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So wonderful to see so many faces returning to church. It is a blessing and a reflection of the strength of our people that Seminary has remained strong throughout the Covid-19 period. We pray that 2021 will only continue to improve as our lives return to normal. We have learned lessons and hopefully became even stronger in faith and in our convictions.

Please pray for our World, our Nation, our Church and Pastor. In addition, prayers for the soul and family of Larry Lahr, continued prayers for Cindy Burns and Marv Hathaway, all those recovering from surgery and health complications, and our shut-ins and those home-bound. Please pray to end COVID-19, Flu strains, Cancers, and all diseases.

For those not attending in person, we welcome you to join LIVE STREAMING on our Seminary FACEBOOK page Sundays at 10am.



SEMINARY CHURCH
285 Seminary Street Roanoke, In 5th Sunday after Easter

Pastor: Keith Schreffler

May 9th 2021

*Hymns of Praise "I Will Call Upon the Lord" #2002 Polly Carroll

I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
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and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High #2088

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from Heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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Welcome

Brooke Branyan

Call to Worship

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L: Welcome! We are gathered here to celebrate the great promise!

P: Our hearts are ready to receive this good news.

L: Jesus asked all of his friends to live lives reflecting the love of God.

P: We are numbered among these friends!

L: Open your hearts today. Hear God's special word just for you!

P: Lord, help us to be ready to receive your word and to live in your love. AMEN.

Congregation Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" # 102 Polly Carroll

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Honoring Our Mothers

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Going to God in Prayer 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 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.

Prayer Response in Song #488 "Jesus remember Me" Polly Carroll

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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Children's Worship: Children K-5 are dismissed to go downstairs with Polly

The Epistle Acts 1:1-11 NIV

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with[a] water, but in a few days you will be baptized with[b] the Holy Spirit."

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Gospel Reading Luke 24:44-53

44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

The Ascension of Jesus

50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

A Teaching Moment "It Was All Part of the Plan" Pastor Keith

Hymn of Dismissal "Shalom to You" # 666 Polly Carroll

Shalom to you now, Shalom my Friends.
May God's full mercies bless you my friends.

In all you living and through your loving,
Christ be your Shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Benediction

*Praise Hymn "Shine, Jesus Shine"

[Verse 1]

Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

[Chorus]

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

[Verse 2]

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood, I may enter Your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me. [Chorus]

[Verse 3]

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness shining
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me [Chorus]

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
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MASK UPDATE

At the April 26th 2021 Council meeting a decision was made to continue following CDC guidelines and the Huntington County Board of Health guidelines on social distancing and the wearing of masks during our Services of Worship. The Corona Virus numbers of those infected and the numbers of deaths are once again beginning to rise. Therefore, we will continue to ask all worshippers to wear the face masks and social distance. This is being done for the protection of everyone. Thankyou for your continued support!

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Children's Worship

Polly Carroll is anxious to restart the Children's Worship during the 10am Service of Worship. This class will begin on May 2nd. Children ages K-5 are invited to attend. This year this class will be meeting in Church Fellowship Hall.

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FOOD PANTRY

The emphasis for the Months of April, May and June is on Cleaning Supplies: Dish Soap; Face Soap; Hand Soap; Windex; Bleach; Mr. Clean; Laundry Detergent. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated!

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WOMEN OF FAITH

Will be meeting Monday, May 10th at 1:30pm...All women are invited and encouraged to come and connect with the Women of Faith.