

## SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things... When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

## HOMILY

*The Balance*

Rev. Marissa Teauseau Horvath

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION\*

8:30am *see insert*

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*, UMH 549

*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\*

*For the Healing of the Nations*, UMH 428

## BENEDICTION

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

## POSTLUDE

*Maestoso in C# Minor*

Louis Vierne

**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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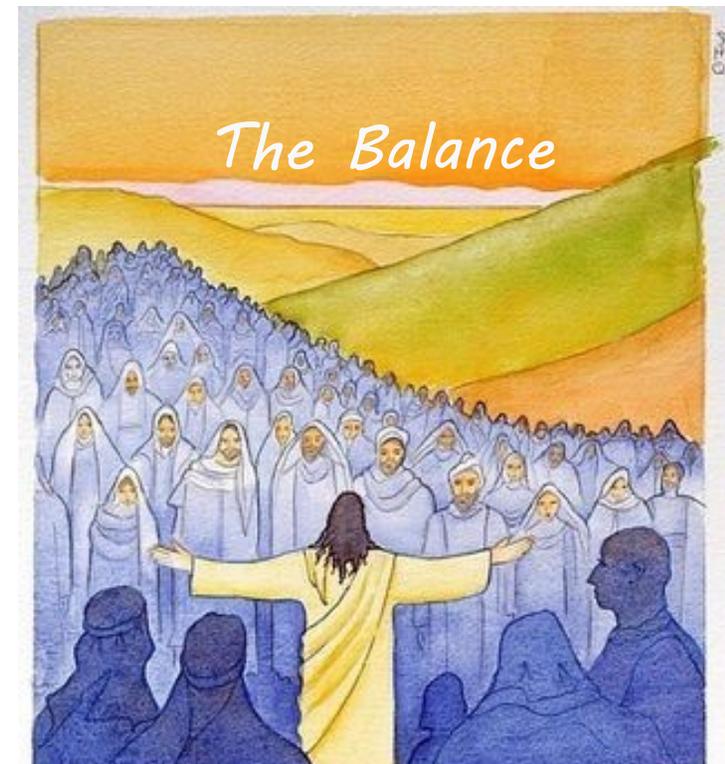
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# NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25, 2021



*Great crowds followed Jesus  
as he preached the good news, by Elizabeth Wang*

*Our altar flowers are given to the glory God and in honor of  
Silas Lee Wong on his first birthday by his parents,  
Courtney Stuckwisch Wong and Michael Wong.*

# 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

*Prelude in E Minor*

Gerald Bales  
Marcus St. Julien

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

From far and near, we gather together  
called to unity in Christ.

Built into one body,

we are the dwelling place of God's holy love.

May God guide our steps and inspire our actions  
that we may reveal God's love in word and deed.

## HYMN\*

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*; UMH 57

## PRAYER

The presence and peace of Jesus Chris, our Savior, be with you.  
And also with you.

Let us pray:

God, you are our guardian and guide. We do not want to be like  
sheep without a shepherd. We want to know your presence and  
make it known to those around us. We trust that you dwell within us  
and we yearn for conviction that your Spirit flows in and through us.  
Fill us when we are empty. Forgive us when we act out of selfishness  
or hate. Guide us when we are lost. Comfort us when we are tired.  
Restore us when we are disconnected, and encourage our lives with  
your Spirit's care. In your loving name, we pray.

## 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*

*I Need Thee Every Hour*, UMH 397

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

(Refrain) I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;  
come quickly and abide, or life is vain. (Refrain)

## 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

*King of glory, King of peace*

K. Lee Scott and George Herbert

King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee;  
And that love may never cease, I will move Thee.  
Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.  
Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee,  
And the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.  
Though my sins against me cried, Thou alone didst clear me;  
And alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.  
Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise Thee;  
In my heart, though not in Heaven, I can raise Thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll Thee:  
E'en eternity's too short to extol Thee.

Leonard Raybon, 11:00am

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Edward C. Bairstow

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever.  
Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.  
Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.  
In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.  
Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction, grace bestoweth:  
And O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!  
And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

## **HYMN**

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*, UMH 57

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*, UMH 549 (8:30am)

1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn; Let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.
3. Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess; And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.
4. Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease; Be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours God's holy peace.
5. Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son; As members of his body joined, we are in Christ made one.
6. Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name; Our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

## **HYMN**

*For the Healing of the Nations*, UMH 428

1. For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned; pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, may we hallow life's brief span.
4. You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our response and service earth its destiny may find, earth its destiny may find.

## **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.**