

Sermon Notes

"Who is Your Mother?"
Galatians 4:21-5:1

1. You Must Know the History of Abraham's Story (vv. 21-23)

2. You Must Understand the Interpretation of Abraham's Story (vv. 24-28)

3. You Must Apply the Lessons of Abraham's Story (vv. 29 – 5:1)

- a. Push On
- b. Cast Out
- c. Stand Firm
- d. Live Free

Prayer Opportunities

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO Luke and Molly Orth on the birth of their son, Alexander Cole, on May 6. Proud siblings are Mason and Kate.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-ATLANTIC (EPC)

Our current Presbytery (Mid-Atlantic) is in the process of multiplying into 3 smaller Presbyteries so that we might become more effective in disciple-making and church-planting as well as better connected relationally for encouragement and accountability. Please pray for the work of the Steering Committee of our new Presbytery (Pastor Brett is serving on that committee) as they work to birth this new Presbytery and pray for favor, excitement and unity in this process, which will be complete, Lord willing, at the 2022 General Assembly. Finally, please pray for an upcoming meeting of our new "mission" presbytery (the New River Presbytery) at First EPC in Roanoke on May 22nd as we gather to (safely) fellowship, pray, worship, learn and break bread together.

Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, please share that need through the Rivermont website at rivermont.org/prayer. You may also email 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 located on the back of the pew or 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 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.

If you would like more information about these opportunities, visit our website at rivermont.org.

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 rivermont.org/give.
4. By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

Sunday, May 9

8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
9:30 am College Hour (CO House)
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

Monday, May 10

9:00 am Preschool

Tuesday, May 11

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

Wednesday, May 12

9:00 am Preschool
6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group
(Youth Center)

Thursday, May 13

7:00 pm Women's OASIS Summer Fellowship
(Courtyard)

Friday, May 14

6:15 pm 20 Somethings+ (Percival's Island)

Sunday, May 16

8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
9:30 am No College Hour
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

Contact Us

MAIL: 2424 Rivermont Avenue
Lynchburg, VA 24503
PHONE: (434) 846-3441
HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:30AM-5:00PM

EMAIL: rhonda@rivermont.org
WEB: www.rivermont.org
FACEBOOK: [facebook.com/rivermontepc](https://www.facebook.com/rivermontepc)
TWITTER: twitter.com/rivermontepc

Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church is a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, a group of churches whose beliefs are summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms. For more information, go to www.epc.org.



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

ORDER of WORSHIP

May 9, 2021
Fifth 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:

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who did cause the womb of Sarah to conceive in her old age, to establish a people for Yourself, and did raise up Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord from this very people: we pray for Your life giving power to be brought into the desolation of our souls. We pray that where there is death there would be life, where there is lack there would be abundance, and where there is mourning there would be rejoicing; and that all who are here this morning would be numbered among the children of Abraham, through the adoption given to us in Your Son Who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forevermore. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Like a River Glorious"

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day,
Perfect, yet it growth deeper all the way.
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

Miriam Amos, piano

Mountain, arr. Berry

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Mike Palombo

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively): Psalm 42:1-2, 5

As a deer pants for flowing streams,

so pants my soul for You, O God.

My soul thirsts for God,

for the living God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,

and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God;

for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #17

"Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him"

FABEN

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (vs. 1 & 4)

HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*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 4:21-5:1 (page 974)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Who is Your Mother?"

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:

"Gloria Patri"

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end! A—men, A—men!

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)

"Chorale from 'Finlandia' "

Miriam Amos, piano

Sibelius, arr. Setchell

Be still my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

(11:00)

"O the Deep Love of Jesus"

Sanctuary Choir

Mozart, arr. Fettle

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of His love;
Leading onward, leading homeward to my rest above;
To my glorious rest above.

*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.

OLD HUNDRETH

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison):

Father, in response to Your great gift to us, we offer ourselves to You with thanksgiving and joy. Accept these tokens of our lives; bless and multiply them for the spread of the gospel, the strengthening of Your church, and the increase of Your kingdom, to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #441

"Jesus Shall Reign"

DUKE STREET

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):

"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*POSTLUDE:

"Fantasia in D Minor"

Georg Philipp Telemann

**The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
Lyrics and music reproduced under CCLI#64526.*

Reception of Confirmands and New Members

The Session received the following Confirmands into membership at their
March 14 meeting:

Elizabeth Eskridge

Victoria Johnson

Jackson Laughon

Elizabeth Matney

Jonathan Matney

Mac Webb

The Session received the following people into membership at their
April 20 meeting:

Jesse and Keri Alker

Katherine Colquitt

Lissa Hull