



**September 8, 2024**  
**Rally Day**

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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** Movement 1 from "Sonata de Concert"  
Michel Rondeau, Georg P. Telemann  
*Chris Magee, trumpet; Ronn Lowe, organ*

### Welcome and Announcements

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

### Joys and Concerns of the Covenant Family

**Introit** Fanfare and Concerto on "O Worship the King"  
arr. Jon Paige/Brad Nix  
*Sanctuary Choir*  
*John Garmin, timpani; Chris Magee, trumpet; Ronn Lowe, organ*

### \*Call to Worship and Hymn of Praise, #643 "Now Thank We All our God"

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

### Time of Confession and Affirmation of Forgiveness

One: Let us confess our mistakes and sins  
in the presence of God and one another.

**Many: God of mercy, we are sorry that we have not always done  
what you wanted us to do.**

**We have not loved you with all our heart,  
and we have not cared enough for other people.**

**Forgive us.**

One: God forgives you. Forgive others. Forgive yourself.  
God is good!

**Response, Hymn #658** (verses 1-2) "God Is So Good"

*Children are invited to come forward as we sing.*

### Time with Our Children

**Scripture Readings** 2 Corinthians 9:10-15 (Pew Bible, NT p. 162)  
Galatians 6: 7-10 (Pew Bible, NT p. 168)

**A Blessing Shared** Lisa Farthing

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

**Response, Hymn #658** (verses 3-4) "God Is So Good"

### Blessing of the Backpacks

**Hymn of Intention** (see insert) "Every Day Begins with You"

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

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**Hymn of Intention**

“Every Day Begins with You”

*Tune: “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”  
Words by Dr. Kyle Allen*

***God of love and God of learning,  
every day begins with you.  
In your mercy you sustain us;  
and your blessings come anew.  
Fill us with your Spirit guiding;  
lead us in your gracious ways.  
Make of us a holy people,  
serving you from day to day.***

***As this summer turns to fall,  
call us to explore new things:  
that will grow our hearts to love you,  
and our voices thus to sing.  
Teach your church to pray and trust you,  
how to share your love and peace.  
With your Spirit working in us:  
help us make all conflict cease.***

***Unto you we pledge our living,  
unto you we sing our praise.  
Teach us all to be more like you,  
gracious donor of our days.  
Make of us a church committed  
to your ways of truth and grace.  
And in every new beginning,  
let us seek your holy face.***

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## Teaching

**A Blessing Shared** Sharon Nanz

**Homily** "Plant a Seed and Harvest Blessings" Jewel Aagaard  
Director of Faith Formation

**Anthem** Concertato on "Holy, Holy, Holy"  
arr. Patrick Liebergen

*Sanctuary Choir*  
*John Garmin, timpani; Chris Magee, trumpet; Ronn Lowe, organ*

## Nurturing

**Celebration of Giving** Dr. Kyle Allen

**Offertory** Bourree from "Suite in D Major"  
Jean-Francois Taillard, G. F. Handel  
*Chris Magee, trumpet; Ronn Lowe, organ*

**\*Doxology, #648** "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

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

## Reaching

**\*Hymn of Thanksgiving, #644** (verses 1, 3-4)  
"Give Thanks O Christian People"

**\*Charge**

**\*Benediction** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"  
arr. William Stickles

## 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** Overture from "Suite in D Major"  
Jean-Francois Taillard, G. F. Handel  
*Chris Magee, trumpet; Ronn Lowe, organ*

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**Music Notes from Ronn Lowe:** Georg P. Telemann (1681-1767) was considered by his contemporaries to be one of the leading German composers of the time. He was compared favorably to his friend Johann Sebastian Bach, who made Telemann the godfather and namesake of his son Carl Philipp Emanuel, and to George Frideric Handel, whom Telemann also knew personally. Jean-François Taillard is a very active musical arranger, providing arrangements for diverse brass or chamber ensembles, as well as renowned orchestras such as the Baltimore Symphony, the Rundfunk-Symphonie-Orchester Berlin, the Bolshoi Orchestra, the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, the Kammerorchester Basel, the Cappella Gabetta, and the Sinfonieorchester Basel.

**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.)

**Today we welcome the musical talents of John Garmin (timpani) and Chris Magee (trumpet).**

**After worship all are welcome to gather in Heritage Hall** (the entrance area) to visit with church members and guests. **Please join the Women's Bible Study group in celebrating 40 years of learning and friendship with special refreshments.** Thank you to Sharon Nanz for hosting.

*The flowers in the chancel today are given by Betty Young to the glory of God and with thanks to her Covenant family for the care, love, and prayers in supporting her this past year through her two knee surgeries. "Y'all are the best!"*

**Elder of the Month:** Gene Collier

**Deacon of the Month:** Scott Ramsburg

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



#### **In Our Prayers . . .**

**Church Members:** Christine Beck, Tricia Cronise, Mary Jane Fisher, Dick Frahm, Lynnmarie Hancock, Jerry Lawson, 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, Larry Gray, Jim Haugen, Jo Jones, Pauline Mudrick, Kathy Roberts, Bob & Betty Sizemore, Ezra Schuyler Soto, Beth Anne Slone, 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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