

Sermon Notes

"Abiding Anchors for Discipleship (and our Souls)"
John 15:7-11

- 1. Abiding in Christ, His Word, and Prayer (v. 7)
- 2. Bearing Fruit for the Father's Glory (v. 8)
- 3. Abiding in Christ's Love (v. 9)
- 4. Obeying His Commands in Joy (vv. 10-11)

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Greg Alty, Terry Beckloff, Michael Herbert, Will Jenkins, and Mike Pogue

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: CAMPUS OUTREACH LYNCHBURG STAFF
Thousands of college students will be moving into dorms and apartments on college campuses in our area and around the country. This morning we have the privilege to not only pray for these students, but also for our team of Campus Outreach staff who will be ready to love them when they arrive.

Please be in continual prayer for our Campus Outreach staff who serve on campuses in our surrounding geographic area. Pray that, "God would open to them a door to declare the mystery of Christ...and that they would make it clear" (Colossians 4:3-4). Let's also be in prayer for how we, as their church family, can come alongside and encourage the Campus Outreach staff as they seek to reach and raise up the next generation of Christian leaders.

The Campus Outreach staff and their ministry assignments are:
Regional Director: Cam Colquitt (Katherine)
Resource Director: Reid Goss (Kat)
University of Lynchburg: Reid Goss (Kat), Davis Hester, Shekinah Chidzero,
Liberty University: Brandon Miller (Sarah), Cam Colquitt (Katherine), Charis Jantomaso, Trey Jarrell, Eric Meinerding, Sarah Stephen, Jenny Milhoan

Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, you may share that need through the Rivermont website at rivermont.org/prayer. You may also email janet@rivermont.org. 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.



Monthly Financial Report

GENERAL FUND as of July 31, 2021

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| Budget to date: | \$ 154,899 |
| Behind Budget: | (\$ 28,943) |
| Year-to-date contributions: | \$ 125,956 |
| Year-to-date expenses: | \$ 133,717 |
| Contributions Below Expenses: | (\$ 7,761) |

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

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| Sunday, August 22 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) 5:00 pm Session Meeting/Officer nominee testimonies | Wednesday, August 25 6:00 pm BRITE Class (Room 203) |
| Monday, August 23 10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 202) | Thursday, August 26 7:00 pm Life Group Training (Fellowship Hall) |
| Tuesday, August 24 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom) | Friday, August 27 6:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Food & Fun (Fort Hill Bowling) |
| Sunday, August 29 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) | |

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
September 5, 9:45 am, during the Sunday School hour.
 9th grade - Adults are encouraged to attend.

For the purpose of:

1. Electing a new class of Ruling Elders and Deacons
2. Electing a new class for the Officer Nominating Committee

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

August 22, 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:

ALMIGHTY GOD, nothing is too difficult for You! Renew our minds by the power of Your Spirit with the truth of Your Word! Fill our hearts with love for You, zeal for Your kingdom, and a fervent desire to serve You. Grant us the grace now to worship You in spirit and in truth. Replace our apathy with passion, fear with faith, and despair with hope. And to Your great name be all the honor and glory, now and forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE: **Miriam Amos and Rachel Amos, piano duet**
"For the Beauty of the Earth/Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Marilyn Ham

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Gary Helm, Ruling Elder**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Matthew 11:28-30 (responsively)**

Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
And I will give you rest.
Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me,
For I am gentle and lowly in heart,
And you will find rest for your souls.
For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #181** **"We Come, O Christ, To You"** DARWALL

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 John 1:9 and Romans 8:1**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"Before the Throne of God Above" (vs. 3) BEFORE THE THRONE
Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

***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: John 15:7-11 (page 901)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **Pastor Ron Cox**
"Abiding Anchors for Discipleship (and our Souls)"

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:** **"Glorify Your Name"** Donna Adkins
FATHER, we love You, we praise You, we adore You: Glorify Your name in all the earth! Glorify Your name, glorify Your name, glorify Your name in all the earth! (Repeat, using: JESUS and SPIRIT)

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: **Amy Hall, Vicky Pogue, Betsy Weaver**
"He Will Hold Me Fast" Habershon and Merker

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!
Laura Webb, violin

***THE DOXOLOGY:** OLD HUNDREDDTH
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. Trusting in Him, our Savior, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and entirely, with joy and gratitude; 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; for the glory of Your name. Amen.

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #188**
"Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting" TRANQUILLITY

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** **"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"** arr. Michael Burkhardt

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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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 www.rivermont.org/give.
4. By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.