

Sermon Notes

"The Grace of Our King"
1 Kings 20

1. Our King's Grace to Restrain our Enemies (vv. 1-22)

2. Our King's Grace to Conquer our Enemies (vv. 23-30a)

3. Our King's Grace to Destroy our Enemies (vv. 30b-43)

Prayer Opportunities

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

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY are extended to Nadine Gilmore and family in the death of her mother-in-law, Billie M. Gilmore, on February 27.

PRAYING FOR OUR STAFF: Heidi Terry and her husband Ben joyfully enter a new phase of life, eagerly awaiting their first baby, due July 2022. Heidi will conclude her official position as Rivermont's Accompanist & Director of Choirs on May 8, 2022. Please join us in our appreciation of Heidi and prayer for her family. Heidi will continue to teach at her music studio and says, "We're grateful for our church community and pray for God's guidance as we continue to be active members here at Rivermont EPC."

IN APPRECIATION: *Dear REPC Family, Words cannot express how overwhelmed and overjoyed we were by your generosity through the Thanksgiving offering. As God always does, He used His people to provide the exact amount we were lacking in our Rise Together Initiative to provide nutritious meals and much-needed Art Therapy to our students. Thank you for your obedience and sacrifice which has benefitted us tremendously. We were thrilled to spend time with you in person during the Missions Conference and were greatly encouraged to press on in this work in faith. Thank you for what a blessing you are to us. Love, Joe and Duncan May, Rise Academy*

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: PHIL AND DIANE THRASH

Phil serves as the Eastern U.S. Associate for Missions Advancement and as Missionary Prayer Network Coordinator for the Eastern U.S. in EPC's World Outreach department. He travels throughout the eastern U.S. and elsewhere to visit EPC churches and to promote prayer for EPC World Outreach missionaries around the world, as well as to promote the "Engage 2025" initiative of our denomination. Pray that God will raise up prayer leaders in our presbytery as well as churches that will send church planting teams to unengaged Muslim areas. As Phil explains, "Prayer is important in the recruitment and equipping we do for our potential global workers, as well as the logistics of actually getting them and keeping them on the mission field so that they can be fruitful."

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 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, March 6

- 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
- 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
- 9:45 am GTKR (Country Gardens)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
- 9:45 am College Hour (CO House)
- 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

Monday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 8

- 6:26 am HS Boys 626 (Biscuitville, Old Forest Rd.)
- 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
- 9:00 am Preschool
- 10:30 am Women's Circle (Country Gardens)

Wednesday, March 9

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 4:30 pm Praise Ringers
- 5:15 pm Carillon, Chapel, Cherub, New Song

Wednesday, March 9, continued

- 5:45 pm Rivermont Fellowship Night Meal
- 6:30 pm Bible Studies
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 10

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

Friday, March 11

- 5:30 pm Men's Retreat (Eagle Eyrie)

Saturday, March 12

- 8:00 am Men's Retreat (Eagle Eyrie)
- 12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community-College Hill)

Sunday, March 13

- 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
- 12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (The Barkley's, 3233 Downing Drive)
- 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 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

March 6, 2022
First Sunday of Lent

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:

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

Carillon Handbells

arr. Matthew Compton

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 32:1-2,11 (responsively)

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #1

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

OLD HUNDREDTH

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 32:5, 11

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Jesus Paid It All" (vs. 3&4)

ALL TO CHRIST

For nothing good have I, whereby Your grace to claim,
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

*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

"Help Me to Be Like You, Lord"

Help me to be like You, Lord, in ev'ry way, all through the day.
Help me to be like You, Lord. I want to follow You.
Help me to care like You. Help me to share like You.
Help me be kind, all of the time. Help me to love and forgive.
Help me to be like You, Lord. I want to follow You.

Amy Hall – Director; Sandra Landry – Accompanist

Cherub Choir

Jeff Reeves

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 20 (page 302)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"The Grace of Our King"

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 OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

"He Leadeth Me"

Carillon Handbells

arr. Tammy Waldrop

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.
And when my task on earth is done, when, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session. After reviewing the Communion packet with your child, contact the church office to set up a meeting with the pastors. The packet may be found at www.rivermont.org/communion.

The Words of Invitation and Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, 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 Reception of the Bread and the Cup

The Concluding Communion Prayer

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE:

"Psalm 117"

(Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King)

From all that dwell below the skies, O let Jehovah's praise arise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And let His glorious name be sung, in every land, by ev'ry tongue!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Great are the mercies of the Lord, and truth eternal is His word!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ye nations, sound from shore to shore, Jehovah's praise for evermore!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*THE BENEDICTION

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

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

*POSTLUDE:

"Festival Toccata"

Percy E. Fletcher

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