



When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Genesis 3:6

**"I've Fallen, and I Can't Get Up!"**

(Genesis 3:1-13)



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**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

June 17, 2018

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Pastor..... The Rev. Vennie Bolden, Jr.

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## We Assemble in God's Name

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Words from Scripture

Matthew 11: 28-29

Chimes

\*Preparation for Worship

Leader: O God, you summon the day to begin,  
you teach the morning to awaken.

People: For you, even the valleys will sing,  
even the trees will clap their hands.

Leader: O God, for you the leaders of this earth shall bow  
while the poor and persecuted shout for joy.

People: Like the freshness of morning and the confidence in each  
new day, your love and mercy shall last forever.

Leader: O God, great is your name!

ALL: O God, great is your love! Amen.

Gathering in Song (seated) "Come and Go With Me" (cover)

\*Call to Worship (unison)

As we gather in this place, remind us that when we fall, we can get back up again, when we hurt, we can find healing, and when we worship the Lord we can find peace. We worship to remind us of God's steadfast love and commitment to joy. Let us praise hallelujah joy to the name of the Lord, let us sing with loud voices, let us love with large hearts, let us hope with high expectations, for God is great and worthy to be praised. Amen.



## **Welcome and Recognition of Visitors**

### **\* Passing of the Peace +**

**Pastor:** May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

**People:** *Peace be with you! Let us now share the peace of God with one another.*

(Congregation greets one another, exchanging words of peace.)

## **Announcements and Celebrations**

**Special Music**     *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*     The Choir

### **Invitation to Prayer (unison)**

When we go before God, we must ask ourselves: are we honest about the mistakes we have made? Are we honest about how we have treated one another or how poorly we have cared for others? Are we honest with ourselves about ourselves? It is in this spirit of honest reflection that we offer our prayers to the Lord.

### **Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

*All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**Prayer Response**                     *"In His Time"*                     # 465

## **We Proclaim God's Word**

**Scripture Lesson**                     Genesis 3:1-13                     page 4

**Special Music**                     *"Yes, God is Real"*                     The Choir

**Prayer for Illumination**                     The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

**Sermon**                                     *"I've Fallen and I Can't Get Up"*

## **We Respond to God's Word**

**\*Hymn of Commitment**     *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"* # 427

**\*An Affirmation of Faith**                     *from "A Brief Statement of Faith"*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

\* **Gloria Patri** ..... "Glory Be to the Father" .....# 623

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.*

### The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

**Offertory (unison):** Hallelujah and praises to your name! Lord, we thank you for this day of opportunity to live our lives in full hope and expectation that comes from You. Lord, we are thankful and we are grateful for the blessings you have given to us and we are glad that we can return some of your goodness to the church, to be used for the building of Your kingdom. In Jesus' name; Amen.

\* **Choral Response**

*All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee.*

## **We Go in God's Name**

**Charge and Benediction**

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

**We Carry Our Light Into the World**

*"What a Mighty God We Serve" (insert)*

\*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated



## Congregational Prayer and Pastoral Concerns

- For our nation and its leadership**, for President Trump, for our state and local officials, and those elected to national office— for wisdom and compassion, for a spirit of cooperation and the overcoming of barriers; for a capacity to seek the greater good instead of personal gain; *for children who are separated from their parents*
- For the leaders of other countries**, and the efforts of all who seek to bring peace to the world—for North and South Korea; for Iran; for Israel/Palestine; for Syria; for The Congo
- For our enemies**, both personal and national, including terrorists
- For our pastor and his family**; for our ministry together
- For unity in the Church**, cooperation among denominations, for people of other faiths and for those who have no faith
- For all who mourn** the deaths of loved ones and friends: for victims of violence: *for people in our own Roanoke & SW Virginia region*; victims of mass shootings; survivors of recent tornadoes in our region and other communities dealing with the aftermath of both natural disasters and manmade accidents, & for those who work to help them rebuild their lives; for those suffering from famine and hunger
- For those battling cancer & other health and life-challenging issues**, for those dealing with depression, with addiction; for those recovering from illness or surgery: Michael Blankenship, Priscilla Preston, Bob Hale, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, Ernestine Johnson, Pat Brown (Ruth's sister), Carolyn Coleman (cousin of Joyce & Fred), Rev. Dusty Fiedler, Anita Pendleton, Jim Slaughter, The Robertson family, Ruth Hilton, Brenda Williams, Jackie Manns, Harold Robertson, Paul Witting (with Parkinson's); Robert Woodworth, health care workers and researchers; for the elderly
- Betsy Haskins and family**; grandson, Asher recovering from surgery
- Glenn Christy**, Ray's co-worker who had a malignant tumor removed from his abdomen. He has two boys approximately 10 and 13 years old.
- For our children and youth**; for their teachers & school staff, for those in our neighborhood; for those who work with young people and seek to bring them to Christ and to nurture their faith in him
- For our service men and women** stationed around the world and their families
- For those who seek employment**, for the under-employed, for the homeless, for those who are in fear of losing their homes or their jobs; for those under stress at work and at home.



## *Welcome Visitors!*

We are glad you have joined us in worship today. Please fill out the card that the ushers gave you at the door. We hope to see you here again soon. Anyone who is interested in joining this part of Christ's church should speak to the pastor or one of the elders.

### **Remember our Shut-Ins/Friends and Members Away from Our Community**

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| <u>Mr. Bob Hale</u> —Salem Health & Rehabilitation Center,<br>1945 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 24153 | 556-6690 |
| <u>Mr. Jim Slaughter</u> —1219 Grayson Ave NW (24017)   | 366-0391 |

### + Notes from the Pastor +

- Bible Study: *"Forming Faith"* - Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm
- Office hours this week: By appointment—contact [vernleeS@hotmail.com](mailto:vernleeS@hotmail.com), or call the office—540.342.0264

### + Other Announcements +

- Today we will have an informal *"town meeting"* of the congregation after worship. Please plan to stay for a chat with the pastor!
- Next Sunday is *"Friends and Family Day"*, and we are inviting the neighborhood to join us for worship and a potluck repast
- The Adult Choir meets as announced. Come join the fellowship. New members are welcomed.
- *Remember*: No one should have to choose between paying rent and feeding their family. Bring a food offering to share with those who need our help.

### **The 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) meets this week, in St. Louis, MO (June 16 - June 23)**

Commissioners and advisory delegates from all 170 PC(USA) presbyteries, and other delegates and observers from around the world, have converged in downtown St. Louis for celebrations, deliberations, and inspirations in support of the denomination's biennial gathering. The theme is 'Renewing the Vision: Kingdom Building for the 21st Century,' from Matthew 6:25-33. View the proposed docket. General proceedings and worship during assembly will be live-streamed, and this website <https://ga-pcusa.org/> will provide up-to-date information each day of the Assembly. **Please remember OUR General Assembly in your prayers!**



# Come and Go with Me to My Father's House

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*In My Father's House*

1 Come and go with me to my Fa-ther's house, to my Fa-ther's house,  
 2 It's not ve-ry far to my Fa-ther's house, to my Fa-ther's house,  
 3 Je - sus is the way to my Fa-ther's house, to my Fa-ther's house,  
 4 Je - sus is the light in my Fa-ther's house, in my Fa-ther's house,

F Bb F C'

to my Fa-ther's house. Come and go with me  
 to my Fa-ther's house. It's not ve - ry far  
 to my Fa-ther's house. Je - sus is the way  
 in my Fa-ther's house. Je - sus is the light

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to my Fa-ther's house, where there's joy, joy, joy!  
 to my Fa-ther's house, where there's joy, joy, joy!  
 to my Fa-ther's house, where there's joy, joy, joy!  
 in my Fa-ther's house, where there's joy, joy, joy!

Bb F C' F Bb F

5 All is peace and love  
 in my Father's house ...

6 We will dance and sing  
 in my Father's house ...

7 We will praise the Lord  
 in my Father's house ...



# What a Mighty God We Serve!

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Angels bow before him, heaven and earth adore him;

what a mighty God we serve.