



*“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.”
(Maya Angelou)*

October 20, 2024
Twenty-second 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

"A Welsh Tryptych"

John William Jones

Julee Hickcox, flute; Ronn Lowe, organ

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

Introduction of Our Guest Speaker

Teresa Wulff

Introit

"Walk by Faith"

J. Paul Williams/Joel Raney

Sanctuary Choir; Clarke Grasty, drums; Ronn Lowe, piano;

Scott Ramsburg, keyboard; Richard Rudolph, bass

*Call to Worship and Hymn of Praise, #657

"Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness (Psalm 147)"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession¹ (in unison)

O God, hear our prayer. So often we come to you at a loss – at a loss for the right words, the right deeds, the right feelings. We know all is not right, but we cannot say with certainty what is wrong. There are deep divisions between us and others. There are too many who live in poverty and fear. There are too many hurtful stories, and not enough hopeful ones. So, we pray to you, O Lord of Love, our Creator and Redeemer, to make things right, and to make us right with you and each other. Turn us around from that which diminishes life, and move us toward that which gives life, that which heals and brings joy. For you are the Holy One who holds the incredible promise and the life-giving power to make all things new. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

A Cry for Doing Justice, Hymn #766 (verse 1)

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

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.*

*A Response of Showing Kindness, Hymn #766

 (verse 4)

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

Teaching

Prayer for Illumination

Teri Ponton

Epistle Reading

James 2:14-17 (Pew Bible, NT p. 203)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.**Sermon** "Building Bridges: Pathways Out of Poverty" Dr. Kyle AllenNicole Jennings, Executive Director
Presbyterian Community Center***An Affirmation of Faith** – from "A Brief Statement of Faith (*in unison*)

**In a broken and fearful world,
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.**

Anthem

"I Speak Jesus"

arr. Cliff Duren

*Sanctuary Choir; Clarke Grasty, drums; Ronn Lowe, piano;
Scott Ramsburg, keyboard; Richard Rudolph, bass*

Nurturing**Call for the Offering****Offertory**

"Hope"

Povilas Syrrist Gelgota

*Julee Hickcox, flute****Doxology, #716** (verse 1)

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(Hymnal p. 35)

Reaching***Hymn of Commitment, #767**

"Together We Serve"

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

"Alleluia"

W. A. Mozart/Jack Schrader

Julee Hickcox, flute; Ronn Lowe, organ

Music Notes from Ronn Lowe: "A Welsh Tryptych" begins with a 6th century antiphon "Crucem Sanctum," then moves to a popular tune "The Ash Grove(Let All Things Now Living)" from the 19th century. It concludes with a Welsh air, "David of the White Rock," originally written for harp by blind harpist David Owen as he lay on his deathbed in the town of Caernarfonshire, Wales. This collection of Welsh tunes are delightful to play, and I am grateful for my amazing and talented friend Julee Hickcox to perform these with me today.

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.

We are so pleased to welcome back guest musician Julee Hickcox from the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra to enhance our worship with the beautiful sound of her flute. **Special thanks to Clarke Grasty and Scott Ramsburg** for sharing their musical talents with us this morning.

Mingle and Munch – Please join us in Heritage Hall after worship to greet Nicole Jennings and enjoy light refreshments and fellowship. Thank you to Lisa Farthing and Jennifer Mundorff for hosting today.

**We extend our sympathy and prayers to
Pranav and Orfa Singh and family on the passing of
Orfa's beloved mother, Marina Cruz,
on Sunday, October 13, 2024, in Lima Peru.**

**The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the life of Marina Cruz.
May the family feel the love and prayers of
Orfa and Pranav's Covenant family.**

Elder of the Month: Lisa Farthing

Deacon of the Month: Teri Ponton

Assistant Deacon of the Month: Jinx Weary



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, Jackie Rose (Sandra Bryan's nephew), 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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