

SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:7-13

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

"...and healing them"

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

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One Bread, One Body, UMH 620

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 *

This Is My Song, UMH 437

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

The Stars and Stripes Forever John Philip Sousa
arranged by E. Power Biggs, 11:00am

OFFERING— *Your generosity and gifts enable Rayne's ministries, thank you! 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. You may also give online at (rayennola.org/contribute), texting "giverayne" to 73256, or by 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.*



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 4, 2021



Our altar flowers are given to the glory God and with love for the Rayne Church Family by Alberta and Melody Pate.

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

Variations on "America" Charles Ives, 11:00am
Marcus St. Julien

CALL TO WORSHIP

When challenges threaten our unity and desire for peace,
Christ's grace will be our guide.
When insecurities mount up within our hearts,
Christ's strength will be our guide.
When insults weaken our resolve,
Christ's mercy will be our guide.
When fear saps our faith,
Christ's presence will be our guide.

HYMN *

Jesus Shall Reign, UMH 157

PRAYER

The faith and devotion of Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray responsively: Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire our minds and grant your light to all women and men who lead the government of our nation and nations of the world. **Give to them the vision of peace with justice, of truth over lies.** Lead their counsel that all peoples might work together. **Give to the people of our country a desire for justice and strength to share with those who are hurting, hopeless, or pushed aside.** Inspire us to use our liberty in partnership with your love for "the least among us." **And forgive our sins as a nation: we have often abused our power and caused harm to generations of people.** Purify our hearts and empower our actions to see and love your kingdom on earth. We pray these things through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

RESPONSE

Come Down, O Love Divine, UMH 475

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

**The People Standing*

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.*

MISSION MOMENT

Luke's House Clinic
Adam Bradley, Executive Director

OFFERING

Cassie Segal, 8:30am

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Words by James Weldon Johnson
Music by J. Rosamond Johnson

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of Liberty; let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us. Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our fathers sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered, we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; Thou who hast by Thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee, lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee; shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand.

True to our God, true to our native land.

Leonard Raybon, 11am

The Lord Is My Light
Frances Allitsen

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom, then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom then shall I be afraid?
Though a host of men were laid against me,
yet shall not my heart be afraid;
And tho' there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.
For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle.
Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me,
And set me up upon a rock of stone.

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HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign, UMH 157

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To Jesus endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head; his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns; all prisoners leap and loose their chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
5. Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

COMMUNION HYMN

One Bread, One Body, UMH 620

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we
bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. (Refrain)
2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (Refrain)
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. (Refrain)

HYMN

This Is My Song, UMH 437

1. This is my song, oh God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. This is my song, oh God of all the nations; a song of peace for their land and for mine.
3. This is my prayer, o Lord of all earth's kingdoms Thy kingdom come on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him. And hearts united learn to live as one. Oh hear my prayer, o God of all the nations. Myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

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.

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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please leave your empty communion packet on the pew as you depart.