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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2018

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

We Assemble in God's Name

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Opening Scripture:

Psalm 48: 9-10, 14

Chimes

*Preparation for Worship

from Ezekiel 2-3

Leader: The Lord said to me, "Stand upon your feet and I will speak to you."

People: *Speak to us, O God.*

Leader: The Lord said to me, "I am sending you to my people, to tell them my word."

People: *Send us, O God.*

Leader: The Lord said to me, "Do not be afraid."

People: *Calm the fears that impede us; open our ears to hear your voice; open our hearts to receive your love.*

ALL: *May the glory of the Lord be praised in this dwelling place. Amen.*

Gathering in Song

"I Will Enter His Gates"

(cover)

Call to Worship (unison): Lord, we are glad to be in this place one more time, this place of faith and fellowship. As we come together, let us worship the beauty of your majesty! Let us praise hallelujah joy to your name! Let us sing with loud voices, let us love with large hearts, let us hope with high expectations, for you are great and worthy to be praised! Amen.

Welcome of Members and 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.)

Announcements and Celebrations

Hymn (seated) "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" # 315 Blue

Invitation to Prayer (unison): Great and gracious God, how can we forget to thank you - though we sometimes do? How can we forget to praise you - though we sometimes do? How can we forget to trust you - though we sometimes do? How can we forget to come to you - though we sometimes do? Lord, right now we say thank you, right now we praise you, and right now we come to you in humble prayer, trusting that you care for us, trusting that you hear us, and believing you will act for us.

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 "Through It All" # 507

We Proclaim God's Word

Scripture Lesson Mark 6: 1-13 page 1199

Special Music "Lord, Help Me to Hold On" The Choir

Prayer for Illumination The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

Sermon "Dusty Rejection/Wiped Down Hope"

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Commitment "Great is Thy Faithfulness" # 43

*An Affirmation of Faith *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy

Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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): Kind and Giving Lord, just as we love because you first loved us, we give because you first gave to us. We offer you our praise as you have praised us; we offer our minds as you first taught us; we offer our lives as you first lived for us; and we offer our money and resources as you first blessed us. We are grateful for the blessings you have given to us and we are glad that we can return some of these blessings to the church, to be used for the building of your kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Special Music

* **Choral Response (unison)**

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, Jr.

We Carry Our Light Into the World

"What a Mighty God We Serve" (opposite)

*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

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"* will meet Tuesday, July 10, at 6:00.
- **Office hours** this week: By appointment—contact vernlee3@hotmail.com, or call the office—540.342.0264

+ Other Announcements +

- The Choir meets as announced. Come join the fellowship. Both old(er) and young(er) singers 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.
- This month's "Friends and Family Day" is a special outreach to our neighborhood on July 22. Plan now to put something extra in your pots for our lunchtime potluck together.

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 stewardship of our natural resources*

For all who seek asylum; for families which have been separated

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 Puerto Rico

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: *for people in our own Roanoke & SW Virginia region*; victims of mass shootings; 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 those battling cancer & other health and life-challenging issues, for those dealing with depression, with addiction; for those recovering from illness or surgery: Michael Blankenship, 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), Betsy Haskins' grandson Asher, Glenn Christy, 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.

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31b-32, NIV)

I Will Enter His Gates
He Has Made Me Glad

I will en-ter his gates with thanks-giv-ing in my heart.

I will en-ter his courts with praise.

I will say this is the day that the Lord has made,

I will re-joice for he has made me glad.

PRAISE, THANKSGIVING

He has made me glad, he has made me glad,

I will re-joice for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad,

I will re-joice for he has made me glad.