



“Take, eat; this is my body.” (Matthew 26:26)

July 7, 2024
The Seventh 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

"Praeludium and Fuge"
Vincent Lübeck

Welcome and Covenant Life

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

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Introit

"Thank God, I Am Free"
arr. Mosie Lister

*John McMillen, Mary Jane McMillen,
Jennifer Mundorff, Mark Overacker*

*Call to Worship

One: The invitation to worship the Living God,
to hear God's word,
and celebrate the sacred supper, is this:

All: **Come, taste and see that the Lord is good,
for blessed are all who take refuge in him!**

*Hymn of Praise, #65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving Lord, you bless us day by day. You gladden our hearts. You give us rest when we are weary and lead us down paths that sharpen our focus on you. When we disregard your presence, fail to cherish our blessings, are wearied with worry, forgive us. Like a loving Parent, guide us to live with integrity, to look for the good in others, to persevere in time of trouble, to remain calm when tested, and to discover the joy that awaits us just around the corner. Hear our prayer, O God, for you are the Lord, Giver of Mercy. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness, Hymn #441 (verse 1)

"Hear the Good News of Salvation"

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

Teaching

Prayer for Illumination

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"
Mark Butler

*John McMillen, Mary Jane McMillen,
Jennifer Mundorff, Mark Overacker*

Gospel Reading

Sherry Moran
Matthew 26:26-29 (Pew Bible, NT p. 26)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

"A Holy Hug"

Dr. Kyle Allen

Nurturing

Celebration of Holy Communion

***Communion Hymn, #552** (verses 1, 3) "I Am the Bread of Life"
Jewel Aagaad, cantor

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Sacrament of Grace

Communion Meditation

"Sweet Hour of Prayer/Great Is the Lord"
Michael W. Smith, Jay Rouse
Ronn Lowe, piano

Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

(Hymnal p. 35)

Celebration of Giving+

Offertory

"Don't You Want to Go to Heaven"
arr. Robin and Linda Williams
*John McMillen, Mary Jane McMillen,
Jennifer Mundorff, Mark Overacker*

Reaching

***Closing Hymn, #688** (verses 1, 5)

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

***Charge**

***Benediction, Hymn #541** (verse 3)

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

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

"Trumpet Voluntary"
Gordon Young

Music Notes: "Praeludium und Fuge" begins with a big pedal run (which means pedal only, not hands). Vincent Lübeck's music was similar to Bach, but he was not nearly as famous; although his music was very complex, most of it did not survive. It is unfortunate because they are fun to play, and pleasant to listen to.

Jay Rouse is a premier composer in Christian music. He spent over ten years as musical director and accompanist for Sandi Patti. As you will hear today, his rich harmonies and interpretations of familiar songs are present and very beautiful.

Gordon Young (1919-1998) was an American composer and organist who wrote many compositions for organ and choral as well. The trumpet tune played at the postlude will use both trumpets on our organ at Covenant. One is simply called Trumpet; the other is called Tromba. The Tromba is the loudest one. – *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 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 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.

You are invited to share your Joys and Concerns by writing them in the book on the stand outside the sanctuary. These will be included in the Prayers of the People during our worship service. (If you have a concern of a personal nature, please speak with the pastor or contact the office.)

Special thanks to John and Mary Jane McMillen, Jennifer Mundorff, and Mark Overacker for sharing their musical talents with us in worship 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 Maggie Moen and Harriet Snead for hosting this morning!

We extend our sympathy and prayers to Dick and Joyce Frahm on the passing of Dick's beloved sister, Phyllis Frahm Wharton, on Monday, June 24, 2024, in Redmond, Washington.

The flowers in the chancel today are given by Joyce Woods to the glory of God, in memory of her husband, Gene Woods, on the anniversary of his death, and in memory of her daughter, Deborah Woods Guthrie, whose birthday is July 8.

Ushers/Greeters:

Joe Gentry, Maggie Moen, Kathryn Overacker, Pete Trussell

Liturgist: Sherry Moran

Elder of the Month: Sandra Ryals

Deacon of the Month: Teri Ponton

Assistant Deacon of the Month: Lindsay Nanz

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