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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2019

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Scripture Sentences

Chimes

Preparation for Worship (responsive) *from Psalms 37 & 19*

Pastor: The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;
he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

People: *The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them
from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge
in him.*

**ALL: *May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.***

Call to Worship (unison): God of all time and space, Creator of all things, we thank and praise you: for your love which created us, your power which upholds, us, your wisdom which guides us; for the good things you give us, the beauty you show us, the truth you share with us. In this hour of worship may we offer our best to you, that we may be strengthened in every way to serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Gathering in Song** *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"* (insert)

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

*** Passing of the Peace +**

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.)

Announcements and Celebrations

Worship in Song

The Choir

Prayer Concerns

Invitation to Prayer (unison)

(from Luke 6:37b-38)

"Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." These words speak to us today as we try to live our lives, sometimes not knowing if we have done right or if we can live right. These words speak to us when we are hurting and feel as though we have no value to any one. These words speak to us when we feel isolated and afraid. These words remind us to trust God's promise of forgiveness, wholeness, and healing in Him.

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

"People Need the Lord"

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Luke 6:27-38

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Special Music

The Choir

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

Sermon

"Yeah, Right!"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Commitment "They'll Know We Are Christians" # 284

*An Affirmation of Faith **The Apostles Creed**

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

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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 Prayer** The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

* **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" (Traditional)

*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!.*

*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated

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.

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!

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.

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.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
(2 Corinthians 13:14, NIV)

PRAYER CONCERNS

For our nation and its leadership, for our state and local officials, and those elected to national office— **for wisdom and compassion, for a spirit of cooperation; *for a capacity to seek the greater good*** instead of personal gain; for families who are separated

For the leaders of other countries, and the efforts of all who seek to bring *peace* to the world—for Russia; for Venezuela; 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: *Carnis Poin-dexter and family; for refugees who have lost children; for victims of violence: *for people in our own Roanoke & SW Virginia region; victims of mass shootings throughout the world; the families who have lost their homes and loved ones in **wildfires**; survivors of **earth-quakes, hurricanes & floods** 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: Priscilla Preston, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, Ernestine Johnson, Pat Brown (Ruth's sister), Carolyn Coleman (cousin of Joyce & Fred), Rev. Dusty Fiedler, Anita Pendleton, 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 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.

For broken hearts and broken relationships; for those absent from our fellowship for any reason.

Announcements & Celebrations

Forming Faith Bible Study - Tuesdays at 6 pm.

February: "The Revelation to John"

Come and grow with us!

The Pastor's Office hours are by appointment—contact vernlee3@hotmail.com, or call the office—540.342.0264

The Choir meets as announced. Come join the fellowship. New members are welcomed, young and old(er)!

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.

Today is Friends & Family Day—Bring a friend, bring a dish, and stay to share in our potluck repast after worship!



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

<u>Mr. Bob Hale</u> —Salem Health & Rehabilitation Center, 1945 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 24153	556-6680
<u>Ms. Shirley Calhoun</u> —3087 Ordway Drive # J (24017)	362-0210
<u>Mr. Jim Slaughter</u> —1219 Grayson Ave NW (24017)	366-0391

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(Hebrews 13:19-21, NIV)

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*Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
Psalm 148:13*

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
2. Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning
died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry
way; Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us in - to the

skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
feet Come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
light, Keep us for ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee,

Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 get Thee; Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for

day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 stand at last Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.
 ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.