

Sermon Notes

"Growing in the Gospel"

Galatians 4:8-20

1. Every Christian Must Pursue a Personal Knowledge of God (vv. 8-11)
2. Every Christian Must Pursue an Active Love of the Gospel (vv. 12-15)
3. Every Christian Must Pursue Zealous Endurance toward Growth (vv. 16-20)

Prayer Opportunities

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Jonathan and Leena Hart on the birth of their son, Basil Thomas, on April 23. Proud grandparents are Curtis and Brigetta Eshleman and proud big brother is Henry.
- Noah and Angie Sydnor on the birth of their son, Nolan Emerson, on April 15. Proud grandparents are Paul and Reinhild Sydnor.

WITH THANKSGIVING AND TO THE GLORY OF GOD we celebrate Mary Spencer's 100th birthday on May 15. Mary has served nearly 60 years in discipleship and mentored many brothers and sisters in Christ at Rivermont EPC. If you would like to send a birthday card, please mail to: Rosewood Village at Greenbrier, 500 Greenbrier Drive Apt 177, Charlottesville, VA 22901 / Cell: 434-409-9074 (She also is adept at FaceTime.). If you would like to visit, Rosewood Village has opened to in-room visiting and Mary would love to show you her new apartment.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Paul and Reinhild Sydnor are based in Lille, France, and minister to refugees in Europe, where temporary haven has been found by millions of refugees from countries (mainly in the Middle East and North Africa) that have experienced severe religious or political persecution. Paul advocates for and works to help meet many of their practical needs by mobilizing and building partnerships with established national churches in European countries. Pray for the "healing" groups that Paul is leading to help refugees process their trauma as well as the Bible studies he is leading with seeking refugees. Pray for their trip to the US in May to visit their first grandson, Nolan.

Prayer & Fasting

Please join us for prayer via Zoom on Tuesday, May 4 at 12 pm as we set aside this day for fasting and praying for the youth.

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 located on the back of the pew or 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, May 2

8:00 am Worship Service with Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
9:30 am College Hour (CO House)
9:45 am Communion with the Pastors
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

Monday, May 3

9:00 am Preschool

Tuesday, May 4

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
9:00 am Preschool
10:30 am Circle Meeting (Country Gardens)
12:00 pm Monthly Fasting and Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)
4:00 pm Shepherding & Care Meeting (via Zoom)
5:00 pm Relational Discipleship (via Zoom)

Wednesday, May 5

4:00 pm Handbell Party (Behind Country Gardens)
5:15 pm Handbell Polishing
6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group (Youth Center)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, May 6

7:00 pm Women's Oasis Summer Fellowship (Courtyard)

Saturday, May 8

12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (HRCC)

Sunday, May 9

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

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ORDER of WORSHIP

May 2, 2021

Fourth 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 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:

(8:00)

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own;
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Praise Ringers

arr. Matthew Compton

(11:00)

"How Firm a Foundation/Amazing Grace"

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
Amazing grace! – how sweet the sound – that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

Carillon

arr. Anna Laura Page

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Brett Eubank

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Hosea 10:12 (responsively)

*Sow for yourselves righteousness;
reap steadfast love;
break up your fallow ground,
for it is the time to seek the LORD,
that He may come and rain righteousness upon you.*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #3

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

WARRINGTON

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 Chronicles 7:14

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" (vs. 5)

HYFRYDOL

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.
Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

*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 4:8-20 (page 974)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Growing in the Gospel"

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:

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

EBENEZER

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 sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:00)

"In Christ Alone"

Praise Ringers

arr. Sandra Eithun

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.

(11:00)

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Carillon

arr. Cathy Moglebust

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" – it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

*THE COMMUNION HYMN: (See Insert)

"In Christ Alone"

IN CHRIST ALONE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session. After reviewing the Communion packet with your child, contact the church office to set up a meeting with the pastors. The packet may be found at www.rivermont.org/communion.

The Words of Invitation and Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, 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 the Bread and the Cup

The Concluding Communion Prayer

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: Psalm 117

(Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King)

From all that dwell below the skies, O let Jehovah's praise arise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And let His glorious name be sung, in every land, by every tongue!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Great are the mercies of the Lord, and truth eternal is His Word!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye nations, sound from shore to shore Jehovah's praise for evermore!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Fugue in C Major"

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Debby Hallgren and Jerusha Caldwell to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marty Hallgren. A celebration of Marty's life was held yesterday in the Sanctuary.