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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

Organist.....Mr. Frederick Bolden
Pastor The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

We Assemble in God's Name

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Gathering in Song (seated) *"This is the Day"* # 590

Welcome

Prayer of Preparation (unison): Great God Almighty, we count it a joy and a pleasure to come together and worship You. Lift the veil of discontent from our eyes so we may see You better. Shield our ears from the voices of deception so we may better hear Your word. Guide our hearts through our vulnerabilities so we may love You and one another unapologetically. Dress our spirit with new clothes and allow us to feel free in Your presence, so we might rejoice in Your love with shouts of praise. In one voice we say thank you, hallelujah, and Amen.

Chimes

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 134

Pastor: Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,

People: who minister by night in the house of the Lord.

Pastor: Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,

All: and praise the Lord!

***Hymn of Praise....."I Just Came to Praise the Lord".....# 113**

Announcements and Celebrations

Welcome 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.)

Special Music "Rockin' in Jerusalem"

The Choir

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison): Forgiven Lord, I woke up this morning with the intention of avoiding You. Just like Adam and Eve, sometimes I want to hide from Your presence rather than face my shortcomings. I have neither done the things You have asked of me, nor have I lived as You would have me. I have lied this week; I have been selfish this week; I have shown hate towards my neighbor and even towards myself. Loving God, You have dressed me in my right mind, so I trust in You and the promises You have made. Guide me to wholeness. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon..... *from John 3:16-17*

Pastor: Did you hear what I heard? God loves us so much that whoever believes in the faith of Christ, his faith unto death, whoever should not die, but find everlasting life.

People: *God did not send God's Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

All: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!*

Prayer Concerns

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..... "Thank You Lord"(insert)

We Proclaim God's Word

Scripture Lesson

Colossians 3: 12-18

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Special Music

"Trampin'"

The Choir

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Vernie Bolden

Sermon

"All Dressed Up, So Where Do I Go?"

We Respond to God's Word

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn of Commitment "*Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus*" (insert)

* An Affirmation of Faith -- *from the New Testament scriptures*

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:

That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

* 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): Lord, we thank you for this day and we thank you for this opportunity to live our lives, and to live them full of the hope and joy that come from You. Lord, we could not have done it without You and we are thankful. 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

We Carry Our Light Into the World

"This Little Light of Mine"

1. *This little light of mine...* 2. *Everywhere I go...*

*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 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; victims of *mass shootings*; *survivors of recent tornados* 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 people in our own Roanoke & SW Virginia region

For those battling cancer & other health and life-challenging issues, for those dealing with depression, with addiction; for those recovering from illness or surgery: 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 Roberson family, Ruth Hilton, Brenda Williams, Jackie Manns, Harold Robertson, Paul Witting (with Parkinson's); Robert Woodworth; health care workers and researchers; for the elderly

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.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ...Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

—1 John 3:16, 18

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

Mr. Bob Hale—Salem Health & Rehabilitation Center, **556-6680**
1945 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 24153

Mr. Jim Slaughter—1219 Grayson Ave NW (24017) **366-0391**

Mr. Don Wahls—138 Whaley Rd, Raeford NC 28376
Email: don.wahls@gmail.com

+ Notes from the Pastor +

- Bible Study: ***"Forming Faith"*** meets Tuesdays at 6 pm here at the church.
- Office hours this week: By appointment—contact vernlee3@hotmail.com, or call the office—540.342.0264

+ Other Announcements +

- Next Sunday we will celebrate **The Lord's Supper**. We will also receive our monthly Hunger Offering (in addition to our regular tithes and offerings).
- **Mark your calendar: *Sunday, May 13 (Mother's Day) worship will be at 8:00 a.m., followed by a potluck brunch!***
- 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.
- **Block Party** at the Gainsboro Branch Library, Saturday May 19, from 9 am to 5 pm. Details to come!
- **Check out our web page:** www.5thavepresbychurchroanoke.com
- **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Lecture Series:** Wednesday, May 23, 5:30 refreshments, 6-7 pm Nikki Giovanni "Voting: Our Civic Duty" RSVP Harrison Museum by May 10 @ 540.857.4395

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*But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me has not been in vain.
1 Corinthians 15:10*

1. Can't no - bod - y
 2. Healed my bod - y;
 3. Picked me up and

do me like Je - sus. Can't no -
 told me to run on. Healed my
 turned me a - round. Oh, Picked me

bod - y do me like the Lord.
 bod - y; told me to run.
 up and turned me a - round.



Can't no - bod - y do me like Je - sus.
Healed my bod - y; told me to run on.
Picked me up and turned me a-round. Oh,

He's my friend!

He's my friend!