

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)
"In Christ Alone"

IN CHRIST ALONE

*THE BENEDICTION

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

*PLEASE WAIT FOR ROW-BY-ROW DISMISSAL BY THE USHERS

*POSTLUDE: "The Trumpet Shall Sound" G. F. Handel

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

"Why the Law?"
Galatians 3:19-25

1. The Law is a Contrast to the Gospel (vv. 19-20)
2. The Law is a Compliment to the Gospel (vv. 21-22)
3. The Law is a Custodian until the Gospel (vv. 23-25)

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Greg Alty, Will Jenkins, Charlotte Waters and Ryan Webb

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Murli and Usha Menon

Murli is the founder and director of Impact of Hope International (IOHI) in his native India. He is also the founder and director of the South Asian Institute of Leadership and Culture Studies, a three-year Bible college that prepares and sends students into ministry positions in India. IOHI also facilitates church planting, conducts creative outreach to various professional groups, manages humanitarian relief efforts, provides training for lay leaders, and cares for under-privileged children in group homes. Pray that the Lord will sustain and bless their ministries to church planters, national leaders, and children in group homes.

Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, please share that need through the Rivermont website at www.rivermont.org/prayer. You may also email 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 on our website at rivermont.org/connect.

Next Steps to Connect:

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

- Visit rivermont.org/zoom to find Adult Online Discipleship groups.
- Attend a Sunday School class at 9:30 am between worship services.
- 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.

If you would like more information about these opportunities, visit our website at 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 www.rivermont.org/give.
4. By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, April 11
8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
9:30 am College Hour (Campus OutReach House, 2436 Rivermont Ave.)
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Mi Cocina Taco Truck)
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

Monday, April 12
9:00 am Preschool

Tuesday, April 13
6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
9:00 am Preschool
4:00 pm Preschool Fundraiser (East Coast Wings + Grill, Forest Road)

Wednesday, April 14
9:00 am Preschool
4:30 pm Praise Ringers (Chapel)
5:15 pm Carillon (Chapel)
5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room)
5:15 pm New Song (Room 301)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group (Youth Center)

Sunday, April 18
8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
9:30 am College Hour (Campus OutReach House, 2436 Rivermont Ave.)
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

April 11, 2021
First Sunday in Eastertide

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 prepare to worship You this morning, we would meditate and dwell on Your wonderful faithfulness. Great indeed is Your faithfulness. There is no shadow of turning with You. We pray that You would open our eyes this morning so that we might see You more clearly, and our ears that we may hear Your voice more clearly. Open also our hearts that we may eagerly respond to do what You call us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

PRELUDE: **Grayson Laughon, violin**
(8:00)

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!" arr. Kristin Campbell

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

(11:00) **Vicky Pogue, soloist**

"My Dwelling Place (Psalm 91)" Getty, Minter, Eaton, Townend

My dwelling place is God Most High; my refuge and my fortress.
When plague and pestilence draw nigh, I'm hidden in His presence.
When terrors fall and arrows fly, His shield will be my safety;
When stones across my pathway lie, on angels' wings I'm carried.
My dwelling place is God Most High; a present help in danger.
I rest secure in love's pure light, beneath my Master's favor.
He freed me from the fowler's snare, where sin and shame had bound me;
Deceived I'd made my refuge there, till fearless He came for me.
Wonderful, powerful, my hope and my Defender.
Mighty God, Emmanuel; my dwelling place forever.
My dwelling place is God Most High; I'll never seek another.
For I am His and He is mine; my heart He'll keep forever.
I know the name on Whom I call; He promises to answer.
With life He satisfies my soul, and crowns me with His pleasure.

Christy Solomon, violin

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Pastor Shane Whelan**

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively): Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble;

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fail; God will help her at break of day.

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (See Insert)

"From All That Dwell below the Skies" DUKE STREET

THE CALL TO CONFESSION (responsively): Psalm 130:1-4

Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord!

O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison):

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from Your ways; in wasting Your gifts; in forgetting Your love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. We are ashamed and sorry for the ways in which we have displeased You. Forgive us, for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, Who loved us and gave Himself for us. Cleanse us from our secret transgressions, and instill in us a holy hatred of all our sins. Grant us the renewing power of the Holy Spirit, that we may live in Your light and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 5:8

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Before the Throne of God Above" (vs. 1 & 3) 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 heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**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: Galatians 3:19-25

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **"Why the Law?"** Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, #1 (responsively):

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

My only comfort is that I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. At the cost of His own precious blood, He has fully paid for all my sins, and has set me free from the dominion of the devil. He also watches over me so well that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. Indeed, all things must work together to fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly ready and willing from now on to live for Him. 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 OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:00) **Vicky Pogue, soloist**
"My Dwelling Place (Psalm 91)" Getty, Minter, Eaton, Townend

(11:00) **Sanctuary Choir**
"Great God of Wonders" John Newton

Great God of wonders! All Thy ways are matchless, god-like, and divine;
But the fair glories of Thy grace more god-like and unrivaled shine.
Who is a pard'ning God like Thee? Or who has grace so rich and free?
In wonder lost, with trembling joy we take the pardon of our God;
Pardon for crimes of deepest dye, a pardon bought with Jesus' blood.
O may this strange, this matchless grace, this god-like miracle of love,
Fill the whole earth with grateful praise, and all th' angelic choirs above.

***THE DOXOLOGY:** OLD HUNDREDT
**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.