

SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:14-16

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

HOMILY

Grudges: The Trouble with "Good Trouble"

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

8:30am see insert

And Are We Yet Alive, UMH 553

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*

The Church of Christ, in Every Age, UMH 589

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), 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.



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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18, 2021



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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.

GATHERING

Rev. Jay Hogewood

PRELUDE

Carmen Leerstang

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Rev. Marissa Teauseau Horvath

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.
We belong to the Lord.
Lift up your voices in praise and thanksgiving.
We lift our voice in glory and honor to the Lord God of all creation.

HYMN*

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above, UMH 96

PRAYER

The peace and power of Jesus Christ our Savior be with you.
And also with you.

Let us share in the prayer of St. Francis, who said:
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console; to be understood and as to understand;
to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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* *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*, UMH 340

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; true
belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

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.*

Cassie Segal, 8:30am

Prayer

Ludwig van Beethoven

O God, Thy goodness reacheth so far, as far as clouds above us.
Thy tender mercies crown our days
and quickly show that Thou dost love us.
O Lord, my rock, my fortress strong.
Hear Thou my prayer which I prolong,
As I now bow before thee, as I now bow before Thee.

Laurie Phillips, 11:00am

Blessed Assurance

Phoebe Palmer Knapp, arr. William Cutter
Words by Fanny Crosby

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in His blood,
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

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 *And Are We Yet Alive*, UMH 553 (8:30am)

1. And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!

2. Preserved by power divine to full salvation here,
again in Jesus' praise we join, and in his sight appear.

3. What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past,
fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last!

4. Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford, and hides our life above.

5. Then let us make our boast of his redeeming power,
which saves us to the uttermost, till we can sin no more.

6. Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.

HYMN

The Church of Christ, in Every Age, UMH 589

1. The church of Christ, in every age, beset by change but Spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

2. Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.

3. Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

4. For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

5. We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord,
to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating Word.

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

**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.