

The Lord is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace, and joy, and blessing;
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

Johan Jacob Schutz, 1675

Trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864



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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

Organist.....Mr. Frederick Bolden
Pastor The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.
Guest Minister.....The Rev. Dusty K. Fiedler
Liturgist.....The Rev. Bob Fiedler

We Assemble in God's Name

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Gathering in Song (seated) *"We Have Come Into His House"* # 588

Welcome

Prayer of Adoration (unison): God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Chimes

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

People: *The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?*

Leader: Hear my voice when I call, O Lord;
be merciful to me and answer me

People: *Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me in a straight path.*

All: *Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.*

*Hymn of Praise..... *"Jesus Loves Me"*# 579

Announcements and Celebrations

Welcome 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.)

Special Music

The Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison): God of prophets and apostles and followers just like us, help us to hear your call to be faithful. We thank you for sending us your Son Jesus, who shows us how to live. We ask for open minds and hearts, and patient understanding. Thank You, Great God, for your ever-present forgiveness and grace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

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.... "Just a Closer Walk" (vs. 1 & chorus).....# 380

We Proclaim God's Word

Scripture Lesson

John 2:1-12

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Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Dusty K Fiedler

Sermon

"Jesus and His Mother"

We Respond to God's Word

***Invitation to Discipleship**

***Hymn of Commitment**

"Jesus Saves!"

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***An Affirmation of Faith**

-- from *A Declaration of Faith*

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life.

His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule.

But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.

We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

* **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): We bring our offerings and gifts to you, O God, with cheerfulness and a joyful heart. Grant that we may truly love you with all our hearts, minds, and being, so that we may also love our neighbors and ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** Choral Response**

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

Hymn of Thanksgiving....."Blessed Assurance"# 345

We Go in God's Name

Charge and Benediction

We Carry Our Light Into the World (Congregation Seated)

Jesus Loves the Little Children" # 580

*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.

**Congratulations to Brandon Keith upon the awarding
of his Master's Degree!**

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*; *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 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.

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

**Remember our Shut-Ins,
Friends, and Members**

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**

+ 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 +

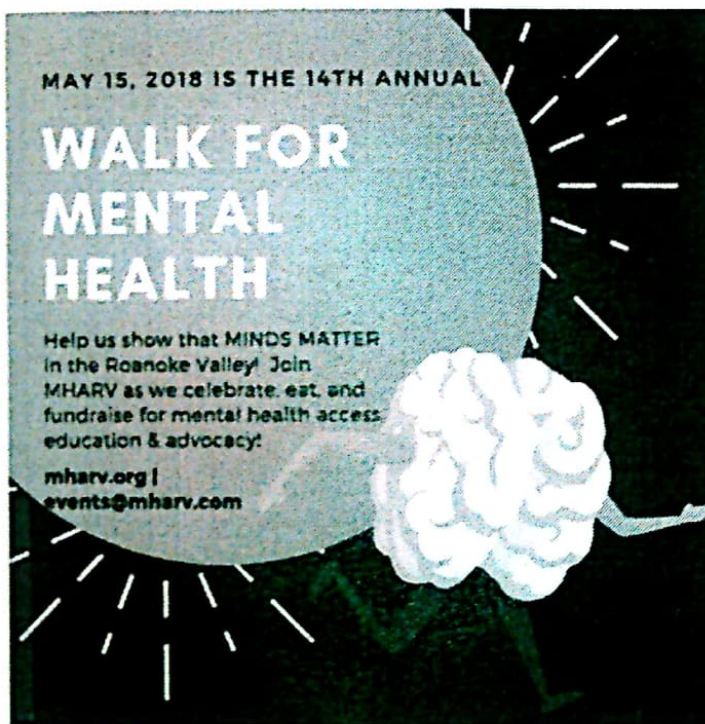
- **Worship this morning will be followed by a potluck brunch!**
- The Adult Choir meets as announced. Come join the fellowship. New members are welcomed.
- *Remember*: No one should have to choose between paying rent and feeding their family. Bring a food offering to share with those who need our help.
- **Block Party** at the Gainsboro Branch Library, Saturday May 19, from 9 am to 5 pm. Free food, Petting zoo, Bouncies, Health screenings, Human services info booths, Apple Ridge Farm, Continuous entertainment, Valley Metro, Fire trucks, Police interacting activities! It sounds like a great day!
- **Check out our web page**: www.5thavepresbychurchroanoke.com
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Lecture Series: Wednesday, May 23, 5:30 refreshments, 6-7 pm Nikki Giovanni “Voting: Our Civic Duty” [RSVP Harrison Museum by May 10 @ 540.857.4395]

May is Mental Health Month

Mental Health America of Roanoke Valley

Read more on our website! — Check out mharv.org

Mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being, and mental illnesses are common and treatable. So much of what we do physically impacts us mentally –it's important to pay attention to both your physical health and your mental health, which can help you achieve overall wellness and set you on a path to recovery.



Have YOU signed up for the 14th Annual Walk for Mental Health?!

Well what are you waiting for?! Go to mharv.org

Come join us as we show that MINDS MATTER and as we honor the national Mental Health Awareness Month theme: FITNESS

#4MIND4BODY on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at Wasena Park!

The Walk begins at 6:00 pm with registration, and then we start moving and grooving at 6:30 pm. This is a short 1.5-mile family-friendly walk, so bring everyone and enjoy some sunshine! Donations are accepted and funds raised will go to support our programs here in the Roanoke Valley!