

SCRIPTURE

1 John 3: 1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

HOMILY

Staying Power
("See What Love")

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

8:30a
See Insert

INVITATION

HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be, UMH 399

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021



Our altar flowers were given today to the glory of God and in honor of Edwin and Barbara Beckman's new grandson, Rory Conor Beckman.

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

Rev. Jay Hogewood

For all who lose sight of hope, adjust our perspective, catch our eye, grip our hearts, Risen Savior. With your surprising presence, lead us now to fellowship divine...

PRELUDE

Marcus St. Julien

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Lenda Faye Matthews, 8:30am
Nancy Hopkins, 11:00am

Come, Holy God: **make yourself known in the study of scripture.**
Come, Risen Savior: **show yourself in our songs of praise.**
Come, Holy Spirit: **arrive in glory as we share the unity of your holy love.**
Holy Trinity, merciful Three in One, be gracious to us and receive our thanks and praise!

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, UMH 89

PRAYER

The holy love of Jesus, our Lord, be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Spirit of the Risen Savior, when we fail to recognize you in this world, open our minds to your gaze upon us. We find it difficult at times to see you in the face of those who suffer today. We resist walking the path you have shown us, at least until we know exactly where it will lead. Free us now from fear, resentments and regrets. Liberate us from the burden of guilt and shame. Forgive us, Living Lord; restore us and lead us wherever you will have us go.

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

Randy Bunnell, 8:30am

Easter

Ralph Vaughan Williams (words by George Herbert)

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him mayst rise:
that, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name, who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings,
what key is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long:
or since all music is but three parts vied and multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
and make up our defects with his sweet art.

Rebecca Sullivant, 11am

Laudate Dominum

W. A. Mozart

Praise the Lord, all nations; praise Him, all people.

For He has bestowed His mercy upon us,
and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it wasn't the beginning is now and forever,

and for generations of generations.

Amen.

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, UMH 89

- 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
- 2 All Your works with joy surround You, earth and heav'n reflect Your
rays, stars and angels sing around You, center of unbroken praise;
field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain praising You eternally!
- 3 Always giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother, let Your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
- 4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be, UMH 399

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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.

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