Sermon Notes

"Unhindered" Galatians 5:7-12

- 1. Don't Blame God (v. 8)
- 2. Avoid Leaven (v. 9)
- 3. Trust God's Work (v. 10a)
- 4. Know the End (v. 10b)
- 5. Endure Persecution (v. 11)
- 6. Be Bold (v. 12)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 6 at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary and via Zoom 9th grade – adults are encouraged to attend this brief meeting and then go to Sunday School

For the purposes of:

- 1. Receiving as information updates regarding the current year-to-date financial report and the fiscal year budget, ending June 30, 2022.
- 2. Voting on any changes in the Pastors' Terms of Call for the upcoming fiscal

Prayer Opportunities

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Joey and Sherwood Day on the birth of their grandson, James West Bryan, on May 14. Proud parents are Anne Randolph and Chase Bryan.
- John Britton and Mary Fuqua who were married on May 22. They will be living in Wallace, NC where John will be a youth pastor at a community church and Mary will be working for a heating and cooling company.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO Jarrett Dodd and family on the loss of his father, Leighton B. Dodd, on May 16. The funeral is planned for 3:00 pm on May 27 at First Presbyterian Church.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: TYLER & CASEY BODLAK

Tyler and his wife Casey, are finishing their first year as missionaries with Servant Partners in Richmond. This international ministry focuses on incarnational ministry amongst the global urban poor. Recently the Bodlaks purchased a home in an economically depressed section of East End Richmond where they will work with the Richmond Servant Partners team to seek individual and community transformation through outreach, discipleship/mentoring and care. Pray for protection, favor and fruitfulness in their ministry as they truly live out the gospel in their neighborhood. To learn more about this work go to: https://www.servantpartners.org/richmond.

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.

- Attend live or Zoom Sunday School classes at 9:30 am (rivermont.org/sundayschool).
- Visit 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 on June 11 -12. For more information and to register go to rivermont.org/qtkr.

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

Monthly Financial Report

GENERAL FUND as of April 30, 2021

Budget to date: \$ 1,498,939 Ahead of Budget: \$ 73,223 Year-to-date contributions: \$1,572,162 Year-to-date expenses: \$ 1,379,732 **Contributions over Expenses:** \$ 192,430

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit <u>rivermont.org/events</u>

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

10:45 am Youth Fundraiser Grab-and-Go Lunch 11:00 am Worship Service

12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run

(The Barkleys' House)

4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)

Tuesday, May 25

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study

(via Zoom)

Wednesday, May 26

6:30 pm Men's Cornhole Tournament

Thursday, May 27

7:00 pm Women's Oasis Summer Fellowship

(Courtyard)

Sunday, May 30

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 31, Office Closed - Memorial Day

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

May 23, 2021 Pentecost 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:

Lord, as we prepare to worship You this morning, we would meditate and dwell on Your wonderful faithfulness. Great indeed is Your faithfulness. There is no shadow of turning with You. We pray that You would open our eyes this morning so that we may see You more clearly and our ears so that we may hear Your voice more clearly. Open also our hearts so that we may eagerly respond to do what You call us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

PRELUDE:

Noah Caldwell, organ

"Prayer"

Leon Boellmann

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Brett Eubank

*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: #283

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

EBENEZER

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Ephesians 1:7

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: #188

"Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting" (vs. 2, 3) TRANQUILLITY

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, to the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Galatians 5:7-12 (page 975)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. David Weber THE SERMON: "Unhindered"

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED (in unison)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who, for us and our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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! Amen, Amen!

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)Rachel Love, soloist

"There is a Redeemer/I Know that My Redeemer Lives" arr. Lloyd Larson

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,

And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy this blest assurance gives!

He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head!

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Savior, still the same!

What joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives.

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,

And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, God's own Son!

(11:00)

"Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; Help me now Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee; And, with words that help and heal, my life would Thine reveal; And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; Help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee; And, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear; And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; Show Thy mercy tenderly, make me more like Thee; Separate from sin I would, and cherish all things good, And whatever I can be give Him who gave me Thee. Mighty Spirit dwell with me, I would mighty be; Help me now Thy pow'r to see, I would be like Thee;

'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield:

Let Thy Word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like Thee!

*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):

All praise be to You, eternal God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—to Whom be glory forever and ever! You are the God of our creation, redemption, sanctification; and from You we have received every good gift for body and soul. Receive this offering of our lives, we pray, and be pleased to work Your good will in our lives and through these gifts, for the increase of Your kingdom upon the earth and the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)

"The Reformation Hymn"

Anderson and Kauflin

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all): "A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*POSTLUDE: "Prelude and Fugue in C Major" Noah Caldwell, organ

J. S. Bach

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

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.
- Online at <u>rivermont.org/give</u>.
- 4. By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

Sanctuary Choir arr. K. Lee Scott