

THE FORECAST

A Bi-Weekly Newsletter

January 1, 2020

Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church

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WORSHIP

Sundays at 8:45a and 11:00a
in the **Historic Sanctuary**

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A TIME OF RENEWAL

It is that time of year: the seam between what has passed and what is to come. In some way, I'm less enchanted these days by thoughts of a new year than just a new day. I wonder if this is some of what our forebear, John Wesley, kept in his heart when he constructed the service known as "covenant renewal."

By most accounts, Wesley fashioned the liturgy from Richard Alleine's work – he a Puritan and Wesley an Anglican. Seems that Wesley tinkered with the body of the service, though much remained the same since 1753. By 1755, the covenant renewal began to flourish. Over the decades, Methodist Societies were using the renewal service regularly on New Year's Eve or Day. Each year, therefore, marked the opportunity to commit again to the Lord.

While I encourage each of us to visit the whole service* (and perhaps practice it together quite soon), below I simply offer what many believe to be the heart of the service – the invitation, the renewal prayer and covenant.

Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

Let me be your servant, under your command. I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to your will in all things.

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

Lord, make me what you will. I put myself fully into your hands: put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

Christ will be the Savior of none but his servants. He is the source of all salvation to those who obey. Christ will have no servants except by consent; Christ will not accept anything except full consent to all that he requires. Christ will be all in all, or he will be nothing.

Confirm this by a holy covenant.

Grateful to join you in this prayer and the covenant we keep,

Jay

*www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/covenant-renewal-service



LECTIONARY

A weekly set of Scripture readings.

January 5

Isaiah 7:10-16 • Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7 • Matthew 1:18-25

January 12

Isaiah 9:2-7 • Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14 • Luke 2:1-20

YOUTH SMALL GROUPS

Sundays, beginning January 5
Jr. High 3:30-5p
Sr. High 5-7p
Youth Room

Our Youth Small Groups resume Sunday, January 5th. Jr. High (6th-8th) will continue their study: *re:Form* and Sr. High (9th-12th) will continue theirs, *The Good and Beautiful God*. Both studies are come as you can and open to all students.

BLESSING OF THE HANDS

Tuesday, December 31st
6-7p
Rayne's Hannah Chapel

Join us for a Time of Renewal as we begin a New Year of Service in the World. Each person will receive a personal blessing of their hands through anointing with oil and words to call forth the Blessing of God for your service in the world in the coming year. You will have time for centering, reflecting on your own True Work, hearing live contemplative music, and a variety of blessings.

Lead by Rev. Lenda Faye Matthews, Rev. William Thiele, Ph.D., and Rev. Karen Seifer

OFFICE CLOSURES

For New Years, the church office will close on **December 31st at 1p** and reopen on **January 2nd**.

If you have an urgent need please contact Pastor Jay,
jay@raynenola.org or (225)772-3550.



COMPASSION CULTIVATION

Compassion Cultivation Training with Caroline Campion, MD, and William Thiele, PhD:

An 8-week course designed at Stanford University

Class options:

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30p,
beginning January 8th,
or

Thursdays, 12-2p,
beginning January 9th.

Meeting at the Epiphany House.
Suggested cost: \$350 (partial scholarships available).
Register now and start your New Year right by emailing
William.thiele56@gmail.com

ARTIST'S WAY

This class will be facilitated by John Bukaty and based on Julia Cameron's, *The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity*. Participants are invited to pursue creative activities, not necessarily as a profession but as an avenue to a deeper spirit and emotional healing. Join in for a time of conversation, as well as encouragement for our creative life together.

January 15th – April 1st
Wednesdays 6-7p,
in the Friendship Room

RSVP – jay@raynenola.org
or (225)772-3550 (Jay's cell)

SACRED 9 PROJECT CONCERT

January 5th, 3p @ Sanctuary

Cora L is the poet/lyricist you only think you've never heard of, but you'll have to come to the concert to learn her true identity. She was a mysterious character who operated under nearly 200 aliases and who wore elements of disguise. She was both a strict abolitionist and a contributor to blackface minstrelsy. What do we do in today's "cancel culture" with this lyricist/songwriter who made such bad choices?

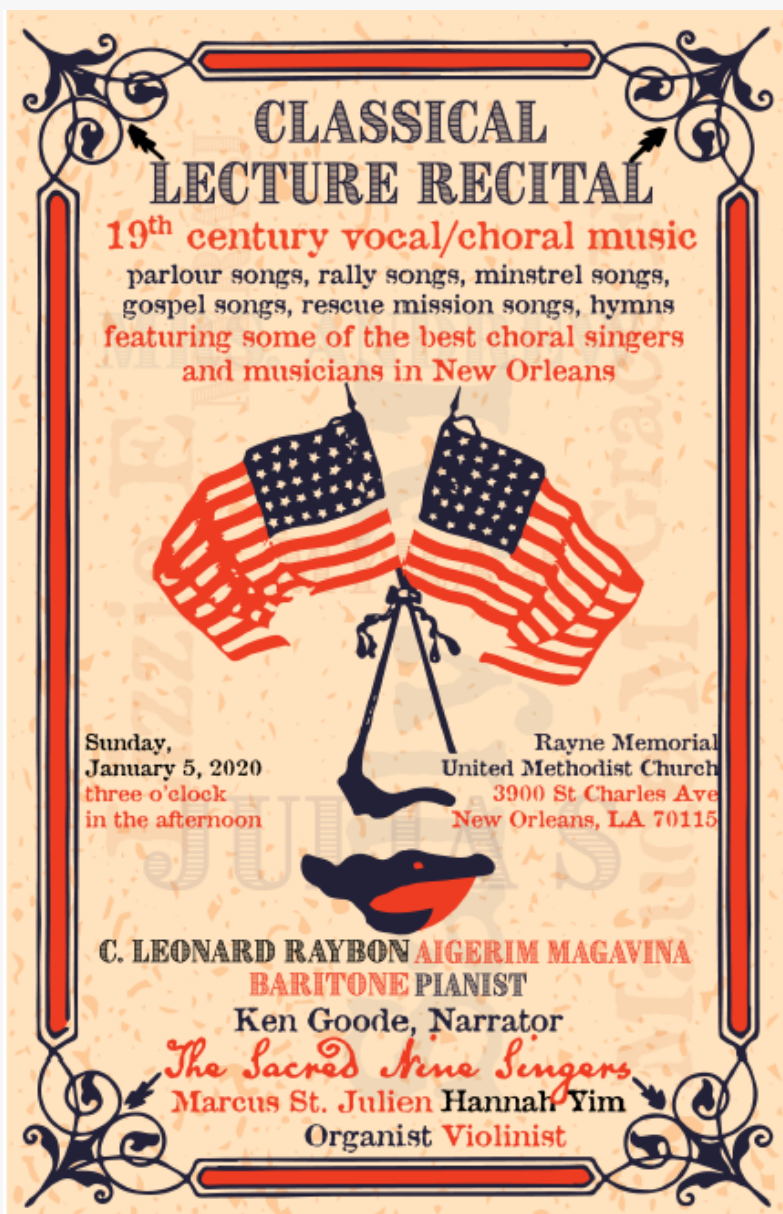


Come and hear **Ken Good**, narrator; **Leonard Raybon**, baritone; **The Sacred Nine Singers**; **Aigerim Magavina**, pianist; **Marcus St. Julien**, organ; and **Hannah Yim**, violinist. We will perform some of her parlour songs, Union rally songs, minstrel songs (as uncomfortable as that is), and gospel songs. Don't be an audience member; be a voting delegate and decide what her legacy should be.

Will she be revoked or renewed?

It's like nineteenth century popular and sacred music meets *The Handmaid's Tale*, meets Agatha Christie!

Hope to see you there!
Leonard



**CLASSICAL
LECTURE RECITAL**
19th century vocal/choral music
parlour songs, rally songs, minstrel songs,
gospel songs, rescue mission songs, hymns
featuring some of the best choral singers
and musicians in New Orleans

Sunday,
January 5, 2020
three o'clock
in the afternoon

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C. LEONARD RAYBON AIGERIM MAGAVINA
BARITONE PIANIST
Ken Goode, Narrator
The Sacred Nine Singers
Marcus St. Julien Hannah Yim
Organist Violinist

A WEEK AT RAYNE

SUNDAY

- 8:45a Worship
- 10a Sunday School
- 11a Worship
- 3:30p Jr. High Youth
- 5p Sr. High Youth
- 5p Women's Covenant Group*

MONDAY

- 9a-5p Church Office Hours (M-Th)
- 1p Staff Meeting
- 6p Ministry Meetings
- 6:30p AA Meeting

TUESDAY

- 10a-12p Food Pantry
- 12p Women's Covenant Group
- 1p Intercessory Prayer Group
- 3p Good Samaritan (at Mt. Zion UMC)
- 5:30p Luke's House Medical Clinic
- 6:30p Covenant Group (off-site)

WEDNESDAY

- 5:30p Centering Prayer*
- 6p Children's Choir (seasonal)
- 6p Wednesday Classes (seasonal)
- 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7p Overeaters Anonymous Meeting

THURSDAY

- 6a Men's Bible Study (at La Boulangerie)
- 9:30a Sacred Yoga*
- 12p Gamblers Anonymous Meeting
- 3-5p Food Pantry
- 5:30p Luke's House Medical Clinic
- 6p West Bank Bible Study (@ Acme Truck)
- 7p Al-Anon/AA Meetings

FRIDAY

- 9a-12p Church Office Hours

*Notes activities at the Epiphany House

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Resumes normal hours on January 2

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 6
6p @ Epiphany House

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BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

Sunday, January 12
After Worship @ Fellowship Hall

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ARTIST'S WAY CLASS BEGINS

Wednesday, January 15
6p @ Friendship Room

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, January 20
6p @ Pastor's Office

PRAYER LIST



WE PRAY FOR HEALING OF

**Andrew McLetchie, Roy Watts, Betty Wells,
Harry Hickman, Richard Moore, Wells Beaty,
Chuck Pate, Ann Dalton, Beth Sims,
Cida Lancaster, Mary Herbert, Brett Buck, Ronald
Sepanik, Marjorie Lentini, Fletcher Cochran,
Emily Chancellor, Robin O'Bannon,
Barbara Everett & Judy Mastainich.**

