



"Consider the lilies..." (Mathew 6:28)

# July 28, 2024 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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

**de** "Morning Has Broken" arr. Ray Zubler Barbara Zubler, clarinet; Ray Zubler, bassoon; Ronn Lowe, piano

## Welcome and Covenant Life

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

## Joys and Concerns of the Covenant Family

Introit "A Medley of Faith" arr. Ray Zubler Barbara Zubler, clarinet; Ray Zubler, bassoon; Ronn Lowe, piano

## \*Call to Worship

One:	Rejoice, for the Lord is near.
All:	Do not be anxious about anything.
One:	O magnify the Lord with me,
All:	and let us give God our thanks and praise!

\*Hymn of Praise, #36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Call to Confession, Hymn #175

"Seek Ye First"

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Steadfast God, Calming Presence, why are we in such a hurry? Why are our minds racing with so many worries? Forgive us the ruminations that keep us trapped in the past, over-preoccupied with the present, and fearful of the future. Teach us to lean into your grace, to seek your righteousness, and to rest in your love, your peace, your Son's tender Spirit. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon, Hymn #418 (verse 3)

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

Children are invited to come forward as we sing.

## Time with Our Children

Beth Allen

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

Children ages 2 – 11 may leave for Children's Worship and will return during the last hymn.

# Teaching

## **Prayer for Illumination**

John Fedison

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:25-34 (Pew Bible, NT p. 5-6)

One: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God. \*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

and the life everlasting. Amen

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;

Anthem "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" arr. Mark Weston Ray Zubler, soprano saxophone; Ronn Lowe, piano

#### Nurturing

#### Celebration of Giving+

Offertory "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J. S Bach Barbara Zubler, clarinet; Ray Zubler, alto saxophone; Ronn Lowe, organ

#### \*Doxology

Words by Kyle Allen; Tune: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Praise God with every gift we give! Praise God for every day we live! Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise God who gives us everything. Praise God who makes our spirits sing. O praise God, O thank God, O love God, O serve God, Alleluia.

#### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

#### Reaching

\*Hymn of Devotion, #353 (verses 1, 4) "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

#### \*Charge

\*Benediction, Hymn #20 (verses 1, 4)

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

#### **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

"The Rejoicing" Charles Callahan

#### Ronn Lowe, organ

**Music Notes:** The Introit this morning, "A Medley of Faith," includes "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" is a popular choral piece often heard done in instrumental forms as is today's arrangement by Ray Zubler. Charles Callahan, composer of "The Rejoicing" was an award-winning composer, organist, choral conductor, pianist, and teacher. He has published over 300 works in print. "The Rejoicing" is a very spirited postlude and fun to play. It is popular for weddings as well. ~ Ronn Lowe **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 <u>covenantroanoke.org</u> 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 for assistance if needed. 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 2 to 11.

Thank you to Barbara and Ray Zubler for sharing their musical talents with us this morning. They both have degrees in Music Education and have participated in performing wide varieties of inspirational instrumental music for many years. Ray is an adjunct faculty member at Washington and Lee University for Applied Saxophone and Jazz Improvisation. He has been composing, arranging, and transcribing music for many years and enjoys customizing music for Covenant Presbyterian and other worship services to take advantage of the specific and unique talents of the various performers.

**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 Mary Jo Glick and Betty Young for hosting this morning!

#### The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ronn Lowe in celebration of his birthday on July 31st.

Ushers: Rick Aydlett, Christopher Bircher, Jonathan Fiedler, Seth Kepley Greeters: Jean Martin, Beth Allen Elder of the Month: Sandra Ryals Deacon of the Month: Teri Ponton Assistant Deacon of the Month: Lindsey Nanz 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:** Greg Adcox (brother of our sexton, Rob Adcox), Rob Ahlers, Lowell Bashlor, Jr., Kenneth Benner, Mike Cummings, Patrick Dooley, Maria Dreiling, Cesia Enriquez, Heather Ford, Larry Gray, Jo Jones, Pauline Mudrick, Bob & Betty Sizemore, Ezra Schuyler Soto, Beth Anne Slone, Daniel Woodbury; Religious violence against Christians in northeast India; Mission co-workers Tyler & Rochelle Holm and the people of Malawi, Jim McGill (Niger)

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