

**Graduate Sunday**  
**May 21, 2023 – 10:55 A.M.**

\*Please stand as you are able

**ENTRANCE**

**MEDITATIVE MUSIC** Jeanne Banks, Pianist  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Will Waller  
**CHIMING THE HOUR**  
**OPENING VOLUNTARY** *Meditation*—Martin Lynn Meeks, Organist  
**ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

**GREETING**

\***CALL TO WORSHIP** Greg Dunlap, Liturgist  
L: Lord God, Scripture says, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
**P: Forgive us for not living into your call.**  
L: Lord God, you are a shield around us, our glory, the One who lifts our heads high.  
**P: Forgive us God for not believing this.**  
L: Scripture says, You are the rock of our Salvation; You are an ever-present help in times of trouble.  
**P: We cower, O Lord.**  
L: On this Graduation Sunday, Lord let us step boldly into your call, unafraid of what "they" might say, courageous to believe that you're not calling the equipped but equipping the called.  
**P: Embolden us God, once again, as you always have done. Amen.**

\***HYMN OF PRAISE** *My Life Is in You, Lord* TFWS No. 2032  
\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Nicene Creed* No. 880

**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**

**INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN** *Where Children Belong* TFWS No. 2233  
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Rev. Waller  
*(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may go to Children's Church.)*

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** 1 Samuel 10:17-22 Old Testament pg. 241

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *Rise to the Calling* Rev. Waller

**OFFERTORY** *On Eagle's Wings*—Joncas  
*(Please tear off the pew pad attendance sheet and place in the offering plate.)*

\***THE DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,  
Whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**ANTHEM** *And Are We Yet Alive*—Miller Chancel Choir

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**CALL TO PRAYER** *Make Me a Servant* TFWS No. 2176  
Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
make me a servant today.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

**SENDING FORTH**

\***CLOSING HYMN** *Be Thou My Vision* No. 451

\***THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

\***BENEDICTION**

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**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*As We Go*

As we go, may your spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where you lead.  
May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard,  
and be a light unto the world, as we go.

**\*GOING FORTH**

Rev. Waller

**\*POSTLUDE**

Mrs. Meeks

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**Serving Today:**

Liturgist: Greg Dunlap  
Greeters: Tim and Sandra Funk  
Acolyte: Fisher Gibson  
Usher: Benny Gibson  
Children's Church: Jane Roseberry  
Nursery: Callie Angle  
Counters: Martha Sue Gibson, Linda Handy

**Serving Next Week (May 28):**

Liturgist: Cindy St. Clair  
Greeters: Glenda Thompson  
Acolyte: Berklie Perdue  
Usher: Bobby Thompson  
Children's Church: Cindy St. Clair  
Nursery: Suzanne Ross  
Counters: Bobby Thompson, Jack Watts

**Prayer Concerns:**

**Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Rodney Cundiff; Bob Huffman; Debbie Caulder; Jack Dillon; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Lillie Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Maria Bray (Linda Walters); Dr. Matthew and Amanda Billups (Jack Watts); Don Angle (Steve Angle); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland); and Family of Anna Campbell who passed away on May 16.**

**Forget-Me-Nots:**

**Kathleen Higgins and Arnold Dillon, Sr.**

**Will Waller, Pastor  
Lynn M. Meeks, Director of Music/Diaconal Minister  
Jeanne Banks, Pianist  
Valerie Latimer, Administrative Assistant  
Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant  
Rebecca Dillon, Children's Church Coordinator  
Brad Hodges, Custodian**

### **Meetings and Announcements:**

- Tuesday, May 23**      **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**  
12:00 p.m., Sunshine Girls will meet at Ippy's for lunch  
6:00 p.m., Little Lambs Graduation
  
- Wednesday, May 24**      7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir
  
- Thursday, May 25**      **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
  
- Next Sunday, May 28**      10:00 a.m., Small Groups  
10:55 a.m., Worship
  
- Monday, May 29**      **The church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day**
  
- Monday, June 5**      5:00 p.m., United Women in Faith Annual Picnic at the home of Dan and Linda Walters

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

The Virginia Annual Conference sets aside the period between Mother's Day and Father's Day for special offerings to be collected for the Samaritan Program. Pinnacle Living's mission is to provide benevolent care in a vibrant community for older adults. Your Samaritan Offering will provide financial assistance to residents who have outlived their financial resources and can no longer afford the full cost of their care. The average age of recipients is 96 years old. One hundred percent of your offering will go to support these folks. Please make your checks payable to RMUMC and note Hermitage Roanoke Samaritan Program in the memo line.

We are collecting canned tuna for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!

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### **College Graduates**

Amber Altice, Emory & Henry College  
Annie Graninger, George Mason University  
Taylor Jones, Liberty University  
Abbey Justice, Roanoke College  
Elisabeth Saldo, Capella University  
Evan Stone, Virginia Tech  
Emily Waller, University of Lynchburg