

# Sermon Notes

**"Living Like a Son"**  
Galatians 4:1-7

1. Why you do not live like a son (vv. 1-3)

2. Why you can live like a son (vv. 4-5)

3. How you can live like a son (vv. 6-7)

### 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](http://www.rivermont.org/give).
  4. By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

# Prayer Opportunities

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

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO** the family of Marty Hallgren who passed away on April 29, 2020. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, May 1 at 11 am in the Sanctuary. The service will also be live-streamed on YouTube for those unable to attend: <https://youtube/4qp7ULr95IA>

### PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: DORCAS HARBIN

We give thanks this year for REPC member and missionary Dorcas Harbin, who is celebrating 50 years of full-time ministry this year, with 23 of those years being with One Another Ministries. This year also marks another milestone as Dorcas transitions from Europe back to the US, where she plans on setting up a second ministry center for One Another here in Central Virginia where she can provide ongoing care for missionaries and Christian workers from all over the world. Please pray for Dorcas as she is forced to pack up her house alone because of England's continued lockdowns. Also pray that God would give her vision, opportunity and resources to identify the right home that would serve as her ministry base for the foreseeable future. Dorcas plans to move back to the area later this summer. Be on the lookout for opportunities to help her unpack and get settled.

### 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!

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

# Monthly Financial Report

### GENERAL FUND as of March 31, 2021

<b>Budget to date:</b>	\$ 1,349,044
<b>Ahead of Budget:</b>	\$ 69,642
<b>Year-to-date contributions:</b>	\$1,418,686
<b>Year-to-date expenses:</b>	\$ 1,240,409
<b>Contributions over Expenses:</b>	\$ 178,277

# Coming Up This Week

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| <p><b>Sunday, April 25</b><br/>       8:00 am Worship Service<br/>       9:30 am Sunday School<br/>       9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group<br/>       9:30 am College Hour (CO House)<br/>       11:00 am Worship Service<br/>       4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)</p> | <p><b>Wednesday, April 28, continued</b><br/>       5:15 pm Carillon (Chapel)<br/>       6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group (Youth Center)</p>   |
| <p><b>Monday, April 26</b><br/>       9:00 am Preschool</p>   | <p><b>Friday, April 30</b><br/>       6:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Fellowship &amp; Game night (The Barkley's house)</p>   |
| <p><b>Tuesday, April 27</b><br/>       6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)<br/>       9:00 am Preschool</p>  | <p><b>Saturday, May 1</b><br/>       11:00 am Memorial Service for Marty Hallgren</p>  |
| <p><b>Wednesday, April 28</b><br/>       9:00 am Preschool<br/>       4:30 pm Praise Ringers (Chapel)</p>   | <p><b>Sunday, May 2</b><br/>       8:00 am Worship Service with Communion<br/>       9:30 am Sunday School<br/>       9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group<br/>       9:30 am College Hour (CO House)<br/>       9:45 am Communion with the Pastors<br/>       11:00 am Worship Service with Communion<br/>       4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)</p> |

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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

April 25, 2021  
*Third 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:

Almighty God, nothing is too difficult for You! Renew our minds by the power of Your Spirit with the truth of Your Word! Fill our hearts with love for You, zeal for Your kingdom, and a fervent desire to serve You. Grant us the grace now to worship You in spirit and in truth. Replace our apathy with passion, fear with faith, and despair with hope. And to Your great name be all the honor and glory, now and forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

(8:00)

Organ and Piano Duet

#### *"It Is Well With My Soul"*

arr. David Schwoebel

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."  
It is well with my soul; 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.

(11:00)

Liberty University Classical Guitar Ensemble

#### *"Sheep May Safely Graze"*

arr. Andrew Forrest

Sheep may safely graze and pasture where a Shepherd guards them well.  
So the nation ruled in wisdom knows and shares the many blessings  
Which both peace and plenty bring.

Michael Brennan - Director

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Matthew 11:28-30 (responsively)

*Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden,*

**And I will give you rest.**

*Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me.*

**For I am gentle and lowly in heart,**

*And you will find rest for your souls.*

**For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.**

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (See Insert)

#### *"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"*

ALL SAINTS OLD

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 John 3:1, Isaiah 53:5 and Colossians 1:14

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

#### *"Before the Throne of God Above" (vs. 3)*

BEFORE THE THRONE

**Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God!**

### \*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 4:1-7

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

#### *"Living Like a Son"*

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:

#### *"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!**

### 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:

(8:00)

#### *"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"*

Sanctuary Choir

Philip W. J. Stopford

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life be past;  
Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!  
Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.  
Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find.  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness.  
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.  
Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of Thee.  
Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity. Amen.

(11:00)

#### *"He Came Down"*

Chapel Choir

Joseph M. Martin

Listen to my story. Listen to my song.  
He came down from glory to a cattle stall.  
Little tiny stranger, born on Christmas day, to a wooden manger, to a bed of hay!  
The angels singing! Hallelujah! He came down!  
From the holy, holy, to the dusty trails,  
To the meek and lowly, to the poor and frail.  
Reaching out to others, with a touch of grace.  
Listen, sisters, brothers, He taught a better way.  
Jesus was born in a cattle stall though He was King of all kings!  
He was a servant and friend to all, patient and humble in ev'rything!  
He gave His life to save us. He died on Calvary.  
On the cross He gave us life eternally.  
While skies were dark and stormy, they placed Him in a grave.  
Then on Easter Sunday, the stone was rolled away!  
And we know that one day He's gonna come again.  
He went up! He's gonna come again!

Lori Flowers - Director; Charis Jantomaso - Accompanist

### \*THE DOXOLOGY:

OLD HUNDREDDTH

**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):

**Almighty and gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness to us and over all creation; but above all we give thanks for the gift of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, in Whom alone we have life and peace and everlasting joy. Trusting in Him, our Savior, we offer our hearts to You, eagerly and entirely, with joy and gratitude; and we pray that You will bless and multiply these tokens of our lives, and use them for the sake of Your kingdom throughout the earth; for the glory of Your name. Amen.**

### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)

#### *"By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven"*

NEUMARK

### \*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:

#### *"Grand Choeur"*

Nicholas Gigault

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