



**September 29, 2024**  
**Nineteenth 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**

"Trumpet Tune"  
Raymond Weidner

### Welcome and Announcements

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

**Joys and Concerns of the Covenant Family**

Dr. Kyle Allen

**Introit**

"Holy Manna"  
arr. Joel Raney

*Parker Lankford, drums; Ronn Lowe, piano; Richard Rudolph, bass*

### \*Call to Worship

One: A wandering people wondered  
what their new life would be like, and Moses said:

**All: You shall love the Lord with all your heart.**

One: Generations later, leaders argued over  
which rules were most important, and Jesus reminded them:

**All: You shall love the Lord with all your soul.**

One: And in this world that often feels so broken,  
we recognize God's call:

**All: You shall love the Lord with all your might.**

One: With heart, soul, and might, let us worship God.

### \*Opening Hymn, #35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Holy God, you have been faithful, yet we have not loved you with our whole hearts. You are the giver of all good things, yet we have failed to live in thanksgiving. You showed us how to love our fellow human beings, yet we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We neglect your word, we fail to meditate on your law, we forget to speak with you, we make plans without turning to you, we do things that we know are wrong. Turn us back to you, O God, that we may follow your commandments. Lead us in the ways of love, gratitude, and grace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

**Response of Praise, Hymn #741** (verses 1, 4)

"Guide My Feet"

*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.*

**\*Affirmation of Grace, Hymn #741** (verse 5)

"Guide My Feet"

## Teaching

**Prayer for Illumination**

Kathryn Overacker

**Scripture Reading** Deuteronomy 6:1-12 (Pew Bible, OT p. 152)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Taking Care" Rev. Rachel Vogado

**\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed** (*in unison*)

**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;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Welcome of New Members** Robert and Barbara Taylor  
Sponsor: Betty Young

**Anthem** "Tune Our Hearts to Sing"  
Mary McDonald  
*Roger Dickenson, guitar; Parker Lankford drums; Ronn Lowe, piano;  
John McMillen, mandolin; Richard Rudolph, bass; Virginia Willis, violin*

### ***Nurturing***

**Celebration of Giving**

**Offertory** "Appalachian Waltz"  
Mark O'Connor  
*Virginia Willis, violin*

**\*Doxology, #714** (verses 1, 3) "God of the Fertile Fields"

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

### ***Reaching***

**\*Hymn #330** "Our Help Is in the Name of God (Psalm 124)"

**\*Charge**

**\*Benediction, Hymn #648** "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

**Congregational Meeting**

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**Music Notes from Ronn Lowe:** Raymond Weidner, an American choral conductor, organist, and composer, was born in Philadelphia and grew up in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He began piano lessons age 6 and organ at 14, studying under David Ulrich of Philadelphia. At 16 he performed on the famous Wanamaker organ in Philadelphia, and during his high school years, he studied with Reginald Lunt in Lancaster, having won the chapter's Young Artist's Competition in 1969. Raymond Weidner has taught composition at Lynchburg College and Sweet Briar College and is currently Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg. His personal interests include drawing, painting, building furniture, and classic British sports cars. He and his wife Margie, a singer and professional music teacher, have two adult sons.

**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). 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 our wonderful musicians for sharing their talents with us in worship this morning:** Roger Dickenson (guitar), Parker Lankford (drums), John McMillen (mandolin), and Virginia Willis (violin).

**Join us for Mingle and Munch!** After worship, all are welcome to gather in Heritage Hall (the entrance area) to visit with church members and guests while enjoying light refreshments. Thank you to Gene Collier and Jim and Linda Eaton for hosting this morning!

**We extend our sympathy and prayers to  
Jim and Linda Eaton, Ron and Nety Reeker, and family,  
on the passing of Linda and Nety's mother,  
Louella "Lou" Starcher, on Sunday, September 22, 2024, in Roanoke.  
A private family service will be held in West Virginia.**

**Elder of the Month:** Gene Collier

**Deacon of the Month:** Scott Ramsburg

**Assistant Deacon of the Month:** Kevin Aagaard



**In Our Prayers . . . Church Members:** Christine Beck, Tricia Cronise, Mary Jane Fisher, Dick Frahm, Lynnmarie Hancock, Jerry Lawson, Mike Miller, Lindsey Nanz, Ann Cecil Renick, Carol Ryan, June and Forrest Smith, Jo Wilson, caregivers, military service members and families

**Family & Friends:** Greg Adcox, Rob Ahlers, Audrey Bashlor, Lowell Bashlor, Jr., Kenneth Benner, Mike Cummings, Patrick Dooley, Maria Dreiling, Cesia Enriquez, Heather Ford, Jim Haugen, Jo Jones, Pauline Mudrick, Kathy Roberts, Bob & Betty Sizemore, Ezra Schuyler Soto, Joe Wallace, 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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