 626 (Biscuitville)  
 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
 9:00 am Preschool  
 12:00 pm Sixty Plus Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)  
 6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)  
 7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)  
 7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

**Wednesday, April 17**  
 9:00 am Preschool  
 4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes & Praise Ringers  
 5:15 pm Carillon  
 5:15 pm Cherub, Chapel & New Song Choirs  
 6:30 pm Missionary Prayer & Care (Pastors' Lounge)  
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 18**  
 10:00 am Community Bible Study  
 4:30 pm JumpstART (Country Gardens) 🏛️  
 6:30 pm Men's Pig Pickin' (Fellowship Hall)

**Saturday, April 20**  
 10:00 am Beginner Pickleball (Riverside Park) 🏛️  
 10:30 am Soccer Outreach (Kingston Field) 🏛️

**Sunday, April 21**  
 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) 🏛️  
 6:00 pm Youth SNL (Youth Center)

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

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**OUR MISSION:** *For the glory of God and the good of His people, REPC seeks to follow Jesus Christ in His mission to awaken gospel renewal through Spirit-empowered worship, discipleship and mission, beginning in the Rivermont Community and extending to the ends of the earth.*

## ORDER of WORSHIP

April 14, 2024  
Second Sunday in Eastertide

**Sanctuary Floral Arrangement**  
 The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by David & Megan Dinsmore to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sue Ann Dinsmore on her birthday, April 13.

**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). All requests are confidential.

**Emergency Phone Line**  
 For Acute Illness and Death  
 Evenings and Weekends: (434) 426-3774  
 Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00: (434) 846-3441  
 Please leave a message for an appropriate response.

## Preparation for Worship

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

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

O Lord, our God and Shepherd, as we draw near to worship You, let our hearts long for Your courts more than our flesh longs for the world. In Your faithfulness, guide us outside the camp, bearing the reproach of Christ, that we may seek the city to come, whose architect and builder is You. May our worship rise as a sacrifice pleasing to You, through Jesus Christ, our eternal High Priest and King. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

**(8:30)** *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"* arr. Neil Harmon

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.  
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings:  
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.  
He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.

**(11:00)** *"I Am Not Alone"* **New Song**

Fieldes, Jobe, Sampson, Davis,  
Pittman, Sauder, Davis, arr. Sorenson

When I walk through deep waters, I know that You will be with me.  
When I'm standing in the fire, I will not be overcome.  
Through the valley of the shadow, I will not fear.  
I am not alone, I am not alone,  
You will go before me, You will never leave me.  
In the midst of deep sorrow, I see Your light is breaking through.  
The dark of night will not overtake me; I am pressing into You.  
Lord, You fight my ev'ry battle; I will not fear.  
You amaze me, You call me as Your own.  
You're my strength, You're my defender, You're my refuge in the storm.  
Through these trials You've always been faithful; You bring healing to my soul!  
**Ellese Frazier – Director; Hadley Hall – Accompanist**

**WELCOME:** **Pastor Ron Cox**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 84:1-4; 10 (responsively)**

*How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!*

**My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

*Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.*

**Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing your praise! For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #53**

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* LOBE DEN HERREN

**\*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: (Please see insert)**

*"My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness"*

Getty and Townend

**(8:30) THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:**

Julie Davidson  
Bryton Krantz

**(8:30) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Bryton Krantz

**(11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Payden and Olivia Ludwick present their son, Atlas Leonhardt, for baptism.

**\*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 13:9-14** (page 1009)

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**THE SERMON:** *"The Eternal City"* 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:** *"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)** *"I Am Not Alone"* **New Song**

Fieldes, Jobe, Sampson, Davis,  
Pittman, Sauder, Davis, arr. Sorenson

**(11:00)** *"Know My Heart"* **Sanctuary Choir**

(Adapted from Psalm 139)

Lord, You have searched me, You know ev'rything I do.  
When I rise, when I lie down, You are with me.  
Before I speak, You hear me, Your presence follows day by day.  
O know my heart, O God. If I ascend into heaven, You are there  
On the wings of the morning or in my deepest despair.  
His hand shall lead me, His right hand will guide me,  
Though darkness should cover me, light shall surround me.  
And I will praise the Lord, I will praise the Lord,  
I will praise Him with my whole heart!

**Noah Caldwell – Accompanist**

**\*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):**

Almighty and eternal God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer thanks and praise for the multitude of Your blessings upon us; for what do we have that we have not received? These gifts which we now offer are the gifts of Your own hand, and they all belong to You. With these gifts, therefore, we would offer ourselves, entirely and joyfully, to the praise of Your glorious grace; for we are not our own: we have been bought with a price, by Him Who loved us and gave Himself up for us. So may the offering of this substance and the offering of our lives be blessed for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the world and the glory of Your name forever and ever. Amen.

**\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #598**

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* CWM RHONDDA