

# Sermon Notes

**"Children of the Promise"**  
**Acts 2:22-39**  
**See Insert**

# Prayer Opportunities

**RECUPERATING:** Greg Alty, Claire Dodd, Lori Gassler, Doris MacIntyre, Charlie Mitchell, Andrew Shaddock, Ryan Webb, Luke and Jackson Whelan.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

- Chelsea Flowers in the birth of her daughter, Darzee Magnolia, on August 3. Proud big sister is Ramzy and proud grandparents are Andy and Lori Flowers.
- Joel and Kristin Morgan in the birth of their son, Evan Alexander, on August 3. Proud big brother is Harvey and proud grandparents are Jim and Diane Morgan.
- Mike and Whitney Palombo in the birth of their daughter, Ellie Ruth, on August 6.

**PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Robby and Joyce Hamd (EPC World Outreach) Lebanon**

Serving with our denomination's world mission, Robby directs the Philemon Project in Beirut, Lebanon. Their preschool serves poor migrant refugee children by providing a great educational foundation to bridge race and income gaps. From the explosions that occurred on August 4, the Philemon Project's GROW Center sustained significant structural damage and loss of contents. While we grieve that some staff lost their homes, we give thanks to God that all the staff are safe. If you would like to support repairing the building and replacing books, toys, and kitchen items destroyed during the blast, you may make contributions through the following link: <https://www.epcwo.org/supportphilemongrow>

**Prayer & Care**  
If you have a need or prayer request, please share that need through the Rivermont website at [www.rivermont.org/prayer](http://www.rivermont.org/prayer). You may also email [janet@rivermont.org](mailto: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 Connect Card on our website at [rivermont.org/connect](http://rivermont.org/connect).

## Next Steps to Connect:

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

- Visit [www.rivermont.org/zoom](http://www.rivermont.org/zoom) to find Adult online Discipleship groups.
- Attend a Sunday School class via zoom at 9:30 am between worship services.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.

If you would like more information about these opportunities, visit our website at [rivermont.org](http://rivermont.org).

**The Giving of Tithes and Offerings**  
There are four ways to give:  
1. By placing your offering in the offering plates located in the Narthex.  
2. Texting an amount to 434-595-3833, follow the prompts.  
3. Online at [www.rivermont.org/give](http://www.rivermont.org/give)  
4. Mail check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

# Coming Up This Week

<b>Sunday, August 9</b> 8:00 am Worship Service 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom) 9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (via Zoom) 11:00 am Worship Service 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)	<b>Thursday, August 13</b> 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (via Zoom)
<b>Tuesday, August 11</b> 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)	<b>Sunday, August 16</b> 8:00 am Worship Service 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom) 9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (via Zoom) 11:00 am Worship Service 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

August 9, 2020



## 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: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Come, Christians, join to sing, "Alleluia! Amen!"  
Loud praise to Christ our King; "Alleluia! Amen!"  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95:6-7a (responsively)

*Oh come, let us worship and bow down;*  
**let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**  
*For He is our God,*  
**and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE:

**"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" (vv. 2,3,5)** MIT FREUDEN ZART

**What God's almighty pow'r hath made His gracious mercy keepeth;**  
**By morning dawn or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;**  
**Within the kingdom of His might, lo, all is just and all is right.**  
**To God all praise and glory!**

I cried to Him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling!  
For death He gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.  
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank Him, thank our God with me.  
To God all praise and glory!

**Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!**  
**Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!**  
**All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!**  
**To God all praise and glory!**

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 John 1:9; Psalm 103:12

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

**"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs. 1 & 4)**

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**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,**  
**The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.**

**He breaks the power of reigning sin, He sets the prisoner free;**  
**His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.**

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:00)

David and April Weber present their daughter, Josephine Day Weber, for baptism.

### \*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: Acts 2:22-39

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON: "Children of the Promise"

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!"

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**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 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:

**"There Is a Higher Throne"**

Dora Purvis, soloist

Getty, arr. Larson

There is a higher throne than all this world has known,  
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb,  
Believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

Hear heaven's voices sing! Their thund'rous anthem rings  
Through emerald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks and honor are  
To God, our King, Who reigns on high forevermore.

And there we'll find our home; our life before the throne.  
We'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong.  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.  
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with Him.

### \*THE DOXOLOGY:

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**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):

**Dear Father, in response to Your great gift to us, we offer ourselves to You. We bring these gifts as expressions of our gratitude and love. Accept them, we pray, and bless them for the sake of the gospel and the increase of Your kingdom, to the glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### \*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: "Fugue in C Major"

J. S. Bach

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