



Come as a little child, Come with a smile of eagerness,
Greet each new day as a special gift of love.
Even if you're old and grey, though you've come a long hard way,
Come ready to sing and play and dance, Ready to risk and take a chance,
For of such is the Kingdom, for of such is the Kingdom: Come as a child.

(Richard Avery & Donald Marsh)



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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 26, 2018

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

We Gather Together to Worship God

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Words from Scripture

Chimes

***Preparation for Worship**

from Isaiah 11:1-9

Leader: When the Kingdom of God arrives in its fullness,

People: *the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.*

Leader: The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down
with the goat,

People: *the calf and the lion and the yearling will live together;
and a little child will lead them.*

All: *They will neither harm nor destroy on all God's holy
mountain. Praise the Lord!*

Gathering in Song (seated)

"Jesus Shall Reign"

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***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. Forgive us our sins, and 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.

*** Passing of the Peace of Christ +**

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

People: *And also with you!*

ALL: *Let us now share the peace of God with one another.*

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

Greetings and Celebration of Visitors

Announcements and Celebrations

Special Music

The Choir

Invitation to Prayer (unison)

(1 John 3:1)

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are." We remember God's grace, and we live in hope, as we come in trust with our prayers of gratitude and intercession. We pray in humility and confidence to the One who has called us each by name.

Sharing our 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

Mark 9:30-37

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Special Music

The Choir

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

Sermon

"Can a Child Lead Us?"

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn of Commitment "He Leadeth Me" # 451

* An Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. 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 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 Out to Share the Good News

Charge and Benediction

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

We Carry Our Light Into the World

"What a Mighty God We Serve" (insert)

Welcome !

We are so glad that you decided to share with us in worship today. Whether we are young or old, longtime worshipers or here for the first time, whether we come full of joy or confidence or doubts or sorrow, in this place, by the grace and mercy of God-in-Christ, we are family!

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.

Feel at peace in how you express praise for the Lord! Whether quiet and reflective, clapping hands and stomping feet, shouts of praise and utterances to God, in this place, by the loving acceptance of Jesus, we are family. Please feel at home!



Remember our Shut-Ins/Friends with a call, a card, a visit, your prayers

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| <u>Mr. Jim Slaughter</u> —1219 Grayson Ave NW (24017) | 366-0391 |
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If we can assist you - through prayer, a phone call or a listening ear - please let us know what help we may provide. Call the church: 540.342.0264, or speak to one of us after worship.

In Christian Love & Sympathy

With sadness we have learned of the death of Audra Williams' daughter *Diane* this past Thursday, August 23. Please remember Audra, Ray, and the family in your prayers at this time of loss.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:1-2)

PRAAYER 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 throughout the world; those battling wildfires and families who have lost their homes; 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: Shirley Calhoun, Camis Poindexter and family; Michael Blankenship, Glenn Christy, Asher Haskins, Priscilla Preston, Bob Hale, Terry Campbell, Andrea 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 Mamm, 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.

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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 be - fore Him. Heav-en and earth a - dore Him.



1. Last time
2.
What a might - y God we serve. I com-

THANK YOU, LORD 531

*I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples, and I will sing praises to You among the nations.
Psalm 108:3*

1. Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord,
2. Been so good, been so good,

thank You, Lord,
been so good, I just want to thank You, Lord.

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