

Sermon Notes

"Exile Ending"
Ezra 1-2

1. Every Christian Must Know God's Promise to End the Exile
2. Every Christian Must Trust God's Power to End the Exile
3. Every Christian Must Obey God's Command to End the Exile

Prayer Opportunities

ONGOING PRAYER: Priscila Ribeiro-Cummings, Lucy Harris, Michael Herbert, Joan Pennock, Ellen Torrance, and Tami Urbina.

RECUPERATING: Charlie Wilson and Kenny Wright.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Joshua Sosin and Jordan Boyce who were united in marriage on August 27 in the Rivermont Sanctuary. Proud parents of the groom are David and Lisa Sosin.
- Joshua and Audrey Ashcroft on the birth of their son, Lee Andrew, on August 19. Proud big brother is Gregory.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: DANIEL KABOLI

We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with Daniel as a church planter. After leaving Rivermont to attend seminary in Raleigh-Durham, he began efforts to establish a church plant among the Farsi-speaking population in Raleigh-Durham. Because of health challenges and COVID, his efforts to plant a church have been somewhat hampered. Pray for Daniel's health to improve and that he would be led to Farsi-speakers with whom he can build relationships.

Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Marina Guenther to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Elmar and Olly Guenther, on their anniversary, September 4, 1946.

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 Sunday School classes at 9:45 am (rivermont.org/sundayschool).
 - Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
 - Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont class starting September 11. Learn more at rivermont.org/gtkr.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
September 4, 9:45 am, during the Sunday School Hour
No Children's Sunday School - Nursery Only

For the purpose of:

1. Electing a new class of Ruling Elders and Deacons
2. Electing a new class for the Officer Nominating Committee

Join us afterward in the Cheatham Center for a time of fellowship.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

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| <p>Sunday, September 4
 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship Service with Communion
 9:00 am College Coffee (CO House, 2436 Rivermont Ave.)
 9:45 am Congregational Meeting & Fellowship (Sanctuary & Cheatham Center)
 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)</p> <p>Monday, September 5 - Labor Day
 Church Office Closed</p> <p>Tuesday, September 6
 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)
 12:00 pm Monthly Prayer Meeting (Chapel)</p> <p>Wednesday, September 7
 9:00 am Preschool
 4:30 pm Praise Ringers
 5:15 pm Cherub, Chapel, & New Song Choirs
 5:15 pm Carillon</p> | <p>Wednesday, September 7, cont'd
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir
 6:30 pm BRITE Class</p> <p>Thursday, September 8
 9:30 am Women's Oasis Bible Study
 10:00 am Community Bible Study</p> <p>Saturday, September 10
 9:30 am Children's Discipleship Training
 12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community Church at College Hill)</p> <p>Sunday, September 11
 8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)
 8:30 am Worship Service
 9:00 am College Coffee (CO House)
 9:45 am Sunday School
 9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group
 9:45 am Getting To Know Rivermont (Country Gardens)
 11:00 am Worship Service
 12:30 pm Missionary Lunch with the Lees (Fellowship Hall)
 12:45 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Field Near Water Dog)
 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)</p> |
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OUR PASSION: *the renewing of lives through God's compelling love in Lynchburg and the world.*

ORDER of WORSHIP

September 4, 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:

Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, hasten the coming of Your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, and draw the whole world into willing obedience to Your blessed reign. Overcome all the enemies of Christ, and cast low every power that is exalted against Him. Cast out all the evil things which cause wars among the nations, and let Your Spirit rule in the hearts of all people in righteousness and love. Grant power to the preaching of Your Word, build up Your church throughout all the earth, and may Your kingdom advance and increase, as people of every nation turn away from dead idols to worship You, the true and living God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:30) *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* arr. Paul Manz
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

(11:00) *" 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"* Elizabeth Matney, violin
arr. Ruth Coleman
'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise; just to know, "Thus said the Lord."
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!
Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Ron Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 68:4-6 (responsively)
Sing to God, sing praises to His name;
Lift up a song to Him Who rides through the deserts;
His name is the LORD;
Exult before Him!
Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation.
God settles the solitary in a home; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity!

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #101 *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* TRINITY

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: *"Lamb of God"* (verses 2 & 3) TWILA PARIS
Your gift of love they crucified. They laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

(Chorus): Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a child of God.

*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: Ezra 1-2 (page 389)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: *"Exile Ending"* 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: *"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 RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:
(8:30) Elizabeth Matney, violin
" 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" arr. Ruth Coleman

(11:00) *"O Love"* Sanctuary Choir
arr. Elaine Hagenberg
O Love that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
O Joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.
Hadley Hall - piano

*THE COMMUNION HYMN: #469 *"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"* (verses 1-4) ST. COLUMBA

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: #469 *"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"* (verses 5-6) ST. COLUMBA

*THE BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE: *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"* arr. Michael Burkhardt

*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.
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.