

# Sermon Notes

**"Waiting for Righteousness"**  
Galatians 5:2-6

## 1. Your Faith Must Refuse the Law (vv. 2-4)

## 2. Your Faith Must Wait by the Spirit (v. 5)

## 3. Your Faith Must Work through Love (v. 6)

# Prayer Opportunities

**RECUPERATING:** Greg Alty, Michael Herbert, Will Jenkins, Beth Martin and Ryan Webb

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Ron and Dottie Hendricksen on the birth of their grandson, William Ronald Hendricksen. Proud parents are Christopher and Gavin Hendricksen.
- Rodney and Jan Suddith on the birth of their grandson, Robert Ledger Skinner. Proud parents are Tom and Abby Skinner.

**PRAY FOR OUR GRADUATES** as they embark on the next season in their lives. We would like to honor our graduates by listing them in the June 13th bulletin. Please submit their name, school they will graduate from, and future plans to rhonda@rivermont.org or call 846-3441 by June 6th.

### PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: CAMPUS OUTREACH ALPHA PROJECT

For 14 years, Rivermont EPC has served as the franchise church of Campus Outreach Lynchburg and in that time hundreds of college students have been reached, disciplined and equipped for Christ and the church in the school year. For many, that spiritual growth will continue into the summer through the Alpha Project in Virginia Beach. The Alpha Project is a 13-day leadership intensive for college students, starting May 16 and led by Campus Outreach staff. Pray for God to challenge and encourage these students to grow in Christ as leaders for the campus and the church.

### Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, you can share that request using the Connect Card, which can be found in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate in the Narthex or one of the designated prayer boxes located outside the Library and in the Locke Commons. You may also complete the prayer request form located on the Rivermont website at [www.rivermont.org/prayer](http://www.rivermont.org/prayer) or 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 located on the back of the pew or 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.

- Attend live or Zoom Sunday School classes at 9:30 am ([rivermont.org/sundayschool](http://rivermont.org/sundayschool)).
- Visit [rivermont.org/zoom](http://rivermont.org/zoom) to find live and online adult Online Discipleship groups.
- 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).

## 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.

# Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit [rivermont.org/events](http://rivermont.org/events)

### 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)

### Monday, May 17

9:00 am Preschool

### Tuesday, May 18

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)  
9:00 am Preschool  
11:00 am Preschool Graduation  
6:00 pm Deacons' Meeting (via Zoom)  
7:00 pm Session Meeting

### Wednesday, May 19

9:00 am Preschool  
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)  
6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group (Peaks View Park)  
8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Ice Cream Social (Choir room/Courtyard)

### Thursday, May 20

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

### Sunday, May 23

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  
12:00 pm Youth Fundraiser Grab and Go Lunch  
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## ORDER of WORSHIP

May 16, 2021

*Ascension Sunday*

## Preparation for Worship

*As you enter the Sanctuary, prepare your heart for worship and please silence your mobile devices.*

### THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Holy Father, as You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to be our Great High Priest, Who has entered into the Most Holy Place by His own blood: mercifully look upon us, and grant that we may worship and serve You with consciences cleansed by His blood; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

### PRELUDE:

Doug Haley, soloist

#### "Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)"

Chris Rice

Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die;  
O raise your head, for Love is passin' by. Come to Jesus and live!  
Now your burden's lifted and carried far away,  
And precious blood has washed away the stain. So sing to Jesus and live!  
Like a newborn baby, don't be afraid to crawl.  
And remember when you walk, sometimes we fall. So fall on Jesus and live!  
Sometimes the way is lonely, and steep and filled with pain,  
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain, then cry to Jesus and live!  
O, and when the love spills over, and music fills the night,  
And when you can't contain your joy inside, then dance for Jesus and live!  
And with your final heartbeat bid the world goodbye,  
Then go in peace, and laugh on Glory's side. And fly to Jesus and live!

### THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29 (responsively)

*You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,*

**We have come to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,**

*You have come to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,*

**We have come to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.**

*Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.*

For our God is a consuming fire.

### \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #26

"Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

WOODLANDS

### \*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

### \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

### \*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Spirit of the Living God"

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Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

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

Pastor Shane Whelan

John and Adrienne Nagy present their son, David James, for baptism.

### \*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." (Ephesians 2:13)*

### THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Galatians 5:2-6 (page 974)

### THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE SERMON:

"Waiting for Righteousness"

Dr. David Weber

### THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, #1 (responsively)

*What is your only comfort, in life and in death?*

**My only comfort is that I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. At the cost of His own precious blood, He has fully paid for all my sins, and has set me free from the dominion of the devil. He also watches over me so well that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. Indeed, all things must work together to fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly ready and willing from now on to live for Him. Amen!**

### \*THE GLORIA:

"Glorify Your Name"

Donna Adkins

**FATHER, we love You, we praise You, we adore You: Glorify Your name in all the earth! Glorify Your name, glorify Your name, glorify Your name in all the earth! (Repeat using: JESUS and SPIRIT)**

### 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)

Sanctuary Choir

"My God, Accept My Heart This Day"

Howard Helvey

My God, accept my heart this day, and make it always Thine,  
That I from Thee no more may stray, no more from Thee decline.  
Before the cross of Him who died, behold, I prostrate fall;  
Let every sin be crucified, and Christ be all in all.  
Anoint me with Thy heav'nly grace, and seal me for Thine own;  
That I may see Thy glorious face, and worship near Thy throne.  
Let every thought and work and word to Thee be ever giv'n:  
Then life shall be Thy service, Lord, and death the gate of heav'n.  
All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, while endless ages run.

(11:00)

Adelheid Terry, soloist

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Lowry, arr. DeFord

I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord,  
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee, ev'ry hour I need Thee.

Oh, bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour, stay Thou nearby,  
Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh.

I need Thee ev'ry hour, in joy or pain,

Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

I need Thee ev'ry hour, most holy One,

Oh make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.

Grayson Laughon, violin

### \*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):

**Almighty and everlasting Father, faithful in all Your ways and righteous in all Your doings: we praise You and we give thanks for the bounty of Your gifts lavished upon us. Most of all, we thank You for the gift of Your Son: for His righteous life, His humble suffering, His atoning blood, His victorious resurrection, and His triumphant ascension to Your right hand. As we offer these tokens of our lives, we present ourselves to You as a living sacrifice of praise. May we live for Your glory, in faith and obedience, by the power of the Holy Spirit, until Jesus Christ comes again with power and glory. Amen!**

### \*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #688

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

HOLY DESIRE

### \*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

### \*POSTLUDE:

"Prelude in G Major"

J. S. Bach

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Ingrid Marshall to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stan Marshall.