

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES

OPENING PRAYER

Julian of Norwich 1343-1413

PRELUDE

Improvisation on "Lancashire"

Mitchell R. Weisiger

M. R. Weisiger

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. David Dixon

Isaiah 53:5-6

He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 267

MADRID

Come Christians, Join to Sing

*CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Book of Common Worship

**Almighty God,
In raising Jesus from the grace,
You shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
Bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
And pass by those who mourn;
We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
And in different to calls for peace;
We despite the weak,
And abuse the earth you made.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
To change our lives and make us new,
That we may know the joy of life abundant
Given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

(Let us silently offer confessions that are individually ours to make.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one. As it was in the beginning now forever. Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children's Worship follows immediately after the children's sermon. Children ages 4 through 1st Grade may leave for Children's Worship, an age-appropriate service.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 5:1-10

(p. 1106 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers and the flowers fade but the word of the Lord stands forever. **Amen.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:15-19

(p. 990 in the pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Isabella Fagiani

Easier Said Than Done

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leigh Sackett

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

- A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.
Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.
Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 353

SOLID ROCK

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Gifts for the offering can be made by placing your offering in the plate as it is passed or by scanning the QR Code on the back of your bulletin with your smartphone. Visit rcpres.org and click "Give Now" to learn more.

OFFERTORY

The Sanctuary Choir

Gloria

Attributed to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all those of good will. We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee, We give thanks to thee according to thy great glory. Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 269

LANCASHIRE

Lead On, O King Eternal!

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

THEMBA AMEN

*POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "Madrid"

M. R. Weisiger

MINISTRY MESSAGES

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dawn Blakeman, Kerry Bossert, Brendan Brown (Kathy and Les Brown's grandson), David Dale (Janis Wertz's brother), Chris Eberhard, Warren Ferguson, Lynne Fields, Norma Hall, Tom Hahn, Dick Kepley, Susan Lindstrom, Rusty McCown, Joe McCrobie, Nancy Smith (Alan Smith's mother), Jill Wood, and all caregivers.

ONLINE GIVING For those who may not remember to bring a check or cash on a Sunday, you can set up your giving to RCPC online. This can be done as a one-time or an on-going way to support our mission and ministry. You can either visit www.rcpres.org and press the "Give Now" button on the homepage or scan the QR code with your smartphone to go directly to the donation page.



RCPC PRESCHOOL JOB OPENINGS Raleigh Court Presbyterian Preschool has multiple job openings available for the fall! We are in search of an enthusiastic and talented person to teach music two days a week. In addition, we have a five day teaching position open and a teaching assistant role available. The hours are 8:45 AM- 12:15 PM. If you love children, are high energy and a team player, please contact Betsy at (540)-343-5541 or betsy@rcpres.org.

THEOLOGY SUMMER SMALL GROUPS While Dr. George Stroup is serving as our Theologian in Residence, we invite you to take advantage of the opportunity to learn with a world renowned Reformed theologian. In addition to his Sunday sermons, Dr. Stroup will be leading small group studies on Evangelical Theology, a collection of lectures given by Karl Barth when he visited the United States in the 1960s. Books will be provided to anyone who registers for a small group session. This is a four-week study. There are three opportunities to participate in these groups. You can sign up online at inyurl.com/TheologySmallGroup or on the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area.

A PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S INTERGENERATIONAL OUTING: A TOUR OF MILL MOUNTAIN WILDFLOWER GARDEN AND PICNIC LUNCH

Saturday, May 14 at 11:00 AM. Meet in the Mill Mountain Zoo parking lot near the Discovery Center. Carpooling is recommended as parking may be limited. The garden has new kid-friendly features, so bring the kiddos along! We will gather after the tour in the outdoor classroom for lunch. Please bring a bagged lunch and a drink. There are stone benches, but you are welcome to bring a chair or blanket if you wish. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Gathering Area or you can sign up online in This Week at RCPC. We hope to see you then! Rain Date is May 21

PW MONTHLY MORNING MEETING Mark your calendars now for our final morning PW Meeting for the semester. We will meet at our regularly scheduled time at 10:15 AM on May 10 in the fellowship hall. We will have 15 minutes to sign cards and socialize and then our general meeting will begin at 10:30 AM. Our Bible Study will begin at 11:15 AM with lunch at 12:00 PM. Ruth Marple will present our final lesson from *Love Carved in Stone* and Lisa Goad is providing lunch. ALL Presbyterian Women are invited! Thanks to everyone who brought food for our brunch last month and to all who attended the meeting. We will take a tally to see if the membership would like to have a brunch from time to time at our regularly scheduled meetings starting in the fall. It was a great success!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN THE ROANOKE VALLEY - VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS

This spring RCPC will once again partner with Habitat for Humanity by sponsoring two volunteer workdays. Our sponsored workdays will be May 4 and May 14 at 1111 Stewart Avenue, Roanoke where we will be helping to refurbish a house for the Harane family. Abdelaziz and Salwa Harane are refugees from Sudan, and currently live in a small apartment with their three young children. All workdays will be from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM and daily groups must be 12 volunteers or less. No experience is necessary but all volunteers must be at least 16-years-old. Volunteers can sign up online at: tinyurl.com/RCPCHabitat2022

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 15 "We are ONE BODY," says the Apostle Paul! Join us for Children's Ministry Sunday as the children of our church and preschool give gratitude to God for the many parts that come together to form the one body that is the church! We will have a time of fellowship with cookies and lemonade on the lawn following the 11:00 AM worship service. Come worship with us! **Both the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services will be in the Sanctuary.**

THIS WEEK AT RCPC

Sunday, May 8

9:00 AM Worship (Chapel)
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, May 9

9:00 AM Preschool
 10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 2
 7:00 PM Mill Mountain Ringers

Tuesday, May 10

9:00 AM Preschool
 10:15 AM Presbyterian Women
 10:30 AM Primary Purpose: AA
 5:30 PM Tai Chi
 7:15 PM Raleigh Court Ringers

Wednesday, May 11

7:00 AM Communion (Columbarium)
 9:00 AM Preschool
 10:30 AM Book Club
 4:00 PM God Alive
 7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, May 12

9:00 AM Preschool
 10:00 AM Centering Prayer (St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church)
 10:30 AM Primary Purpose: AA
 2:00 PM Mobile COVID Vaccination Clinic
 4:30 PM Tai Chi
 6:30 PM Hip Sober Chicks

Friday, May 13

9:00 AM Preschool
 11:45 AM Al-Anon

Saturday, May 14

8:00 AM Habitat for Humanity Workday

Sunday, May 15

Children's Ministry Sunday

9:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
 12:30 PM Youth Parents Meeting

**Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church
 Roanoke, Virginia**



The Church of the Open Door
 11:00 AM - Sanctuary
 Sunday, May 8, 2022



The Mission of RCPC is:
 To Seek Christ
 To Serve Christ
 To Show Christ
 To Know God through Christ

Ministers	All the People of Raleigh Court
Pastor and Head of Staff	The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley
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