

1 John 1:5-2:2

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

HOMILY

If We Walk...

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

8:30am
See Insert

INVITATION

HYMN

Jesus, Thine All Victorious Love, UMH 422

BENEDICTION*

Go now in peace, Stand firm in your faith. Be strong. Be brave.
Let everything you do be done in love.

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL BY ROW

OFFERING— *Your generosity and gifts enable Rayne's ministries, thank you! Offerings will be received in the box on the table in the rear of the Sanctuary behind the last pew. You can also give online (rayennola.org/contribute) or by texting "giverayne" to 73256.*

WE WELCOME ALL— *All are invited to participate fully in the life of this community of faith and love regardless of race, class, gender, or sexual orientation. We welcome all with open hearts, open minds, and open doors! Those who wish to become members are encouraged to contact: jay@raynenola.org.*



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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021



*Our altar flowers were given today to the glory of God and
in memory of Armenia Smith, by Brenda Tolbert Smith.*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL

Welcome to All!

All are invited to participate in any of our activities,
and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

GATHERING

Hogewood

How beautiful when we live together in unity and love in the light of Jesus.

Rev. Jay

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Come, walk in the light.
We walk together as children of light and love.
Come, gather in the love of God.
We gather together as children of light and love.
Come, live in the unity of God's Holy Spirit.
We live together as children of light and love.

Marcus St. Julien

Elizabeth Cheezem, 8:30am
Director of Children's Ministry

HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies, UMH 185

PRAYER

The eternal love of Jesus Christ, our Savior, be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together:

God of light and love, open our hearts to your message of unity. Open our minds to the light of your wisdom. Open our lives to the call of your Spirit.

Reveal to us your holy presence, as we listen and learn this day.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

11:00am

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE RED STEPS

A Special Time for Our Children

At this time, children age 3 years old through 2nd grade may attend children's church in the education building.

**The People Standing*

ANTHEM

Cassie Segal, 8:30am

Give Me Jesus

Traditional Spiritual, Arranged by Moses Hogan

*In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus*

*Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
But give me Jesus*

*And when I am alone
Oh, and when I am alone
And when I am alone, give me Jesus*

*Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
But give me Jesus
And when I come to die
Oh, and when I come to die
And when I come to die, give me Jesus*

*Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
You can have all this world
You can have all this world
But give me Jesus*

C. Leonard Raybon, 11am

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

Frederic Bullard

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea;
day by day his voice still calls us
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'*

*Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'*

*In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'*

*Jesus calls us: by your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts in glad obedience,
serve and love you best of all.*

SCRIPTURE

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

All are welcome at the table!

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION

You know us so very well, Christ Jesus. You know our struggles and our weakness, and you love us enough to welcome us to your care and conviction. You know our divisions and fractures, and you love us enough to invite us to forgive one another and live in unity. Shine the light of your love upon us, and forgive us please, as we walk your path of peace and mercy.

(silence)

PARDON

Hear the good news: if we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please place your empty communion vessel in the brown paper bag at your seat and leave at your seat as you depart.