



*“...and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.”*



March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday ~ Resurrection of the Lord

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Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples

Gathering

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

*Chiming of the Hour and Presentation of the Word

Prelude

"An Easter Fanfare"

Carla J. Giomo

Centennial Brass; Ronn Lowe, organ

Welcome and Covenant Life

Introit

"Resurrection Hymn"

Keith Getty, Stuart Townsend, Steven Strite

Sanctuary Choir; Centennial Brass; Ronn Lowe, organ

*Call to Worship

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed.

One: On Good Friday.

All: we thought all was lost.

One: But not today!

All: Today, we know:

One: that life eternal is stronger than death;

All: that hope is real.

One: For Christ is alive!

All: God reigns!

One: So with the angels, let us sing!

*Hymn of Praise, #232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Holy God, we believe. Help our unbelief. When we become more self-centered rather than God-centered, forgive us. When we forget the hope we have in you, forgive us. When we fail to be amazed that you are the Creator of all that is and is to be, the Giver of resurrected life in this world and the next, and the Spirit that directs and supports us in the living of the Christian life, forgive us. Today, of all days, help us know that you are alive and at work in the world. Do not let us be dismayed. Rather, lead us to trust in your boundless love, your amazing grace, and your resurrection power. For you, Living God, are our Rock and our Redeemer, and in you we rejoice, now and forevermore. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Response, #240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

(Covenant Kids sing the refrain and verse 1; all sing verses 2-4)

Teaching

Time with Our Children

Jewel Aagaard

Director of Faith Formation

*Passing of the Peace *(Greet one another, "Peace be with you.")*

Children ages 4 – 11 may leave for Children's Worship in the Green Room and will return during the last hymn.

Prayer for Illumination David Brand

Wisdom Reading Job 19:23-27 (Pew Bible, OT p. 431)

Gospel Reading Luke 24:1-12 (Pew Bible, NT p. 78)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "And I Hope..." Dr. Kyle Allen

***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.**

Anthem "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
Hal H. Hopson
Sanctuary Choir; Centennial Brass; Ronn Lowe, organ

Nurturing

Celebration of Giving+

Offertory Marche from "Suite of Dances"
Andre Campra
Centennial Brass; Ronn Lowe, organ

***Doxology, #246** (verses 1-2, 5) "Christ Is Alive!"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)

Reaching

***Charge and Benediction**

***Hymn of Devotion, #238** "Thine Is the Glory"

Trinity Chimes

Our Trinity Chimes played before the postlude provide the opportunity to sit and enjoy the end of our service with music, or to exit quietly as our Livestream continues for this part of worship.

Postlude "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
Lloyd Larson
Centennial Brass; Ronn Lowe, organ

Welcome! We are blessed to have you join our worship today, and we hope to keep seeing you! More information about Covenant is available on our website at covenantroanoke.org and you can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter. We would love to get to know you better, and a card is available in the pew before you to begin this journey together.

Greetings, Parents! Children are always welcome in our worship services. If you so choose, a professionally staffed nursery is available for children ages 3 and younger downstairs. Please ask an usher for assistance. **We also have a Parents Room** just outside the Sanctuary, with a changing table and rocking chairs. **Children's bulletins and activity bags are available** on the table in Heritage Hall. **We offer Children's Worship** during the second half of the service for children ages 4 to 11.

We are pleased to welcome guest musicians John Garmin, Chris Magee, and the Centennial Brass to our Easter celebration!

Cookies and lemonade await you! After worship, all are welcome to gather in Heritage Hall (the entrance area) to visit with church members and guests. Special thanks to Terri Slate for hosting this morning.

Ushers/Greeters: Christopher Bircher, Gene Collier, Jonathan Fiedler, Sandra Ryals, Charlie Simmons

Liturgist: David Brand

Elder of the Month: Dick Frahm

Deacon of the Month: Jinx Weary

Assistant Deacon of the Month: Sherry Moran

Sound: Roger Dickenson

Video/Livestream: Jena Bircher, Pranav Singh



In Our Prayers . . .

Church Members: Christine Beck, Tricia Cronise, Mary Jane Fisher, Lynnmarie Hancock, Walter Jones, Jerry Lawson, Lindsey Nanz, Peggy Phillips, Ann Cecil Renick, Carol Ryan, June and Forrest Smith, Jo Wilson, Betty Young, caregivers, military service members and families

Family & Friends: Rob Adcox, Rob Ahlers, Lowell Bashlor, Jr., Aubrey Bayne, Kenneth Benner, William "Buzz" Caddell, Mike Cummings, Patrick Dooley, Maria Dreiling, Cesia Enriquez, Peggy Evans, Heather Ford, Larry Gray, Jim Haugen, Tyler and Rochelle Holm, the people of Malawi, Jim McGill, Bob & Betty Sizemore, Ezra Schuyler Soto, Daniel Woodbury, Religious violence against Christians in northeast India

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