



*Winter, Spring, Summer, or Fall,
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.*

October 13, 2024
Twenty-first 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 God's Holy Word

Prelude

Fantasia on "Westminster Abbey"
Dom Andrew Moore

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

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
arr. Joseph M. Martin/Brant Adams

*Call to Worship

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**All: and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.**

One: Great is God's faithfulness!

All: Come, let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn of Praise, #39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*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)

God of merciful and abundant blessings, you call us to live faithfully, to give generously, to pray regularly, to speak kindly, and to act ethically. We strive to answer your call, but quite often miss the mark. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. In your love, redeem us. In your Spirit, lead us. Tend the gardens of our souls, and grow them to be ever, only, all for you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Song of Honor, Hymn #630 (verse 1)

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

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.*

Song of Glory, Hymn #630 (verse 3)

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Teaching

Prayer for Illumination

Lisa Farthing

Old Testament Readings

Isaiah 41:8-10 (Pew Bible, OT p. 628)
Lamentations 3:19-24 (Pew Bible, OT p. 723-724)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***An Affirmation of Faith¹** *(in unison)*

**This is your world, your garden, Creator God.
 A poem that is being written,
 not in words, but in colors.
 In gentle breezes and soaring birds,
 in leaves changing and snowflakes falling,
 in seeds growing and sunlight shining.
 This is your garden, Creator God,
 a world of beauty beyond understanding.
 We thank you, and commend ourselves to you
 for its safekeeping, morning by morning. Amen.**

Anthem

"Holy and Mighty"
 Pepper Choplin

Nurturing**Celebration of Giving****Offertory**

"The God of Abraham Praise"
 Richard Proulx

***Doxology, #54** (verses 1-2)

"Make a Joyful Noise to God! (Psalm 66)"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(Hymnal p. 35)

Reaching***Hymn of Devotion, #652**

"A Grateful Heart (Psalm 111)"

***Charge and Benediction**

"Go Now in Peace"
 Natalie Sleeth

Covenant Kids, Choir and Congregation

**Go now in peace, go now in peace,
 may the Love of God surround you.
 Ev'rywhere, ev'rywhere, you may go.**

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

Introduction, Fughetta, and Hymn on "Rise Up, O Church of God!"
 James Pethel

Music Notes from Ronn Lowe: Fantasia on "Westminster Abbey" is a powerful hymn found in our *Glory to God* hymnal (#394). Today's arrangement starts with a Trumpet solo stop on the organ; you will hear the melody at times, and later the regular hymn tune in basic 4 parts. Andrew Moore was born in London and studied at the Royal Academy of Music and Cambridge University. He is a composer, conductor, arranger, and a Benedictine monk, known for his liturgical and organ music.

Richard Proulx served as a consultant on several important hymnals, including *The Hymnal 1982* of the Episcopal Church, the *United Methodist Hymnal* and the Roman Catholic hymnals *Worship II* (1975) and *Worship III* (1986). He has a long association with Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, and has made several recordings with The Cathedral Singers, a professional chorus which he founded in 1991. His anthem "We Adore You, O Christ" has received the Raabe Prize for Excellence in Sacred Composition from the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians.

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. 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.)

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 Beth and Elizabeth Allen for hosting this morning!

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, 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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