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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples

Gathering

**Please stand as you are able*

*As the prelude begins, we invite you to enter a time of reflection.
Let the music settle your spirit, set aside the distractions of the week,
and prepare your heart to encounter God.*

Prelude

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
arr. Norman Johnson

Covenant Jazz Band

Welcome and Covenant Life

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

Gathering Praise

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
arr. Bill Carter/Tom McCoy

Covenant Jazz Band

*Call to Worship

One: Come into the presence of God to be fed.
Come to call on God, who is eager to answer!

**All: We gather to seek God's face.
Let our eyes see all that is right and true.**

One: Incline your ears to hear all God would teach.
Seek to experience God's steadfast love.

**All: God is ear to all who call and seek.
Open all our senses to pay close attention, O God.**

One: God welcomes us with songs of steadfast love
and words of everlasting life.

Whether we come with joy or sorrow,
confidence or doubt, gratitude or longing,
**All: God invites every part of our lives into this holy conversation.
Let us worship the Lord with all that we are!**

*Hymn #15

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison prayer)*

Faithful God, you invite us into a relationship that is honest, life-giving, and rooted in your love. Yet we often hide from you instead of drawing near. We bring you polished words instead of truthful hearts. We try to appear strong rather than confess our need. We become distracted by the noise around us and lose sight of your presence. We fail to trust your wisdom, neglect your call to love, and turn away from the life you desire for us. Forgive us and plant us again beside the streams of your grace. Prune away all that keeps us from bearing the fruit of your Spirit. Teach us, through the songs of your people and the life of your Son, to trust you more deeply, pray more honestly, and walk more faithfully. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Word

Time with Our Children

Jewel Agaard, Director of Faith Formation

Hymn #525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"
Prayer for Illumination Matt Miller
New Testament Reading John 15:1-5 (Pew Bible, NT pp. 95-96)
Old Testament Reading Psalm 1 (Pew Bible, OT p. 452)
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**
Sermon "Psalm Speak" Rev. Rachel H. Vogado
Response of Praise "Jesus Loves Me"
arr. Tom Floyd
Covenant Jazz Band

Responding

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 Meditations

Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Hymnal p. 35

Celebration of Giving+

Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"
arr. Tom Floyd

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***Doxology, #607** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sending

***Hymn #729** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

"Guide My Feet"
arr. Tom Floyd

Covenant Jazz Band

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 at 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 downstairs.** Please ask an usher for assistance if needed. **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.

No Children's Worship today: Our young worshipers are invited to pick a frame to draw a picture of something they are thankful for and place them in the basket on the communion table during the offering.

You are invited to share your Joys and Concerns by writing them in the book on the stand outside the sanctuary. 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 Pastor 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.

Thank you to our Covenant Jazz Band for leading us in musical worship today: Roger Dickenson, guitar; Tom Floyd, piano; Clarke Grasty, drums; Jeff Hofmann, bass; Ray Zubler, saxophone. **We are so pleased to welcome back our Sanctuary Choir** following their well-deserved summer break!

Join us for Mingle and Munch! After worship all are invited to gather in Heritage Hall to visit with church members and guests while enjoying light refreshments. **Special thanks to Ray Zubler for hosting today!**

Elder of the Month: Matt Miller

Deacon of the Month: Mike Whitehead

Assistant Deacon of the Month: Bob Taylor

We extend our sympathy and prayers to Charlie and Ethel Simmons and family on the passing of Charlie's beloved brother, Michael Simmons, on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, in San Antonio.

The sanctuary flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Cooper, a "doggone" good and much-loved member of our Covenant faith community. Thank you, Cooper, for all the joy, love, and laughter you shared with us over these last 12 years. We will miss you! May you rest in peace.



In Our Prayers...

Congregation: The Simmons Family, Hensley Woods, Jr.

Family & Friends: Thelma Strother, Philip White, Doug Wilson

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