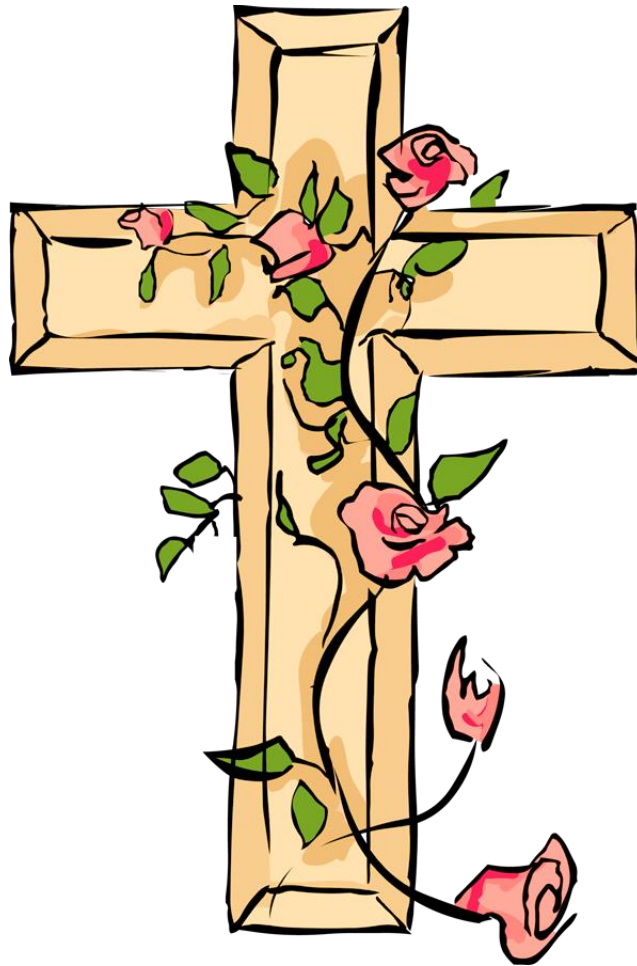




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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Loving God, loving people, making disciples



Children and Youth Sunday

April 18, 2021

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Worship

**-Please stand in body or in spirit*

(Congregants are asked not to sing but are encouraged to hum along as the choir sings.)

*-Chiming of the Hour and Presentation of the Word

Prelude“Christ Is Alive!” J. Wayne Kerr

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Jennifer Powell

Introit“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Jack Schrader

*-Call to Worship** Alan Burr

One: Praise the Lord with all that you have!

All: Praise and trust in the Lord with all your heart and soul!

One: For God is with us throughout all our lives.

All: God’s loving presence surrounds us and comforts us in times of trouble.

One: Rejoice in the Lord at all times, in all places.

All: For God is steadfast and loving to us all. Amen.

*-Hymn of Joy, *Glory to God* #248 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

*-Call to Confession Ethan Vogler

One: The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

All: As we confess our sins before God in faith,

One: we renew our confidence,

All: and trust in God’s mercy.

*-Prayer of Confession** (*in unison*) Christine Burr

Holy God, we thank you for the roses, the joys in our everyday lives. Like rose buds, we also thank you for hope in beauty that is yet to come. Forgive us, Lord, when the thorns of our lives cause us to worry, doubt, and wonder where you are. Remind us, Lord, of your abiding love and presence in our lives. Remind us of the hope that comes only from you. Forgive us when we fail to love you and our neighbors as we should. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, our brother and our friend. Amen.

*-Assurance of Pardon Roxanne Culley

One: God is reaching out for you today.

All: God offers healing and encouragement out of God’s great love for us.

One: Grace is a free gift – continually given by God. We are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

***-Response, #304** (verses 1-2) “Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so; Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
(Refrain) Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long ago, Taking children on His knee, Saying, “Let them come to Me.”
(Refrain)

Teach

Time with Our Children Mandy Culley, Children’s Music Director

Prayer for Illumination Ethan Vogler

Scripture Readings Devon Ramsburg

Messages

Isaiah 40:31 “Thorns” Charlotte Miller

Philippians 4:8 “Roses” Grace Fiedler

Jeremiah 29:11 “Buds” Kaylee Ridenour (video)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem “The Old Rugged Cross” arr. Patti Drennan

Nurture

Invitation to Offering Alan Burr

Offertory “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” Chris Tomlin (video)

***-Doxology** *Glory to God* #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayers for the People and the Lord’s Prayer (video)

*Lisa Farthing and the Children’s Sunday School Class:
Finn Culley, Olivia Culley, Maisie O’Dell, Joshua Ridenour, Lily Ridenour*

Reach

***-Hymn of Devotion, #525** (verses 1-2) “Here I Am, Lord”

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
(Refrain) Here I am, Lord. It is I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them, Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

***-Charge and Benediction** Grace Fiedler, Devon Ramsburg, Christine Burr, Roxanne Culley

***-Congregational Response, #525** (verse 3) “Here I Am, Lord”

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

Postlude “This Joyful Eastertide” Keith Kolander
(Please remain seated during the postlude.)

Ushers will dismiss the congregation by sections, exiting from the back pews forward.

Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us in worship today, and we hope you will join us again. More information about Covenant is available on our website at covenantroanoke.org. Look for us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter.

Leaders in Worship

Dr. Jennifer Powell, Director of Faith Formation
Richard Rudolph, Director of Music
Ronn Lowe, Organist/Accompanist
Mandy Culley, Children's Music Director

Covenant's Sanctuary Choir Ensemble
Covenant Children and Covenant Youth
Roger Dickenson, Audio
Gene Collier, Pranav Singh; video

Special thanks to the following people who have served faithfully in supporting our children and youth for today's service: Elizabeth Allen, Jerry Barnes, Mandy Culley, Lisa Farthing, Susan Foard, Matt Miller, Sherry Moran, Laura Jane Ramsburg, and all the families of our children and youth.



*The Youth wish to dedicate this service to the glory of God
and to the inspiration our Youth Director, Rachel Erb Birch,
who helped us start thinking about roses, buds, and thorns.
We love you and we miss you, Rachel!*

Faith Formation

Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.
~ Song of Songs 2:12

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