



**May 5, 2024**  
**Jazz Sunday**

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# Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples

## Gathering

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

### \*Chiming of the Hour and Entry of God's Holy Word

**Prelude**

"Moanin'"

Bobby Timmons

*Justin Craig, guitar; Tom Floyd, piano; Clarke Grasty, drums*

### Welcome and Covenant Life

**Introit**

"Guide My Feet"

arr. Tom Floyd

### \*We Approach God (adapted from Psalm 92:1-4)

One: To the Lord belongs our heartfelt praise,

**All: here in worship, and every other day.**

One: To God most high, our instruments and voices rise,

**All: to honor the Lord, whose glory fills the skies!**

One: To lute, harp, and lyre,

**All: sounding in ancient times,**

One: let us add piano, guitar, and drums divine,

**All: to mix with sacred rhythms and rhymes.**

One: And now let us approach the Lord,

**All: God most loving, to adore!**

One: And like angels in a holy envoy,

**All: let us sing to God our longings and joy!**

### \*Hymn of Presence and Praise (see insert) "Lord of Each Longing Heart"

### Call to Confession

#### We Confess the Truth About Ourselves *(in unison)*

**Holy God, our lives are an open book to you. You see us at our best and our worst. Sometimes we sing your praise. Sometimes we sing the blues. Sometimes our lives are in syncopation with yours. Sometimes we are a beat ahead, or a beat behind, or totally out of step with you. O God, forgive us. Give us the ability to hear your rhythms, to improvise, when necessary, and to discover again and again the meaning of the miracle each one of us is as a child of yours. Hear our prayer, O God, and restore our discordant notes into a harmonious sound that is pleasing to your ear. This we pray, O God, with thanks for the freedom you give us, the love that you show us, and the lives you call us as instruments of your grace to live. In Jesus name, amen.**

### Words of Forgiveness

**Hymn of New Life, #288** (verses 1-2)

"Spirit of the Living God"

*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.*

**\*Affirmation of the Spirit, #408** (verse 1) "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

### **Teaching**

**Prayer for Illumination** Cheryl Floyd

**A Reading from Acts** Acts 1:1-11 (Pew Bible, NT p. 102)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "All that Jazz" Dr. Kyle Allen

**Anthem** "Man in the Mirror"  
arr. Tom Floyd

*Scott Ramsburg, soloist*

### **Nurturing**

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

**\*Communion Hymn, #835** (verse 1) "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

**Table Blessing and Words of Institution**

**Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

**Communion Meditation** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

**Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** (Hymnal p. 35)

**Celebration of Giving+**

**Offertory** "Here Comes the Sun"  
George Harrison

*Justin Craig, classical guitar*

### **Reaching**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Sending Hymn, #835** (verse 2) "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

**Postlude** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"  
arr. Tom Floyd

*From Tom Floyd –*

What I try to do on Jazz Sunday is find some tune from the jazz or popular repertoire that can have a double meaning. It can apply to love of people, or if you think on it, it can apply to our love and relationship with God as well. "Man in the Mirror" is the perfect example. If you want to change the world, start with changing yourself. The words are very clear and very applicable. So when you listen to music, you can ask yourself how does this apply to my relationship with God? Sometimes it doesn't, sometimes it's profound. But it is another method of acknowledging God in our personal daily walk. I hope the music is received in the spirit of joy and praise.

*Sing to the Lord a new song... Psalm 96:1*



**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](http://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.

**Today we are pleased to welcome our special jazz musicians:** Justin Craig, Tom Floyd, and Clarke Grasty.

**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 Ethel Simmons and Gail Trussell for hosting this morning.

***The rose on the pulpit today celebrates the birth of  
Truit Thatcher Owen on Friday, April 26, 2024.  
Truit is welcomed by parents Thatcher and Zoe Owen,  
and great-grandparents Jim and Linda Eaton.  
Congratulations to all!***

**Greeter:** Jim Ryals

**Ushers:** Joe Gentry, Maggie Moen, Kathryn Overacker, Pete Trussell

**Liturgist:** Cheryl Floyd

**Elder of the Month:** Jeff Cutright

**Deacon of the Month:** Ellen Jones

**Assistant Deacon of the Month:** Rick Cranwell

**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, caregivers, military service members and families

**Family & Friends:** 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, Collins Romeus and family (PCC Pathways student and family), Bob & Betty Sizemore, Ezra Schuyler Soto, Daniel Woodbury, Religious violence against Christians in northeast India

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