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Fourth 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

"This Joyful Eastertide"
Keith Kolander

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

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
arr. Hal H. Hopson

*Call to Worship

One: Arise, people of God, to greet the one who calls us;
come alive to the Spirit's energy among us.

**All: God awakens us and restores our souls.
God's goodness and mercy are with us here.**

One: The shepherd is calling us to new ventures.
We are invited to a new way of living.

**All: We will not fear to walk through shadowed valleys.
God's love in Christ is with us everywhere.**

One: Come to drink from springs of living water.
Gather to find comfort and blessing here.

**All: Surely God will guide our search for truth.
Help us to hear God clearly as we seek to follow.**

One: God invites us to come in and go out and find pasture:

**All: to come into the kingdom, into abundant life, into the light;
to go out to serve, out to live our faith,
out to be the Body of Christ.**

*Hymn #268

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison prayer)*

**Shepherding God, because we did not listen, because we ignored your voice
and ignored your will for our lives, we failed you time and time again in our
thoughts, in our words, in our deeds. Forgive us. We confess that we have
strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have
dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways.
We live in fear rather than faith. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive
others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

Children are invited to come forward.

Time with Our Children

Jewel Aagaard, Director of Faith Formation

*Children ages 4 – 11 may leave for Children's Worship
and will return during the last hymn.*

*Hymn #803

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Teaching

Prayer for Illumination

Sandra Ryals

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 23 (Pew Bible, OT p. 464)

Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30 (Pew Bible, NT pp. 90-91)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Voice Recognition"

Rev. Rachel H. Vogado

Anthem

"Gentle Shepherd"

arr. Russell Mauldin

***Affirmation of Faith** (The Apostles' Creed)

**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.**

Nurturing

Celebration of Giving+

Offertory

"Shepherd Me, O God"

Jeffrey Honoré

***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**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession with the Lord's Prayer

Reaching

***Hymn #187**

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

***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

"Partita on "Diademata (Crown Him with Many Crowns)"
Charles Callahan

Music Notes from Ronn Lowe Happy 4th Sunday of Easter! Today's Prelude continues our Easter celebration with the hymn "This Joyful Eastertide." Did you know the Prelude is the beginning of worship? This time after the chiming of the hour sets the tone for worship and invites you to have a quiet moment, meditate, and prepare for this time with God. The music can be serene or powerful! *I love what I do and thank you for the many blessings that you share when my music is meaningful to you. Best, Ronn*

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. 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.

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 Cheryl Floyd for hosting today.**

The flowers in the chancel today are given by Frank and Karen Burchinal to the glory of God, and in honor and celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary today. Congratulations!

Elder of the Month: Sandra Ryals
Deacon of the Month: Jennifer Mundorff
Assistant Deacon of the Month: Linda Thomas

In Our Prayers...



Congregation: Pamela Alden, Audrey Bashlor, Todd Baumgardner, Mary Jane Fisher, Dick Frahm, Lynnmarie Hancock, Marion Kepley, Jerry Lawson, 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, Reid Ammen, 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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