

# Sermon Notes

*Exile Elders*  
**1 Peter 5:1-4**

**1. You know an exile elder by his calling. (vv. 1-2a)**

**2. You know an exile elder by his character. (vv. 2b-3)**

**3. You know an exile elder by his crown. (v. 4)**

## Prayer Opportunities

**RECUPERATING:** Dolly Pugh

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:**

- the family of Harold Riley, who died Wednesday, August 14.
- the family of CJ Shaughnessy, who died Wednesday, August 14.

**PRAYING FOR CHURCH STAFF:** Please pray for our next Communication Coordinator/Receptionist. The position description is posted on the REPC website. Please contact Kelly Nelson, our Church Business Administrator, with any inquiries.

**MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK: ROBBY AND JOYCE HAMD**

Robby has served as a cross-cultural worker, pastor, and educator since 1994 in Jordan, France, and Lebanon. He currently serves as executive director of The Philemon Project, a joint ministry project with the Resurrection Church Beirut and EPC World Outreach. He served for many years as pastor for the international congregation of the National Evangelical Church of Beirut, the oldest Protestant congregation in the Middle East (founded in 1823). His wife Joyce is an educator who has taught in both international school settings and currently teaches in Washington D.C. They have three young adult children. Please join us for lunch at 12:30 **today** in the Fellowship Hall to hear from Robby and Joyce so that we can pray specifically and strategically for them and for the Philemon Project.

# Welcome to Rivermont!

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to 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 from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Please visit the Welcome Table in the Narthex (lobby) to receive a special gift as our way of saying thanks for coming.

## Next Steps to Connect:

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

- Attend a Sunday School class at 9:45 am between worship services.
- Join us for dinner and classes on Wednesday nights during the fall and spring.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
- Join one of our Life Groups which meet throughout the week in member homes.
- Sign up for our next Getting To Know Rivermont class at [www.rivermont.org/gtkr](http://www.rivermont.org/gtkr).

If you would like more information about these opportunities, stop by our Welcome Table!

## Coming Up This Week

### Sunday, August 18

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
 8:30 am Worship Service  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 9:45 am College Hour  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 12:30 pm Missionary Luncheon w/Robby Hamd  
 3:30 pm CWMC (Conference Room)  
 4:45 pm RIMC (Conference Room)  
 6:00 pm Mission First Service (Chapel)

### Monday, August 19

10:00 am Prayer Group (202)

### Tuesday, August 20

6:30 am Dawn Patrol  
 6:15 pm Deacons' Meeting (John Knox)

### Tuesday, August 20 (continued)

7:00 pm Officers' Prayer Meeting (John Knox)  
 7:30 pm Session Meeting (John Knox)

### Wednesday, August 21

6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

### Friday, August 23

11:00 am Preschool Open House/Orientation  
 6:00 pm Rivermont Summer Event: RiverJam

### Sunday, August 25

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)  
 8:30 am Worship Service  
 9:45 am Ministry Fair  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 4:00 pm Prayer Service

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**RIVERMONT**  
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

August 18, 2019

## Preparation for Worship

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

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Gracious Lord, our good and faithful Shepherd, we give You thanks for all the ways in which You guide and guard our lives. We thank You for protecting us and providing for our every need. We rejoice that You know us by name, and call us by name, and care for each one of us. We ask You now, O Shepherd of our souls, to be present with us in the power of Your Spirit. Comfort the afflicted, correct the wayward, assure the anxious, warn the straying, seek and save the lost, and lead us in the paths of righteousness, for Your name's sake. Amen.

### PRELUDE: **Eden Alley, Kayla Haley, Molly Pickard, Britney Plude** **"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"** Houston, Crocker, Lighthelm, arr. Sorenson

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail.  
And there I find You in the mystery, in oceans deep, my faith will stand.  
And I will call upon Your name, and keep my eyes above the waves.  
When oceans rise my soul will rest in Your embrace. I am Yours and You are mine.  
Your grace abounds in deepest waters; Your sovereign hand will be my guide.  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,  
You've never failed and You won't start now.  
Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders, let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me.  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,  
And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior.  
**Julia Sansone, piano**

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Pastor Ron Cox**

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 28:6-9 (responsively)

*Blessed be the LORD! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.*

**The LORD is my strength and my shield;**

*in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;*

**my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.**

*The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.*

**Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

#### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #26

**"Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"** WOODLANDS

### THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

#### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 32:1-2,5

#### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

**"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"** (vs. 1,3) TOWNEND

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;**

**That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.**

**How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away**

**As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;**

**But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.**

**Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.**

**But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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

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

### THE SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

#### THE INTERLUDE:

During the interlude, children ages 4 to first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to the Orange Room #115.

#### THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 5:1-4 (page 1016)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **"Exile Elders"** Dr. David Weber

### 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: **"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!**

MOMENT FOR MISSION: **Robby and Joyce Hamd**

#### 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 RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: **Carrie Alley, Ken Chalfant, Terry Hurt, Jeffrey Smith** **"O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit"** Thomas Tallis

O Lord, give Thy Holy Spirit into our heart, and lighten our understanding,  
That we may dwell in the fear of Thy name all the days of our life;  
That we may know Thee, the only true God,  
And Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent.

#### \*THE DOXOLOGY:

**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.**

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#### \*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

**Almighty Father of everlasting love, we give You thanks for the gift of life, for the blessings of Your providence, and for the promise of Your presence with us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Spirit. We praise You for all the spiritual blessings which You have lavished upon us through Your Son, our Savior – for the gift of new birth, new life, the forgiveness of our sins, our adoption as Your children, and the hope of glory! All praise, honor, and glory be to You, the sovereign God of life and life everlasting. Amen.**

#### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #599 **"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"** SHEPHERD

### \*THE BENEDICTION

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

#### \*POSTLUDE: **"Grand Jeu"** Du Mage

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

Prayer Ministry teams are available after each morning service for those who would like someone to pray with them about a personal need, large or small. The Prayer Ushers will meet you at the Family Room off the Cheatham Center. They will be identified with name tags. This ministry is available to visitors as well as members. All prayer requests are confidential.

You can also share your prayer needs on a Connect Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate or one of the designated prayer boxes located outside the Library and in the Locke Commons.