



Paradise Lost...



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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 24, 2018

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

We Assemble in God's Name

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Words from Scripture

Genesis 1:1-2

Chimes

*Preparation for Worship

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart.

People: *We will tell of your wonderful deeds.*

Leader: We will be glad and exult in you.

People: *We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.*

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me!

ALL: *Let us exalt God's name together! Amen.*

Gathering in Song (seated) "God's Unchanging Hand" (cover)

*Call to Worship (unison)

Dear Lord, we have come together in faithful fellowship and joyful community. Silence all voices in our minds but your own. Help us to seek and follow your will. Join our prayers with one another, so together we may glorify your name. Let us sing with loud voices, let us love with large hearts, let us hope with high expectations, let us worship with hallelujah praise, for you are 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

Hymn "God Will Take Care of You" # 47

Invitation to Prayer (unison)

The Apostle Paul wrote: "For the good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do." These words speak to us today as we try to live our lives in a way pleasing to God. We struggle and we fall, yet the Lord is kind to us by forgiving us. We hurt and have doubt, yet the Lord continues to bless us. We can be mean and uncaring, yet the Lord still loves us. However, it is because of this forgiveness that we strive to do better; it is because of these blessings that we strive to be better; and it is because of this love that we offer our prayers and praise 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 "A Perfect Heart" # 40

We Proclaim God's Word

Scripture Lesson Genesis 3:6-24 page 4
Special Music The Choir
Prayer for Illumination The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.
Sermon "Thank You"

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Commitment "Trust and Obey" # 349

*An Affirmation of Faith Col. 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through

him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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): 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

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,
1945 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 24153

556-6680

Mr. Jim Slaughter—1219 Grayson Ave NW (24017)

366-0391

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 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 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 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

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.

+ Notes from the Pastor +

- Bible Study: *"Forming Faith"* - Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm
- Office hours this week: By appointment—contact vernlee3@hotmail.com, or call the office—540.342.0264

+ Other Announcements +

- Today is *"Friends and Family Day"*, and everyone is invited to remain after worship for a potluck repast in the Fellowship Hall!
- 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.

478 WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE

The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Psalm 50:1

What a might - y God we serve.

What a might - y God we serve.

An-gels bow do - fore Him. Heav-en and earth a - dore Him.

1. Last time | 2. I con-

What a might - y God we serve. I con-

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "What a Mighty God We Serve". It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "What a mighty God we serve. What a mighty God we serve. Angels bow before Him. Heaven and earth adore Him. What a mighty God we serve. I con-". The score includes a first ending bracket labeled "1. Last time" and a second ending bracket labeled "2. I con-".

404 HOLD TO GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
Hebrews 13:8*

1. Time is filled with swift tran - si - tion.
2. Trust in Him who will not leave you.
3. Cov - et not this world's vain rich - es
4. When your jour - ney is com - plet - ed,

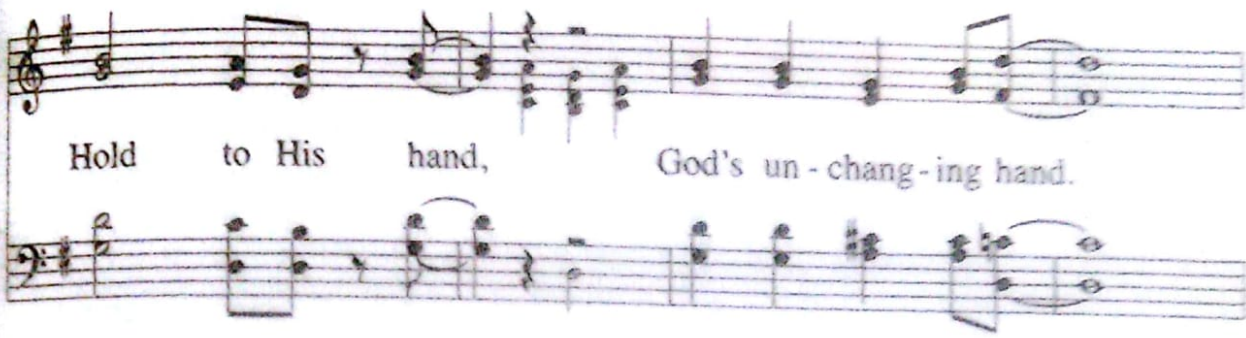
Naught of earth un - moved can stand.
What - so - ev - er years may bring.
That so rap - id - ly de - cay.
If to God you have been true,

Build your hopes on things e - ter - nal.
If by earth - ly friends for - sak - en,
Seek to gain the heav'n - ly treas - ures.
Fair and bright the home in Glo - ry

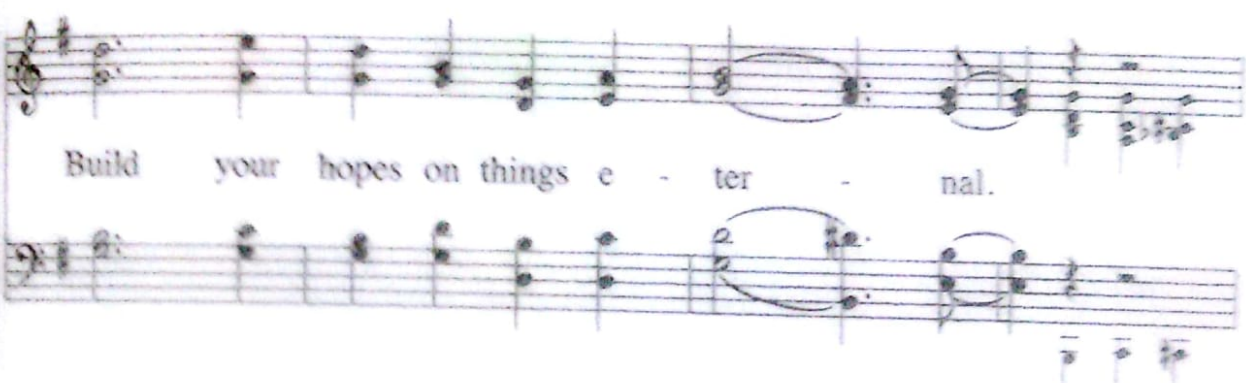
Hold to God's un - chang - ing hand.
Still more close - ly to Him cling.
They will nev - er pass a - way.
Your en - rap - tured soul will view.



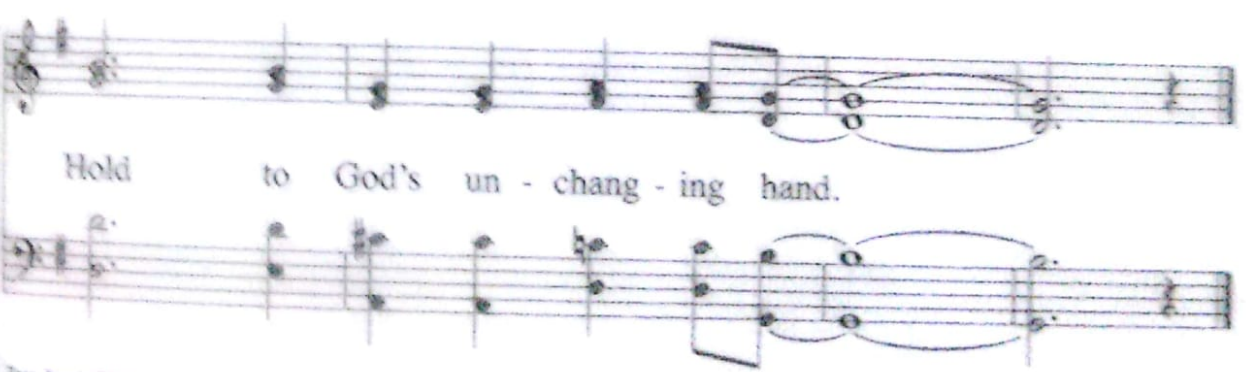
Hold to His hand, God's un - chang - ing hand.



Hold to His hand, God's un - chang - ing hand.



Build your hopes on things e - ter - nal.



Hold to God's un - chang - ing hand.

Trs: Jennie Wilson
Trs: UNCHANGING HAND, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; F.L. Eiland; arr. by Stephen Key. © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.