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Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 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): Lord, this is a day that You have made, so we will rejoice and be glad in it. As we assemble in this place, guide our thoughts from the pressures surrounding us, so we may focus upon You. Enable us to feel in fellowship with those around us, so together we may worship You. Encourage us to hear Your voice, so we can transform our minds. Allow us to feel free in Your presence, so we might rejoice in Your love with shouts of praise. Together we say thank you, hallelujah and Amen.

Chimes

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 95

Leader: O come! Let us sing unto the Lord!

People: *Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation*

Leader: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving!

All: *And make a joyful noise unto the Lord with song!*

***Hymn of Praise..... "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name".....# 97**

Announcements and Celebrations

Welcome of Visitors

*** Passing of the Peace +**

Leader: 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

The Choir

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison): Lord, whether I knew it or not; whether intentional or not, I have messed up. This past week I wasn't as helpful as I could have been, nor was I as gracious as I could have been. Truth be told, I was a bit selfish: I thought more of myself than I thought of my friends or family or even You. Lord, people could have used the gifts you have supplied to me, but instead I did not share them and kept them all to myself. Loving God, I can do better, and I can be better. I know this because I trust in You and the promises You have made. Guide me to better. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon..... *1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24*

Leader: Did you hear what I heard? God loves us so much that whoever believes in the faith of Christ, his faith unto death, whomever 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.*

Leader: 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

Romans 12:1-2

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Special Music

"Every Day With Jesus"

The Choir

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Vernie Bolden

Sermon

"Please, Please, Please"

We Respond to God's Word

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn of Commitment *"Blessed Assurance"* # 345

* 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 are thankful for the blessings you have given to us and we are glad that we can return some portion 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*; California wildfires & mudslides, and others 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.

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

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+ 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 +

- Today is "Friends and Family Sunday". Please join us downstairs for our monthly potluck lunch following our worship this morning.
- The Adult Choir meets as announced. Come join the fellowship. New members are welcomed.
- *Remember*: No one should have to choose between heating their home and feeding their family. Bring a food offering to share with those who need our help.
- Check out our web page: www.5thavepresbychurchroanoke.com

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

Thank You, Lord

Traditional
 Arr. by J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1937.
 and Verolga Nix, 1933.

Traditional

Slow

Unison or parts

G B7/D# Em G#7/E Am G/D D7 G7 C B/D#

1. Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord, Thank you,
 2. Been so good, Been so good, Been so
 3. Love you, Lord, Love you, Lord, Love you,

Em G#7/E Am G/B Am/C G/D D7 C/G G

Lord. I just want to thank you, Lord.
 good, I just want to thank you, Lord.
 Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.