


And he took bread,  
and gave thanks, and brake it,  
and gave unto them, saying, This is  
my body which is given for you.

LUKE 22:19



THIS DO *in*  
REMEMBRANCE  
*of* ME.



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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

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

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### 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):** Gracious and wise God, we woke up this morning feeling good. All things may not be perfect and sometimes we might feel down, but this is a day that You have made, so we will count it a joy to come together and worship You. Allow us to hear your voice so we may act upon Your will; encourage us to see Your goodness in the lives of others; strengthen us to serve somebody, to help somebody, and to love somebody. In one voice we say thank you, hallelujah, and Amen.

#### Chimes

#### \*Call to Worship

*from Psalm 95*

Pastor: O come!

*People: Let us worship and bow down.*

Pastor: O come!

*People: Let us kneel before the lord our maker.*

**All: O come, and let us praise the Lord!**

**\*Hymn of Praise..... "To God Be the Glory" .....# 66**

#### 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.)*

**Hymn:** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" # 372 **Blue**

**Invitation to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (unison):** Forgiving and kind Lord, every now and again I must shake my head in embarrassment. You have blessed me with so much, yet I sin. In your grace and mercy, You have trusted me to live in Your kingdom, yet time and time again I choose to do things in my own way, in my own time, for my own pleasure. Teach me to see that life is more than just me and prepare me for your will here on earth. Loving God, heal my brokenness so I may be saved for Your purpose. Amen

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon.....** *from John 3:16-17*

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

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

**We Proclaim God's Word**

**Scripture Lesson**

Acts 4: 32-37

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**Special Music**

**Prayer for Illumination**

The Rev. Vernie Bolden

**Sermon**

"Sharing is Caring...?"

## We Respond to God's Word

### \*Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn of Commitment      *"Something for Thee"*      # 445

\* 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 could not have done it without You and we are thankful. 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.*

## Celebration of the Table

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Prayer of Praise

### Words of Institution

### Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Hymn:      *"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"*      # 510 Blue

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison):** Almighty God, we thank you for your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless you for creating us, for keeping us in safety, and for blessing us so richly in this life. But above all, we thank you for your boundless love in redeeming the world through our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live in love for one another and for you. All power and glory are yours forever and ever; Amen.

## **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

### ***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**

<u>Mr. Bob Hale</u> —Salem Health & Rehabilitation Center, 1945 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 24153	<b>556-6680</b>
<u>Mr. Jim Slaughter</u> —1219 Grayson Ave NW (24017)	<b>366-0391</b>

### **+ 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](mailto:vernlee3@hotmail.com), or call the office—540.342.0264

## 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

## + Other Announcements +

- This morning we will celebrate the Sacrament of **The Lord's Supper**. We will also receive our monthly Hunger Offering (in addition to our regular tithes and offerings).
- **Next Sunday, May 13 (Mother's Day) worship will be at 8:00 a.m., 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 11 am to 2 pm. Details to come!
- **Check out our web page:** [www.5thavepresbychurchroanoke.com](http://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 Harrrison Museum by May 10 @ 540.857.4395
- Join in the celebration: **Wednesday, May 30, at 11:30 a.m.**—the renaming and dedication of River's Edge Tennis Courts in honor of our own **Carnis Poindexter!**

Congratulations to **Michael Hooks** upon his graduation  
from Radford University (yesterday)!

## Eastertide

Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter [The Resurrection of the Lord] is only the first of fifty days of Eastertide, the "Great Fifty Days" that lead up to Pentecost. [This year, Pentecost falls on May 20.]

This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.... Jesus Christ's resurrection is the central event of all human history. Christians who make this confession are talking not about resurrection of faith in the disciples, or of hope in the women at the tomb, or of tulips in the spring. They are confessing the real resurrection of Jesus.

*(from The Worship Sourcebook)*

**Plan now to wear RED on Pentecost—May 20th!**