

Sermon Notes

"One Family"
Galatians 3:26-29

1. United by One Faith (v. 26)

2. United by One Baptism (v. 27)

3. United in One Family (vv. 28-29)

Prayer Opportunities

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

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO Terry Hurt and family in the loss of her father, John Kelly Wright, on Tuesday, April 6. He was from Cookeville, TN.

IN MUCH APPRECIATION: *Thank you for the outpouring of love shown through your encouraging calls, texts, emails, cards, and mostly your prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. I am truly blessed to be part of this Rivermont family. Sincerely, Janet Freshour*

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: John and Carlene (last name withheld for security)

John and Carlene are EPC World Outreach Missionaries working in a closed country in South Asia. John has established a sustainable sea cucumber business there and it not only employs local workers but also provides opportunities for John and his team to reach out with the love of Christ to these workers, many who are Muslim. Because of COVID-19, John returned to the US last year and has been trying to return since January only to be put off several times until April. Please pray that he can return back to South Asia this month and that his presence will encourage the team, who have been wearied without his leadership and the effects of COVID-19.

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 18

8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
9:30 am College Hour (CO House)
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

Monday, April 19

9:00 am Preschool

Tuesday, April 20

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
9:00 am Preschool
6:00 pm Deacons' Meeting (via Zoom)
7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, April 21

9:00 am Preschool
4:30 pm Praise Ringers (Chapel)

Wednesday, April 21 continued

5:15 pm Carillon (Chapel)
5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group (Youth Center)

Friday, April 23

6:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Secret Church (Quinlan)

Saturday, April 24

9:00 am Presbytery (via Zoom)

Sunday, April 25

8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
9:30 am College Hour (CO House)
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 18, 2021

Second 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:

Most holy God, Who has created us and Who sustains us through Your mighty hand of providence; we pray that this morning You would send forth Your light and Your truth, that they would lead us and guide us, so that You would be honored in the praises of us, Your people. In Christ's holy name. Amen.

PRELUDE:

Sarah Grace Barkley, Amy Hall, Betsy Weaver

"But Seek Ye First"

Dan Forrest

(Adapted from Matthew 6:25-33)

Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink;
Nor yet for your body.

Is not the life more than meat, and the body more than raiment?

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness;

And all these things shall be added unto you.

Consider the lilies of the field; they labor not, nor do they spin,

Yet consider how they grow.

If God so clothes the grass of the field, shall He not much more clothe you?

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95:1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (See Insert)

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

MIT FREUDEN ZART

(verse 4 - Women; verse 5 - Men)

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Zephaniah 3:17

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs. 3 & 4)

AZMON

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;

'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks to pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the prisoner free;

His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for 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: Galatians 3:26-29

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"One Family"

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 MOMENT FOR MISSION:

Ann Knight

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)

"And Can It Be"

Sanctuary Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?

Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;

Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;

'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me.

And can it be, and can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine!

Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,

Bold I approach thee eternal throne,

And claim the crown through Christ my own.

Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for Me?

Amazing love, how can it be? Amazing love!

(11:00)

New Song

"Home"

Tomlin, Cash, arr. Hamby

This world is not what it was meant to be. All this pain, all this suffering.

There's a better place waiting for me in heaven.

Ev'ry tear will be wiped away. Ev'ry sorrow and sin erased.

We'll dance on seas of amazing grace in heaven.

I'm goin' home where the streets are golden, ev'ry chain is broken.

Oh, I want to go, oh, I want to go home, where ev'ry fear is gone.

I'm in Your open arms where I belong.

Lay down my burdens, I lay down my past.

I run to Jesus, no turning back.

Thank God Almighty, I'll be free at last in heaven.

Blinded eyes will fin'ly see, the dead will rise on the shores of eternity.

The trump will sound, the angels will sing, "Hallelujah! Hallelujah!"

I'm going home. I'm on my way home. Goin' home.

Miriam Amos - piano

*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDRETH

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: (See Insert)

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

*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:

"Grand Choeur – Sortie pour Noel"

Cesar Franck

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