



*O praise ye the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary! (Psalm 150:1)*

June 9, 2024
Steel Drum Sunday Worship Celebration

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Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples

Gathering

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

*Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

"Siyahamba/I'll Fly Away"
arr. Brad Shores

Spiritual Steel

Welcome and Covenant Life

Dr. Kyle Allen

*During our morning announcements,
please take time to pass and sign the friendship pads.*

Introit

"O Praise Ye the Lord"
Noel Dexter

Sanctuary Choir and Spiritual Steel

*Call to Worship

One: The scriptures declare:

All: "Rejoice in the Lord always.

One: Again, I say, rejoice."

All: Let us offer our joyful worship to God!

*Hymn of Praise, #611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Ruth Rieger, piano

*You are invited to come forward with your monthly
Hunger Offering during the singing of this hymn.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Lord, we have sinned, and we are sorry. We know better. Please forgive us. Though we let you down, you have the power to lift us up. Lord, in the joy of your love, and the strength of your tender mercy, lift us up, and guide us to reflect your image. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

***Response of Joy, #363** (verse 1)

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

Ruth Rieger, piano

Children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Time with Our Children

***Passing of the Peace**

(Greet one another, "Peace be with you.")

***Response of Joy, #363** (verse 2)

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

Ruth Rieger, piano

Teaching

Prayer for Illumination

Jonathan Fiedler

Old Testament Reading

Leviticus 19:18 (Pew Bible, OT p. 99)

New Testament Reading

Luke 15:20-22 (Pew Bible, NT p. 69)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Homily "The Prodigal's Father" Richard Rudolph
Director of Music

Anthem "The Lord's Prayer"
Island Traditional
Sanctuary Choir and Spiritual Steel

Nurturing

Celebration of Giving+

Offertory "It is Well"
arr. Brad Shores
Spiritual Steel

***Doxology, #614** "Great Are You, Lord"
Ruth Rieger, piano

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

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

Congregational Meeting

Reaching

*Charge and Benediction

***Hymn of Gratitude, #240** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"
Ruth Rieger, piano

Postlude "Oh Happy Day"
arr. Brad Shores
Spiritual Steel

From Richard Rudolph –

The birthplace of steel pans is Trinidad and Tobago, an island of beauty and people from all over the world. Church life there is vibrant and boldly joyful! The sound of worship features the sound of steel pans proclaiming God's love, care, and promises. Our introit and anthem feature compositions and settings by one of the island's premier composers, Noel Dexter. The worship proclamation in music from the island has songs from other countries, arrangements of classical music, as well as standard hymns that we would know, such as our other music selections this morning. Our songs chosen for today reflect a typical service for Sunday worship on the island.



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. **We also have a Parents Room** just outside the Sanctuary, with a changing table and rocking chairs. Please ask an usher if you need assistance. **Children's bulletins and activity bags are available** on the table in Heritage Hall.

Thank you to Richard Rudolph and the Spiritual Steel Drum Ensemble for leading us in musical worship this morning.

We are pleased to welcome Ruth Rieger as our guest pianist today.

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 Linda Kellogg for hosting this morning!

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God by...

Paul and Jinx Weary in honor and celebration of the marriage of their daughter, Kristin, to Ian Prater on Thursday, May 30, 2024, in New York;

Bob and Susan Foard in honor and celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on June 7th. They were married at Covenant in 1964 by Rev. George Fitzgerald.

Greeters: Meg Munton, Tomi Nave

Ushers Lynn McGhee, John Munton, Carl Nave, Paul Weary

Liturgist/Elder of the Month: Jonathan Fiedler

Deacon of the Month: Jennifer Mundorff

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, Jerry Lawson, Joann McElmurray, Lindsey Nanz, 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, Heather Ford, Larry Gray, Jim Haugen, Tyler and Rochelle Holm, Jo Jones (Jennifer Powell's mother), 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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