

Sermon Notes

"Listening in the Wilderness"
Psalm 81

1. Remember the Lord has Heard Your Voice

2. Dedicate to Follow the Lord's Voice Alone

3. Trust the Blessing of the Lord's Voice

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Kay Albee, Greg Alty, Claire Dodd, Lori Gassler, Billy Giles, Jonathan Matney, Charlie Mitchell, Chuck and Anne Spruill, and Ryan Webb

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

- John Fees and family in the death of his brother, Richard M. Fees, on September 7. He lived in Pittsburgh, PA.
- Gracie Lewis and family in the death of her brother, L. Tillmond Richardson, on September 9. He lived in Charlotte Court House, VA and more recently in Charlottesville, VA.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: ELIYA AND JYOTI PRADHAN

Eliya and Jyoti Pradhan founded and direct an evangelistic and discipleship training ministry for children, parents and Christian workers in Nepal, Northeast India and Bhutan. They have a team of more than a dozen men and women who work with them in this growing ministry. Theirs is the only indigenous ministry in Nepal whose primary aim is to share the gospel with children. They conduct rallies and Bible schools throughout Nepal. They also produce a radio program for children. When children come to know Jesus, God often draws entire families to faith as other family members see the difference Jesus makes in the children's lives. Pray for the hundreds of Sunday School teachers and leaders they are training each month and that the children they are reaching through Bible schools will come to know Jesus.

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!

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 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.

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
4. Mail check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

Coming Up This Week

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
- 12:15 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Rivermont BierHaus)
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

Monday, September 14

- 9:00 am Preschool

Tuesday, September 15

- 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 (via Zoom)

Wednesday, September 16

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

Thursday, September 17

- 10:00 am Women's Bible Study (via Zoom)

Sunday, September 20

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

September 13, 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:

Doug and Julie Haley, Vicky Pogue

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;

Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell, come ye before Him and rejoice.

O enter then His gates with joy, within His courts His praise proclaim;

Let thankful songs your tongue employ, O bless and magnify His name.

Because 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.

Praise God from all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 81:1-2; 80:19 (responsively)

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!

Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (vv. 1,4,5)

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,

Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.

How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,

Spreading His wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly fore'er we adore Him.

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: From Psalm 103

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (vs. 1 & 3)

LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Father-like He tends and spares us; all our hopes and fears He knows.

In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as His mercy flows!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:00)

Seth and Noelle King present their daughter, Vivienne Elsa Maria, 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: Psalm 81

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Listening in the Wilderness"

Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Creed of Hippolytus circa 215 AD (responsively)

Do you believe in God the Father All Governing?

I do.

Do you believe in Christ Jesus, the Son of God, Who was begotten by the Holy Spirit from the Virgin Mary, Who was crucified under Pontius Pilate, and died and was buried and rose the third day living from the dead, and ascended into the heavens, and sat down at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead?

I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, in the Holy Church, and in the resurrection of the body?

I do.

*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 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.

(11:00) THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

"O Love"

Sanctuary Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go,

O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe,

That in Thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain,

And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDTH

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):

Gracious Father, Your goodness overflows upon us! We give You thanks and praise for Your faithfulness, Your kindness, and Your love. Receive this offering, we pray, as we offer ourselves anew to You. May all that we are, all that we have, and all that we do, be blessed for the spread of the gospel, the increase of Your kingdom, and the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE:

"More about Jesus Would I Know"

SWENEY

**More about Jesus would I know, more of His grace to others show,
More of His saving fullness see, more of His love Who died for me.**

**(Refrain) More, more about Jesus, more, more about Jesus,
More of His saving fullness see, more of His love Who died for me.**

**More about Jesus let me learn, more of His holy will discern;
Spirit of God, my teacher be, showing the things of Christ to me.**

**More about Jesus in His Word, holding communion with my Lord;
Hearing His voice in ev'ry line, making each faithful saying mine.**

**More about Jesus on His throne, riches in glory all His own;
More of His kingdom's sure increase; more of His coming, Prince of Peace.**

*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:

"Marche Romaine"

Charles Gounod

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