



**June 1, 2025**  
**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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# Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples

## Gathering

*\*Please stand as you are able*

### \*Chiming of the Hour and Presentation of the Word

#### Prelude

"The Strife Is O'er"  
Lani Smith

*Chris Magee, trumpet; 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

#### Introit

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"  
arr. Larry Shackley

*Sanctuary Choir; Chris Magee, trumpet; Ronn Lowe, organ*

### \*Call to Worship

One: The Spirit of God bids us, "Come and worship!"

**All: Let everyone who hears within their hearts  
come and rejoice in the Holy One.**

One: Hear the whole earth rejoice  
and creation sing of God's steadfast love.

**All: We give thanks for God who sets us free!**

One: In God's Oneness,

**All: may we see our need for unity.**

One: In the Three-in-One,

**All: may we see our need for community.**

One: In God's creativity,

**All: may we see our need for diversity.**

One: Let us worship God!

### \*Hymn #365

"God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!"

#### Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession *(unison prayer)*

God of all people, we stand before you as your disciples, seeking to respond to your call with faith. But we have not dared to trust you fully. We have not expected your promises to be fulfilled among us. Instead, we have guarded our own interests, relied on limited understandings and lingering doubts, and settled for a lukewarm relationship that we cultivate when it is most convenient. Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose. Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future. Draw us closer to you. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Make our lives examples of your steadfast love for your people. Amen.

#### Declaration of Forgiveness

### \*Passing of the Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Children are invited to come forward.*

#### Time with Our Children

Jewel Agaard, Director of Faith Formation

#### Hymn #515

"I Come with Joy"

## Teaching

#### Prayer for Illumination

Rhea Haner

#### Old Testament Reading

Psalms 97 (Pew Bible, OT p. 514)

**Gospel Reading**

John 17:20-26 (Pew Bible, NT p. 98)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God****Sermon**

"Love Made Known"

Rev. Rachel H. Vogado

**Anthem**

"The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)"

arr. Jay Rouse

*Sanctuary Choir; Tom Floyd, keyboard; Clarke Grasty, drums;**Jeff Hofmann, bass; Ronn Lowe, piano;**Chris Magee, trumpet; Scott Ramsburg, keyboard***Nurturing****Communion****Invitation to the Table****Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.****Words of Institution****Sharing the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation****Communion Meditation**

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Richard Cummins

**Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Hymnal p. 35

**Celebration of Giving+****Offertory**

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Sue Mitchell-Wallace

**\*Doxology, #609**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!**Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Alleluia, Alleluia!**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***\*Prayer of Dedication****Reaching****\*Hymn 772**

"Live into Hope"

**\*Charge and Benediction****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**

"Make a Joyful Noise"

Alan Viner

*Music Notes from Ronn Lowe:* The original lyrics for "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" were written in German in 1771 by Catholic priest Ignaz Franz as a paraphrase of the Te Deum. The Te Deum is a Christian hymn in Latin from the 4th century. It became an inherent part of major Christian ceremonial occasions, mainly as a conclusion song. Due to its memorable melody and theme, it is one of the most popular hymns and prevalent in German-speaking communities. With German emigration in the 19th century, the song became known in the US. It was translated into English by Clarence A. Walworth in 1858 (except verse 7, translated by Hugh T. Henry), which accounted for its wide spread around the country. One last highlight for today is our communion meditation, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence," composed by Richard Cummins, who was very special to my life as my teacher of organ upon graduating from college.

**Welcome!** We are blessed to have you join our worship today and we hope to see you again soon! More information about Covenant is available on our website: [covenantroanoke.org](http://covenantroanoke.org). You can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. 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!** We want all of God's children to feel comfortable in our sanctuary, and children are always welcome in our worship services. If you so choose, a professionally staffed nursery is available for children ages 3 and younger. Please ask an usher for assistance. **We also have a Parents Room** just outside the Sanctuary with a changing table, rocking chairs, and toys. **You will find special children's bulletins and activity bags** on the table in Heritage Hall. **Children's Worship is offered** during the second half of the service for children ages 4 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.)

**The Elder of the Month will stand with Rev. Rachel as she greets attendees following the worship service.** If you have any questions, concerns, or would like more information about Session or Covenant, please reach out to the Elder of the Month or any of the active serving Elders.

**We are pleased to welcome our friends Chris Magee on trumpet and Jeff Hofman on bass.** Special thanks to Tom Floyd, Clarke Grasty, and Scott Ramsburg for sharing their musical talents with us this morning.

**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 Daniel and Rhea Haner for hosting this morning!**

***The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by  
Jim and Linda Eaton to the glory of God and in celebration of  
their 57th wedding anniversary today. Congratulations!***

**Elder of the Month:** Pranav Singh  
**Deacon of the Month:** Sherry Moran  
**Assistant Deacon of the Month:** Jennifer Mundorff



**In Our Prayers...**

**Congregation:** Pamela Alden, Audrey Bashlor, Todd Baumgardner, Mary Jane Fisher, Dick Frahm, Lynnmarie Hancock, Marion Kepley, Jerry Lawson, Ronn Lowe, Lindsey Nanz, Carol Ryan, Brian Slack, June and Forrest Smith, Bob Taylor, Paul Weary, Jo Wilson, Hensley Woods, Jr., Betty Young, Ray Zubler, caregivers, military service members and families

**Family & Friends:** Greg Adcox, Rob Ahlers, Lowell Bashlor, Jr., Kenneth Benner, Mike Cummings, Patrick Dooley, Maria Dreiling, Cesia Enriquez, Heather Ford, Larry Ford, Debbie Helms, Jo Jones, Pauline Mudrick, Ezra Schuyler Soto, Judy Talley, 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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