



"You are witnesses..." (Luke 24:48)

April 28, 2024
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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 God's Holy Word

Prelude "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
Wilbur Held

Welcome and Covenant Life

Introit "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
arr. Benjamin Harlan

*Call to Worship

One: We gather in joy,
All: because God brings us new life!
One: We gather in hope,
All: because Christ is with us wherever we go.
One: We gather in love,
All: because the Holy Spirit is our guiding light.
One: Come, let us worship God with hearts full of praise!
**All: Come, let us seek the One
who breaks the bonds of sin and death!**

***Hymn of Praise, #157** "I Danced in the Morning"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Merciful God, bend our pride to your control. Humble us in your presence. Give to us new hearts. For we have sinned, and we are sorry. We have doubted your love, and regretted it. We have lost our way, and need to return to you. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to trust you. Forgive us, O Christ, when we neglect your teachings. Forgive us, O Holy Spirit, when we are resistant to following your lead. Grant us, we pray, the confidence to trust in your resurrection power, and to live into the joy and wonder of each new day. Give us, we pray, the will to love our neighbors without discrimination or prejudice. And gift us, we pray, with the resolve to be your Easter people, rejoicing and sharing your just and lasting peace with the world. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Hymn of Promise, #250 (verse 1-2) "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"
Children are invited to come forward as we sing.

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.*

***Response of Wonder, Hymn #250** (verse 3) "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

***In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

Teaching

Prayer for Illumination Courtney Hoge

Gospel Reading Luke 24:36-49 (Pew Bible, NT pp. 78-79)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "You Are Witnesses" Dr. Kyle Allen

Anthem "If I Can Help Somebody"
arr. David Brunner

Emily Hart, soloist

Reception and Welcome of New Member Ashley Sweet

Sponsors: Derek, Laura, and Maisie O'Dell
Lisa Farthing

Nurturing

Celebration of Giving+

Offertory "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"
Anna Krentz

***Doxology, #607** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit, evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Reaching

***Charge and Benediction**

***Hymn of Devotion, #450** (verses 1, 4) "Be Thou My Vision"

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 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"
Healey Willan



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. 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.

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. Thank you to Rhea and Daniel Haner for hosting this morning.

***The rose on the pulpit today celebrates the birth of
Isabel Rose Overacker on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.
Isabel is the daughter of Scott and Paulina Overacker,
granddaughter of Mark and Kathryn Overacker,
great-granddaughter of Jane Renick,
great grandniece of Ann Cecil Renick,
and grandniece of Todd and Sarah Baumgardner.
Congratulations to all!***

Greeters: Beth Allen, Jean Martin

Ushers: Rick Aydlett, Christopher Bircher, Jonathan Fiedler, Seth Kepley

Liturgist: Courtney Hoge

Elder of the Month: Christopher Bircher

Deacon of the Month: Laura O'Dell

Assistant Deacon of the Month: Donna Jones

Sound: Roger Dickenson **Video/Livestream:** Jena Bircher, Gene Collier



In Our Prayers . . .

Church Members: Christine Beck, Tricia Cronise, Mary Jane Fisher, Lynnmarie Hancock, Walter Jones, Jerry Lawson, Joann McElmurray, 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, 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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