

# Sermon Notes

**"Christian Meditation"**  
**Psalm 1**

**1. The Meaning of Christian Meditation (v 2)**

**2. The Barriers to Christian Meditation (v 1b)**

**3. The Fruits of Christian Meditation (vv 1a, 3-4)**

**4. The Goal of Christian Meditation (vv 5-6)**

## Prayer Opportunities

**RECUPERATING:** Robin Hancock

**RHONDA MCCOMBS** is our new Receptionist, and began working October, 8th! Please welcome Rhonda and let her know you are excited she is part of our staff!

**MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK: DORCAS HARBIN**

REPC member and missionary, Dorcas Harbin, serves with her colleagues at One Another Ministries International, based out of Cannock, England. Their mission is to care for those who care for the world. They do that expertly through assessments, counseling, training and conducting retreats at their White House Ministry Center. Pray for ongoing followup from presentations Dorcas made at recent mission conferences on their Shoulder 2 Shoulder ministries in Orlando and Asheville, NC. You are invited to join Dorcas for lunch today at Milano's following the 11:00am worship service to hear more about God's work through her ministry with One Another.

### Prayer Ushers

Prayer Ministry teams are available after each morning service for those who would like someone to pray with them about a personal need, large or small. The Prayer Ushers will meet you at the Family Room off the Cheatham Center. They will be identified with name tags. This ministry is available to visitors as well as members. All prayer requests are confidential.

You can also share your prayer 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.

# Welcome to Rivermont!

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to 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 Connect Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Please visit the Welcome Table in the Narthex (lobby) to receive a special gift as our way of saying thanks for coming.

## Next Steps to Connect:

We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to this church body.

- Attend a Sunday School class at 9:45 am between worship services.
- Join us for dinner and classes on Wednesday nights during the fall and spring.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Join one of our Life Groups which meet throughout the week in member homes.
- Sign up for our next Getting To Know Rivermont class at [www.rivermont.org/gtkr](http://www.rivermont.org/gtkr).

If you would like more information about these opportunities, stop by our Welcome Table!

## Coming Up This Week

**Sunday, October 13**

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
 8:30 am Worship Service  
 9:30 am 20-Somethings Coffee Corner (Locke Commons)  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 9:45 am College Hour  
 9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (Rm 203)  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Service  
 12:30 pm Missionary Dorcas Harbin Lunch (Milano's)  
 12:45 pm 20-Somethings Lunch on the Run (Mi Patron, Boonsboro Rd.)  
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

**Monday, October 14**

10:00 am Prayer Group (202)  
 6:30 pm Trail Life (New Covenant Schools)  
 6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)

**Tuesday, October 15**

6:30 am Dawn Patrol  
 6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)  
 6:30 pm BRITE Class (Room 205)  
 7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)  
 7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

**Wednesday, October 16**

12:00 pm 60 Plus Luncheon (FH)  
 3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers  
 4:30 pm Praise Ringers and Rivermont Chimes  
 5:15 pm Carillon, Cherub, Chapel, New Song  
 5:45 pm RFN Meal (Fellowship Hall)  
 6:30 pm Bible Studies  
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, October 17**

9:30 am Rivermont Oasis (Quinlan Room)  
 10:00 am Community Bible Study (FH)  
 6:30 pm Leadership Training (FH)

**Friday, October 18**

6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade Dinner and Addams Family Movie (River Ridge Mall)

**Sunday, October 20**

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
 8:30 am Worship Service  
 9:30 am 20-Somethings Coffee Corner (Locke Commons)  
 9:45 am All-Church Sunday School Combined (7th grade - Adult)  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)  
 6:00 pm Getting to Know Rivermont Dinner (Eubank Home)  
 6:30 pm High School Girls Book Club (Whelan Home)

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**RIVERMONT**  
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

October 13, 2019

## Preparation for Worship

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.*

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty and eternal God, Who sent Your only-begotten Son to be the Savior of the world: make Your salvation known to the ends of the earth, that in every Word, illumine and make glad the hearts of all who serve You in Your church. Grant us, and all Your people in Christ, the Spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind; comfort us all by the presence of Him who is Immanuel, God with us; that we may faithfully serve You, following Christ our Savior all our days, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

#### "This Is Amazing Grace"

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings.  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings.  
This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,  
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.  
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

#### "Cornerstone"

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name.  
Christ alone, Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Mike Palombo

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively): Psalm 117

*Praise the Lord, all nations!*  
**Extol Him, all peoples!**  
*For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.*  
**Praise the Lord!**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #7

#### "From All That Dwell below the Skies"

DUKE STREET

### THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 John 4:9-10

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

*"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (verses 1&3)*  
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)

### THE SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES:

(11:00)

*"Make a Joyful Noise"*  
Amy Hall - Director; Charis Jantomaso - Accompanist

### THE INTERLUDE:

During the interlude, children ages 4 to first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to the Orange Room #115.

### THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 1 (page 448)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

*"Christian Meditation"*

Dr. David Weber

### 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:

*"Alleluia! Alleluia!" (vs. 3)*  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctify.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.

### MOMENT FOR MISSION:

TOWNEND

### 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:

#### "Awake, Awake!"

Awake, awake! Let every heart in loudest praise adore  
The great eternal Lord of all, Who reigns forevermore.  
He paints the orient sky of morn, He gives the flow'r its hue,  
And gently o'er its fragrant leaves He drops the pearly dew.  
Strangers, pilgrims, here below, He will lead us while we go;  
Where the cooling waters flow, His hand our steps will guide.  
Awake, exalt His glorious name; and on this holy day,  
Rejoicing in the house of prayer, Your grateful homage pay.  
As o'er the earth the genial sun a radiant luster throws.  
So in the bosom where He dwells the light of mercy glows.  
How sweet when human voices join to sing His pardoning love,  
While angels waft the joyful strain, to purer worlds above.  
Awake, awake! Let every heart in loudest praise adore  
The great eternal Lord of all, Who reigns forevermore.  
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

### \*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.**

### \*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: #128

#### "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

### \*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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Sanctuary Choir

Craig Courtney

OLD HUNDRETH

DUNDEE

EBENEZER