

# Sermon Notes

*"Better Is One Day"*  
Psalm 84

## Introduction: The Temple and God's Dwelling with Man

### 1. You Must Long for God's Dwelling Place (vv. 1-4)

### 2. You Must Pursue God's Dwelling Place (vv. 5-9)

### 3. You Must Prioritize God's Dwelling Place (vv. 10-12)

# Prayer Opportunities

**RECOVERING:** Greg Alty, Claire Dodd, David Faidley, Lori Gassler, Charlie Mitchell, Chuck and Anne Spruill, and Ryan Webb

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO** Bill Wingfield and family in the death of his brother, Atlee Wingfield, on Tuesday, September 1.

### PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Allen and Prue Miller/Young Life

Allen Miller has been the Area Director for Young Life in Central Virginia since 1992. He and his army of volunteer leaders spend an average of 15 hours a week with unchurched teens in their world. Their Club meetings are designed to introduce teens to Christ and their Campaigners' Bible study helps teens discover Biblical principles of faith and apply them practically to daily life. Allen asks us to pray:

- that our leaders would connect well with teens this fall, even though there are no sports to attend and we won't be having many YL clubs.
- that our Campaigner groups would explode with teens who would, otherwise, have been busy and couldn't come to Campaigners in the past.
- that we could have several "Day Camps" at Rockbridge this fall for YL and for Wyldlife teens.
- that we could raise sufficient funds to bring on another full-time staff person.

### 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

### Sunday, September 6

8:00 am Worship Service with Communion  
 9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (via Zoom)  
 9:45 am Communion with Pastors (Sanctuary)  
 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion  
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

### Monday, September 7 - Labor Day Church Offices Closed

### Tuesday, September 8

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)  
 9:00 am Preschool

### Wednesday, September 9

9:00 am Preschool  
 4:30 pm Praise Ringers (John Knox)  
 5:15 pm Carillon (John Knox)  
 5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room)  
 5:15 pm New Song (Room 301)  
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, September 13

8:00 am Worship Service  
 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom)  
 9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (via Zoom)  
 9:30 am 7th-12th grade Sunday school (via Zoom)  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

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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

September 6, 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:

Our Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your grace and mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins, and the promise of life everlasting. For His sake, send forth Your Holy Spirit upon us, to warm our hearts and to enlighten our minds and to strengthen our souls, so that we may truly worship You and be renewed in faith for further service to Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

(8:00)

The Sanctuary Choir

#### *"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"*

Tom Fettke

(Based on Psalm 8)

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers;  
The moon and stars suspended in space.  
What is man, that You are mindful of him?  
You have given man a crown of glory and honor  
And have made him a little lower than the angels.  
You have put him in charge of all creation:  
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.  
O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name  
Transcend the earth and fill the heavens.  
O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia!  
The majesty and glory of Your name! Alleluia!

(11:00)

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

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

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 (responsively): Psalm 84:1-2,10

*How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!*

**My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;**  
*My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*  
**For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE:

#### *"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*

OLD HUNDREDETH

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, His praise forth-tell, come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid He did us make;  
We are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 5:8; Ephesians 1:7

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

#### *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (verse 1)*

Stuart 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.

### \*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: Psalm 84

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

*"Better Is One Day"*

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 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](http://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:

#### *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode:  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove;  
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna which He gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy Name:  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

### \*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:

*"Sortie"*

Cesar Franck

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