

# Sermon Notes

**"The Welcome of Discipleship"**

**Matthew 25:31-40**

(Third Sermon in the series of Making Disciples)

**1. The What of Welcome**

**2. The Who of Welcome**

**3. The Why of Welcome**

## Prayer Opportunities

**RECUPERATING:** Greg Alty, Michael Herbert, Will Jenkins, Beth Martin and Ryan Webb

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO** Jeff and Lori Widmeyer in the death of Lori's father, Charles Crawford, who died Sunday, July 11.

**PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: JOE AND DUNCAN (GAY) MAYE**

In the summer of 2017, former Rivermont member Duncan Maye (daughter of Kell and Gina Gay) and her husband Joe planted a church in the Waughtown neighborhood in urban Winston-Salem, called Rise Church ([www.risechurchws.org](http://www.risechurchws.org)). Responding to God's call to this community, God has given them a heart to see this community "rise up" to new life in Christ Jesus, within His family, to live out His purpose for their life. They meet for worship on Sunday evenings, hold weekly women's and men's Bible studies, provide a recovery ministry as well as an adult discipleship/internship program and operate Rise Academy ([www.riseacademyws.org](http://www.riseacademyws.org)), which is a school for K-3rd grade. Pray for the Mayes as they continue to pursue God's call on their life.

**Prayer & Care**

If you have a need or prayer request, please share that request through the Rivermont website at [rivermont.org/prayer](http://rivermont.org/prayer). You may also email [janet@rivermont.org](mailto:janet@rivermont.org). All requests are confidential.

# Welcome to Rivermont!

Visitors, 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 Connect Card located on the back of the pew or on our website at [rivermont.org/connect](http://rivermont.org/connect).

## Next Steps to Connect:

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

- Attend live or Zoom Sunday School classes at 9:45 am ([rivermont.org/sundayschool](http://rivermont.org/sundayschool)).
- Visit [rivermont.org/zoom](http://rivermont.org/zoom) to find live and online adult Discipleship groups.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont Class. Learn more at [rivermont.org/gtkr](http://rivermont.org/gtkr).

If you would like more information about these opportunities, visit our website at [rivermont.org](http://rivermont.org).

## The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give:

1. By placing your offering in the offering plates located in the Narthex.
2. By texting an amount to 434-595-3833; follow the prompts.
3. Online at [rivermont.org/give](http://rivermont.org/give).
4. By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

## Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit [rivermont.org/events](http://rivermont.org/events)

<p><b>Sunday, July 18</b>        8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)        8:30 am Worship Service        9:45 am Sunday School        9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group        9:45 am College Hour        11:00 am Worship Service        4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)</p>	<p><b>Thursday, July 22</b>        7:00 pm Women's Oasis Summer Fellowship (Courtyard)</p>
<p><b>Monday, July 19</b>        10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 202)</p>	<p><b>Friday, July 23</b>        9:30 am High School Boys 939 (Biscuitville, Old Forest Road)        6:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Food and Fun (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, July 20</b>        6:30 am Hybrid Men's Dawn Patrol Bible Study (Fellowship Hall and via Zoom)</p>	<p><b>Sunday, July 25</b>        8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)        8:30 am Worship Service        9:45 am Sunday School        9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group        9:45 am College Hour        11:00 am Worship Service        4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)</p>

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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

July 18, 2021

## Preparation for Worship

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

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Lord, as we come to worship You this morning, may Your Spirit open our hearts and our understanding to see both our own desperate need and Your gracious provision for our salvation in Jesus Christ. Open our eyes also to see Your greatness and glory more clearly. Convict us, convert us, cleanse us and consecrate us, so that we may willingly and wholeheartedly give ourselves to You and to Your service. Enable us now to worship You in Spirit and in truth. This we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

Charis Jantomaso, piano

#### **"Take My Life and Let It Be"**

arr. Tom Fettke

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise,  
Let them flow in endless praise.  
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee.

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bert Murphy, REPC Elder

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 100 (responsively)

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!*

*Serve the Lord with gladness!*

*Come into His presence with singing!*

**Know that the Lord, He is God!**

**It is He Who made us, and we are His;**

**We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!*

*Give thanks to Him; bless His name!*

**For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever**

**And His faithfulness to all generations.**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #101

**"Come, Thou Almighty King"**

TRINITY

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

**"Before the Throne of God Above" (vs. 1 & 2)** BEFORE THE THRONE

**Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;  
A great High Priest Whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart, no tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,  
For God the Just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me.**

### \*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."  
(Romans 15:7)*

### THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:31-40 (page 831)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **"The Welcome of Discipleship"** Pastor Brett Eubank

### 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!**

### A MOMENT FOR MINISTRY:

Jennifer Eaton

### 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 OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Doug Haley and Kayla Haley

**"Jesus Paid It All"**

arr. Ortega & Schreiner

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me your all in all."

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Your power, and yours alone,  
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I whereby Your grace to claim—  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb.

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

Maryah Haley - piano

### \*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):

Gracious heavenly Father, we praise You for every good and perfect gift which comes down from heaven. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins! We praise You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, by Whom we are born anew and adopted as Your children through Jesus our Lord. With joy, we present ourselves as living sacrifices in Your service. Receive and bless this offering, for the sake of Your kingdom, and send us forth in the power of Your Spirit to live as witnesses of Jesus Christ, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #359

**"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**

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### \*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

### \*POSTLUDE:

**"Blessed Assurance"**

arr. Brian Chung

\*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.  
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