

## SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

## HOMILY

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## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION\*

*8:30am see insert*

*I Come With Joy, UMH 617*

*We welcome you, as your mask remains on, to come forward to share the Bread and Cup. Upon receiving the Meal, simply remove your mask at that moment, then return to your pew with your mask on. Or, if you would like to remain where you are, we welcome you to utilize the Communion packet at your pew.*

## INVITATION

## HYMN\*

*God of Love and God of Power, UMH 578*

## BENEDICTION

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

## POSTLUDE

**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 ([raynenola.org/contribute](http://raynenola.org/contribute)), by texting "giverayne" to 73256, or using the QR code.



**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](mailto:jay@raynenola.org).



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# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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# 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.

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## GATHERING

Rev. Jay Hogewood

## PRELUDE

Carmen Leerstang

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Rev. Marissa Teauseau Horvath

Gracious God, pour out your mercy on us.

Where there is despair, fill us with hope.

Where there is sorrow, fill us with comfort.

Where there is sin, fill us with forgiveness.

Where there is hatred, fill us with love.

Where there is worry, fill us with assurance.

Gather us in the arms of your grace and justice that we may join the scandal of your wisdom and peace.

## HYMN\*

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*, UMH 126

## PRAYER

The peace of Jesus Christ, our Savior, be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together:

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,  
the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the  
difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time;  
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this  
sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that You will make  
all things right if I surrender to Your will; so that I may be reasonably  
happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next.

*adapted from* Reinhold Niebuhr

## 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,  
forever. Amen.

\**The People Standing*

## RESPONSE *Singing*

*To God Be the Glory*, UMH 98

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

## THE RED STEPS

A Special Time for Our Children

*Children age 3 years old through 2nd grade may  
attend children's church in the education building.*

**OFFERING** *Ushers with offering plates will pass by each pew. Please pass your  
gift to the usher or place in the box on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.*

Randy Bunnell, 8:30am

*The Call*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Words by George Herbert

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Rebecca Sullivant, 11:00am

*Irish Blessing*

Bob Chilcott

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be ever at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

and the rain fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again,

may God hold you ever in the palm of His hand.

## **HYMN**

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*, UMH 126

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and glory.
2. The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing, an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing. As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: To God all praise and glory.
3. Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises, that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part: To God all praise and glory.
4. Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory; let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story! Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone: To God all praise and glory.

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

*I Come With Joy*, UMH 617 (8:30am)

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known: we see and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

## **HYMN**

*God of Love and God of Power*, UMH 578

1. God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
2. We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee; give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
3. All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty; slaves are we whene'er we share that devotion anywhere. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.
4. God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour; offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

# **THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION\***

*All are welcome at the table!*

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## **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**

**Holy and loving Savior, we confess too often we refuse to honor our neighbor. We have rejected others, as Jesus was rejected before us. Status often drives us; gossip often lures us. We choose chaos over kindness and disconnection over community. Help our hearts repent and return to your voice. Help us reconnect and share your love with our neighbors. Renew us with your forgiveness. May your grace abound.**

*(silence)*

## **PARDON**

Hear the good news: shame lives within us no more. God's grace is sufficient for us all. May the power of Christ dwell in our souls, lift up our spirits, and urge us to works of mercy. 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.**