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EPHESIANS 4:29

LISTEN





Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church  
301 Patton Avenue NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24016

*Celebrating 125 Years of Faith & Service*

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

August 6, 2017

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Organist..... Mr. Frederick Bolden  
Stated Supply Pastor ..... The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.  
Substitute Minister..... The Rev. Ellen Woodworth

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## We Assemble in God's Name

### Organ and Choral Prelude

### Silent Prayers for Preparation

*We prepare for worship*

*Almighty God, you pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

### Chimes & Lighting of Candles

**\*Call to Worship**.....Proverbs 6:16-19; Psalm 141:3;  
Ephesians 4:29; Colossians 4:6; Psalm 19:14

**Leader:** There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.

**People:** *Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips!*

**Leader:** Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building up others. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt.

**People:** *Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips!*

**All:** *Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.*



**\*Prayer of Invocation (unison):** Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise..... "We're Marching to Zion".....# 555**

**\* 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.*

**Invitation to Confession**

Rev. Woodworth

**Prayer of Confession (unison):** Merciful God, there are things in us that are good, and things that are wrong, and we look to you for healing and forgiveness. We humbly and honestly admit that we have hurt other people and harmed ourselves. Our words speak louder than our actions, and we have failed to demonstrate your grace and love. Forgive us, we pray. Transform us by your Spirit, that we be your faithful witnesses; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Leader:** Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us?

**People:** *Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.*

**Leader:** Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**People:** *The old life has gone; a new life has begun.*



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

**\* Passing of the Peace and Welcome of Worshippers +**

**Leader:** Since we have been reconciled with God and with each other,

**People:** *let us now share the peace of God with one another.*

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

**Welcome, Announcements and Concerns of the Church**

**Celebrations and Prayer Concerns.....Worship Leader**

**Prayers of Intercession 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.*

**Choral Response..... "Hear the Good News" .....# 355 Blue**

**Musical Selection..... "In Remembrance of Me".....JAB & EW**

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

**Scripture Lesson.....James 3.....page 1480**

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord! **People:** *Thanks be to God!*

**Prayer for Illumination**

The Rev. Ellen Woodworth.

**Sermon**

*"Hold Your Tongue!"*

**Hymn of Commitment..... "Take My Life" .....# 379**

## **We Give Thanks to God**

### **The Offering of Tithes and Gifts**

**Offertory (unison):** Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**\* Choral Response**

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

**Celebration of the Sacrament of  
Holy Communion**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Prayer of Praise**

**Words of Institution**

**Partaking of the Bread and Cup**

Hymns: "According to Thy Gracious Word" (insert)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**: Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn of Thanksgiving** ..... "*Wonderful Words of Life*" ..... # 270

**We Go in God's Name**

**Charge, Benediction and Choral Response**

**We Carry Our Light Into the World** ..... (*Congregation Seated*)

**Closing**..... "*Lord, Speak to Me*" (vss. 1 & 3).....# 450

\*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 minister or one of the elders.

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Presbytery of the Peaks Black Caucus will meet Saturday, Aug. 12, 11:00 at Holbrook St church in Danville. Carl Utley (Transitional Presbyter) will meet with attendees to discuss the effectiveness of the Presbytery and how we could be more effective in specific areas of our ministries.



# According to Thy Gracious Word

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James Montgomery, 1825

DALEHURST: C. M.  
Arthur Cottman, 1874

1. Ac - cord - ing to Thy gra - cious word, In meek hu - mil - i - ty,  
 2. Thy bod - y, bro - ken for my sake, My bread from heaven shall be;  
 3. When to the cross I turn mine eyes, And rest on Cal - va - ry,  
 4. Re - mem - ber Thee, and all Thy pains, And all Thy love to me:  
 5. And when these fail - ing lips grow dumb, And mind and mem - ory flee,

This will I do, my dy - ing Lord, I will re - mem - ber Thee.  
 Thy tes - ta - men - tal cup I take, And thus re - mem - ber Thee.  
 O Lamb of God, my Sac - ri - fice, I must re - mem - ber Thee;  
 Yea, while a breath, a pulse re - mains Will I re - mem - ber Thee.  
 When Thou shalt in Thy King - dom come, Je - sus, re - mem - ber me. A - MEN.

Alternative tunes. "Manoah," Hymn 86, and "Evan," Hymn 104.

THE CHURCH: THE LORD'S SUPPER

## **Congregational Prayer and Pastoral Concerns**

- For our new pastor and his family; for our ministry together**  
**For our enemies, both personal and national, including terrorists**  
**For our nation and its leadership, for President Trump; for our state and local officials, — 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 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: *the Casey and Wharton families; for the Brown and Smith families in the loss of 16 year old Corinna; the Ford, Meek and Cannady families; Clifton Poindexter; for victims/families terror attacks* and other victims of violence; of fires, earthquakes, typhoons, hurricanes & tropical storms, dealing with the aftermath of both natural disasters and man-made 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: Jim Slaughter (upcoming eye surgery), Bob Hale, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, Pat Brown (Ruth's sister), Carolyn Coleman (cousin of Joyce & Fred), Rev. Dusty Fiedler, Anita Pendleton, The Roberson family, Betty McFadden (Russ' mother), Cynthia & Nat Harris, Ruth Hilton, Brenda Williams, Jackie Manns, Harold Robertson, Paul Witting (with Parkinson's); Todd Moorman; 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, including Kevin & Bryan Preston.**  
**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.**