

Sermon Notes

"Elijah's Exodus"
1 Kings 19:1-18

- 1. Jezebel's Threat (vv.1-2)
- 2. Elijah's Flight (vv. 3-8)
- 3. Elijah's Accusation (vv. 9-14)
- 4. The Lord's Gracious Judgment (vv. 15-18)

Prayer Opportunities

ONGOING PRAYER: Sheree Britton, Kenneth (Stick) Haun, Michael Herbert, Westray Nowlin and Joan Pennock

PRAYING FOR CHURCH STAFF: While expressing thanksgiving for the ministry of Ann Knight who retires on May 31, please be in prayer for the one whom God will call as the next Director of Children's Ministry. Please also pray for the Search Committee: Sarah Grace Barkley, Heather Hall, Sarah Miller, Beth Reeves, and Tasha Yeoman.

- IN APPRECIATION:**
- I was so surprised and delighted to receive the "holiday" bag with all the great items inside. All are so useful and I will enjoy them very much. Wishing each of you a very happy, healthy and blessed New Year. In Christian love, Margaret Newland, Senior Saint
 - I would like to send my love and sincere thanks to my church family for all the love and thoughtfulness everyone has shown through the phone calls, visits, gifts, lunches, church CDs, communions, flowers, and continued prayers. May God bless you all. Love, Mrs. Doris MacIntyre

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry
Being persuaded that the love of Christ compels us to share our food with the hungry in our neighborhood, our church participates with several area churches in the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry, located at nearby Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please pray for this ministry as it supplies food for individuals and families in need in the Rivermont area.

The Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Dottie and Ron Hendricksen to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dot and Frank Rawley.

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 and Bible Studies on Wednesday nights.
 - Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
 - Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont Weekend on March 4-5. Register at rivermont.org/gtkr.

General Fund as of January 31, 2022	
Budget to date:	\$1,084,295
Ahead of Budget:	\$ 102,731
Year-to-date contributions:	\$1,187,026
Year-to-date expenses:	\$1,053,364
Contributions Above Expenses:	\$ 133,662

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

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| <p>Sunday, February 20</p> <p>8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)</p> <p>8:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>9:45 am GTKR (Country Gardens)</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group</p> <p>11:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>12:30 pm College Lunch Hour (CO House)</p> <p>4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)</p> <p>6:30 pm 9th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)</p> | <p>Wednesday, February 23, continued</p> <p>5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Studies</p> |
| <p>Monday, February 21</p> <p>9:00 am Preschool</p> <p>10:00 am Prayer Group (Room 206)</p> | <p>Thursday, February 24</p> <p>9:30 am Women's Oasis Bible Study</p> <p>10:00 am Community Bible Study</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, February 22</p> <p>6:26 am HS Boys 626 (Biscuitville, Old Forest Rd)</p> <p>6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)</p> <p>9:00 am Preschool</p> | <p>Saturday, February 26</p> <p>11:00 am 20 Somethings+ & 60 +/- Bingo Brunch (Fellowship Hall)</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, February 23</p> <p>9:00 am Preschool</p> <p>4:30 pm Praise Ringers</p> <p>5:15 pm Cherub, Chapel, and New Song Choirs</p> | <p>Sunday, February 27</p> <p>8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)</p> <p>8:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>9:45 am GTKR (Country Gardens)</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group</p> <p>9:45 am College Hour (CO House)</p> <p>11:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)</p> <p>6:30 pm 7th-12th Grade SNL (Youth Center)</p> |

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

ORDER of WORSHIP

February 20, 2022

Preparation for Worship

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

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: we humbly pray that, by the truth of Your Word and the power of Your Spirit, You would reform Your church and renew our lives. May Your Word be proclaimed boldly and be received with joyful faith. May Your Spirit awaken our hearts, illumine our minds, and strengthen our souls. May the light of Your gospel dispel the darkness of unbelief. Protect us, preserve us, and persevere within us, that we may continue to love and serve You, from generation to generation, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE:

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. Dian Bish

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 121:1-2 (responsively)

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth."*

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #310

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

DARWALL

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Colossians 2:13-14

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" (v. 1)

SAGINA

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*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.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 19:1-18 (page 301)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Elijah's Exodus"

Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: based on Philippians 2:6-11 (in unison)

We believe in Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death — even death on a cross! Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name that is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*THE GLORIA:

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

EBENEZER

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

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:

(8:30)

"Abide With Me"

Ben and Heidi Terry

arr. Sally DeFord

Abide with me! fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens. Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.
I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself, my guide and stay can be,
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me!
I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Death has no sting, the grave no victory,
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

(11:00)

"Death Was Arrested"

Sanctuary Choir

Coker, Kersh, Smith, Balltzglier

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin; lost without hope and no place to begin.
Your love made a way to let mercy come in;
When death was arrested and my life began.
Ash was redeemed only beauty remains; my orphan heart was given a name.
My mourning grew quiet, my feet rose to dance;
When death was arrested and my life began.

O Your grace so free washes over me;
You have made me new, now life begins with You!
It's Your endless love pouring down on us;
You have made us new, now life begins with You!

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more;
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore.
He canceled my debt and He called me His friend;
When death was arrested and my life began.
Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross;
Darkness rejoiced as though heaven had lost.
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand!
That's when death was arrested and my life began.
O we're free, free, forever we're free; come join the song of all the redeemed!
Yes we're free, free, forever, amen; when death was arrested and my life began!

*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):

Gracious Father, we praise You for every good and perfect gift which comes down from heaven. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins! We praise You for the gift of the Holy Spirit, by Whom we are born anew and adopted as Your children through Jesus our Lord. With joy, we present ourselves as living sacrifices in Your service. Receive and bless this offering, for the sake of Your kingdom, and send us forth in the power of Your Spirit to live as witnesses of Jesus Christ, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #599

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

SHEPHERD

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Piece Heroique"

Cesar Franck

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