

**Glade Weekly News**  
April 29–May 5, 2024



Word for the Week

Reign

**Psalm 98 (CEB w/ Inclusive Language)**

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to God a new song  
because They have done wonderful things!  
Their own strong hand and Their own holy arm  
has won the victory!
- <sup>2</sup> God has made Their salvation widely known;  
They have revealed Their righteousness  
in the eyes of all the nations.
- <sup>3</sup> God has remembered Their loyal love  
and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
every corner of the earth has seen our God's salvation.
- <sup>4</sup> Shout triumphantly to God, all the earth!  
Be happy!  
Rejoice out loud!  
Sing your praises!
- <sup>5</sup> Sing your praises to God with the lyre—  
with the lyre and the sound of music.
- <sup>6</sup> With trumpets and a horn blast,  
shout triumphantly before God, the king!
- <sup>7</sup> Let the sea and everything in it roar;  
the world and all its inhabitants too.
- <sup>8</sup> Let all the rivers clap their hands;  
let the mountains rejoice out loud altogether <sup>9</sup> before God  
because They are coming to establish justice on the earth!

They will establish justice in the world rightly;  
They will establish justice among all people fairly.

This Psalm is urging us to sing a new song to God because of Their “wonderful things” and Their “righteousness.” The word translated “victory” is based on a verbal root that is often rendered as “to save” or “to redeem.” God’s marvelous deeds worthy of praise here are the deeds done for Israel: being chosen by God, the exodus, their safety in the wilderness, the gift of the Torah, and entry into the promised land. Because of these things God has done for the nation, they are creating a “joyful noise,” not just of themselves, but all the earth, the waves, the hills all sing with joy for God’s continuing rule.

In the Lord’s Prayer, we ask for God’s kingdom to come. We also ask that God’s will be done on earth. In short, we are asking that God act just as the poet of Psalm 98 defines God’s actions. We call out for the rule of God on our earth, for God’s reign of justice to begin today, and for God’s righteousness to call all of us to analyze our actions to ensure they are in line with God’s rule.

Let us do all that we can today to bring God’s kingdom to earth. Let us all love our neighbors, raise a joyful noise to God, and bring justice for all those who have been denied equity and equality.

*Kelly Bryant*

Office Hours: Tuesday, April 30, 9-3 and Friday, May 3, 10-3. Please contact Pastor Kelly at 540-521-9993 or [bryantkj@gmail.com](mailto:bryantkj@gmail.com) if you need them outside of these posted office hours.

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**Lectionary Readings for the Sixth Sunday in Easter**

*Psalm 98      Acts 10:44-48      1 John 5:1-6      John 15:9-17*

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**In Other Words**

Taken from:

**Kingdom Come**

by **Sanchez Fair**

*Editor’s opinion – This song is best listened to at:*

<https://youtu.be/Dv5jGufcQYI?si=lmjoziVJEgezMVZ9>

God, have you abandoned?  
Are you still there?  
We’re hoping and we’re waiting  
The world that you created  
Is in despair  
There’s war and violence everywhere  
There are people marching  
Hands in the air  
They are hurting, they are scared  
They are people trying  
To understand  
Why racial wars are here again  
Let your Kingdom come  
Restore in us a new mind  
When hatred seems to come  
Create in us a pure heart  
And let your kingdom come

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## Announcements and Weekly Events

### Join us for worship at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday Morning

Attend in-person at 1600 Glade Rd. Blacksburg, or on Zoom at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88914981619?pwd=Q3E4Rk95d2llZGtONlVqSDcrMm1xdz09/#\\_success](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88914981619?pwd=Q3E4Rk95d2llZGtONlVqSDcrMm1xdz09/#_success)

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### The Nursery NEEDS Volunteers

The nursery is set up so whoever works there can view/listen to the worship service. Thus, you can volunteer and still be in “virtual attendance” at worship! If four people volunteer, it would mean one Sunday each month for each volunteer.

Please consider **signing up for the nursery program**: <https://signup.com/go/ivEyNZK>

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### Signup to Provide Snacks for After Worship Fellowship

There is a **signup sheet outside the sanctuary** to sign up to bring a small snack for the fellowship time following worship each Sunday. It can be cookies, fruit, or other small items. Remember, however, that the first Sunday of each month is “Birthday Celebration” when small cakes are welcome.

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### Opportunities for this Week

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#### Coffee & Devotion Group Meets on Zoom Wednesday, May 1 at 10:00 am

This virtual get-together meets at 10 a.m. on Zoom and lasts for about an hour for a time to meet people, share thoughts, hear a brief devotion, and join in prayer.

**Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89240288592?pwd=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNuRkdPaUNqUTog>

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#### Radical Conversations Meets Saturday, May 4 at 11:00 am

Radical Conversations meets from 11:00-12:15 each Saturday morning at the church. This is a time for open discussion of a wide range of topics. Everyone is invited to suggest topics as well as lead in the discussion of a topic that can be studying a book in the Bible, a religious topic, or we often discuss topics that are “secular” with “religious” significance.

Everyone is welcome to this informal discussion and fellowship group — many who attend do not attend Glade and we enjoy a wide variety of opinions in our discussions each week.

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#### Laundry Love washes clothes on Sunday, May 5 from 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Laundry Love has opportunities to volunteer.  
This is a great way to put “Words” into “Actions” of faith and love.

**VOLUNTEER FOR LAUNDRY LOVE**

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#### Quarterly Congregational Meeting is Sunday, May 5

Following worship on Sunday we will hold the quarterly Congregational Meeting. Please take the time to attend!