

Sermon Notes

"The Gospel's Power to Savor"
Acts 9

THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE is seeking input from the congregation regarding potential candidates to be considered for the office of Elder and Deacon. Your participation is very important to the process of officer nomination and election. Please prayerfully consider which members you would like to suggest, then fill out a form with your suggestions and deposit it in one of the drop-boxes found in the Cheatham Center and in the Locke Commons. You may also fill out the online form by visiting rivermont.org/nominations.

Prayer Opportunities

ONGOING PRAYER: Kenneth (Stick) Haun, Michael Herbert, Will Jenkins, and Westray Nowlin,

RECUPERATING: George Everson and Anne Spruill

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO John Blanks, Jane Wingfield and their families in the death of their mother, Martha Blanks, on November 9.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: DAN AND PRISCILLA RIBERO CUMMINGS
Dan and Priscilla Cummings are missionary doctors serving with CHSC in Kalokembe, Angola. Their ministry, while fruitful, comes with great challenges. Priscilla has just been diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer and they are awaiting further test results to determine severity and course of action. Please pray for her complete healing and that the family would draw nearer to Jesus through this time. Also pray for comfort and peace for their three children.

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.

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!

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 Digital Connect Card by scanning the QR code into your mobile device. You can also fill out a Connect Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.



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 9:45 am (rivermont.org/sundayschool).
- Join us for dinner (5:45 pm) and Bible Studies (6:30 pm) on Wednesday nights. To make dinner reservations go to rivermont.org/rfn.
- 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.

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.
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, November 14

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School (Reports from the Field from our Missionaries)
9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
9:45 am GTKR (Country Gardens)
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm CO Friendsgiving (CO House)
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

Monday, November 15

9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 206)

Tuesday, November 16

6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
9:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm Deacons' Meeting
7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 17

9:00 am Preschool
4:30 pm Praise Ringers
5:15 pm Carillon, Chapel, Cherub, New Song
5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal
6:00 pm BRITE Class (Room 203)
6:30 pm Bible Studies
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 18

9:30 am Women's Oasis Bible Study
10:00 am Community Bible Study

Friday, November 19

11:00 am Ken Harris Memorial Service

Sunday, November 21

8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
9:45 am College Hour (CO House)
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm 6th-8th Grade SNL (Youth Center)

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

November 14, 2021

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Our Father in heaven, Who sent Your only-begotten Son into the world, not to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved: we pray that You would be pleased to pour out Your Spirit upon us; that, with true repentance of our sins, we might take up our cross, deny ourselves, and faithfully follow Jesus Christ; in Whom alone we trust for our salvation, and in Whose holy name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30) **Miriam Amos and Rachel Amos, piano**

"My Heavenly Father Loves Me"

McMaster, arr. DeFord

Whenever I hear the song of a bird or look at the blue, blue sky,
Whenever I feel the rain on my face or the wind as it rushes by,
Whenever I touch a velvet rose or walk by our lilac tree,
I'm glad that I live in this beautiful world heav'nly Father created for me.
He gave me my eyes that I might see the color of butterfly wings.
He gave me my ears that I might hear the magical sound of things.
He gave me my life, my mind, my heart: I thank Him rev'rently
For all His creations, of which I'm a part. Yes, I know heav'nly Father loves me.

(11:00) **Doug and Julie Haley, Vicky Pogue**

"Our Heart"

Searcy and Chisum, arr. Shippis

Our heart, our desire is to see the nations worship.
Our cry, our prayer is to sing Your praise to the ends of the earth.
That with one mighty voice ev'ry tribe and tongue rejoices.
Our heart, our desire is to see the nations worship You.
Heavenly Father, Your mercy showers down upon all people,
Ev'ry race upon this earth.
May Your Spirit pierce the darkness, break the chains of death upon us.
Let us rise in honest worship to declare Your matchless worth.
There is no power that for one hour can withstand the greatness
Of Your Word on tongues of faith.
So we're bold in intercession claiming all of Your possessions,
Praying now that ev'ry heart will bow before You, Lord, in praise.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Pastor Brett Eubank**

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 96 (responsively)

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations,

His marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

He is to be feared above all gods.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #44 **"How Great Thou Art"** O STORE GUD

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION: **Pastor Shane Whelan**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 John 1:9

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"To God Be the Glory" (vs. 1)

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that we may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Oh come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

(Romans 15:7)

(Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to room, #115.)

(11:00) ANTHEM FOR PREPARATION FOR THE WORD:

Chapel Choir

"Shine, Shine Your Light!"

Becki Slago Mayo

Children of God, we are the light of the world, shining through the darkness.
Children of God, we are the light of the world, shining the light of God's love.
Shine, shine your light! Lift, lift it high!
Shine, shine your light! Children, let it shine!
Shine, shine your light! Lift, lift it high!
We are called to shine the light of Christ.
Children of God, we are the light of the world, showing deeds of kindness.
Children of God, we are the light of the world, showing the light of God's love.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
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We are called to shine the light of Christ.

Lori Flowers – Director; Charis Jantomaso – Accompanist

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Acts 9 (page 917)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **"The Gospel's Power to Savor"** **Pastor Clay Smith**

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from Colossians 1:15-20 (in unison)

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who, is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

*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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:30) **Doug and Julie Haley, Vicky Pogue**

"Our Heart"

Searcy and Chisum, arr. Shippis

(11:00) **Sanctuary Choir**

"Who But the Lord?"

Craig Courtney

Who but the Lord can give the shadows light,
Can break into the dark, draw morning from the night?
Who but the Lord will hear our cry and answer, "Here am I!"
Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see,
Brings music to the deaf, sets the lonely captive free?
Who but the Lord will by His glory show the paths of peace?
Who but the Lord?
O shine on us the brightness of Your face,
To earth's remotest end, every people, every race.
O shine on us until to each is shown Your saving grace. O shine on us.
Who but the Lord can give the shadows light? None but the Lord.

*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):

We thank You, gracious Father, that You loved the world so much that You gave Your only Son for us that we might believe in Him and have eternal life. Empower us by Your Spirit to share these resources and this gospel with all people, in Lynchburg, the United States and the world. We offer to You the fruit of our labor, the gifts of our hands, and the love of our hearts for the sake of Your gospel and the salvation of the world; through Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #263 **"Lift High the Cross"** CRUCIFER

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE: **"Prelude and Fugue in C Minor"** J. S. Bach