

SCRIPTURE

John 6:1-15

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

HOMILY

God Has No Garbage Cans

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

See Insert

Here I Am, Lord, 593

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 the Spirit, Guide and Guardian, 648

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Fanfare by Jacques Lemmens, 11:00 am

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.*



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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 1, 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

"In a world where life goes hard with us all in turn, I say that tenderness and the loving will to help are never out of place and never wasted." ~ Percy Ainsworth

PRELUDE

Communion by Louis Vierne, 11:00 am
Marcus St. Julien

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Marissa Teauseau Horvath

Why have you come to this place?

We are tired in body and spirit.

Why have you come today?

We have come to follow Jesus.

Come and eat your fill. Receive the abundant grace of Jesus Christ.

But there are only five loaves and two fish.

Still, there is plenty for us all.

Jesus, we trust that you gather the fragments of our lives

that nothing may be lost.

Come, let us worship and see the abundance of his love.

HYMN *

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, 139

PRAYER

The signs of Christ's love be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

God of our grief and our good times, we are empty and long to be filled; we are hungry and long to be fed; we are lost and long to be found. Invite us once more to find true health in the mercy of Jesus, who is the bread of heaven. Gather up the broken parts of our lives and make us whole, as a sign of your powerful love. Amen.

RESPONSE

Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love, 422

**Jesus, thine all-victorious love shed in my heart abroad;
then shall my feet no longer rove, rooted and fixed in God.**

**Refining fire, go through my heart, illuminate my soul;
scatter thy life through every part and sanctify the whole.**

**The People Standing*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

11:00 am

Virginia Hawsey McManus

Born August 5, 2020

Parents, Lacy and Bryan McManus

Sister, Clara Byrd McManus

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.*

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, 8:45 am

Shine on Us

Words and Music by Michael W. Smith
Arranged by Robert Sterling

Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us.

Shine on us. That we, may be saved.

That we, may have life to find our way in the darkest night.

Let your light, shine on us.

Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us.

That we, may be saved. That we, may have life.

That we, may have life to find our way in the darkest night.

Let your grace, fall on us.

Lord, let your love, love with no end come over us.

That we, may be saved.

That we, may have life to find our way in the darkest night.

Let your light, shine on us.

Rebecca Sullivant, 11:00 am

Make a Joyful Noise

by Kenneth T. Kosche

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands.

Come into God's presence with singing.

Worship the Lord with a song!

For the Lord is a great God, the Lord alone is our true creator.

For the Lord is a great God, the maker of heaven and earth.

HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, 139

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation. O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!
 2. Praise to the Lord, who're all things so wondrously reigning bears thee on eagle's wings, o'er in his keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.
 4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
- Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

COMMUNION HYMN

Here I Am, Lord, 593

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them, whom shall I send?

Refrain

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

HYMN

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian, 648

1. God the Spirit, guide and guardian, windsped flame and hovering dove, breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power of love: give to those who lead your people fresh anointing of your grace; send them forth as bold apostles to your church in every place.
2. Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd, word made flesh, love crucified, teacher, healer, suffering servant, friend of sinners, foe of pride: in your tending may all pastors learn and live a shepherd's care; grant them courage and compassion shown through word and deed and prayer.
3. Great Creator, life-bestower, truth beyond all thought's recall, fount of wisdom, womb of mercy, giving and forgiving all: as you know our strength and weakness, so may those the church exalts oversee her life steadfastly yet not overlook her faults.
4. Triune God, mysterious being, undivided and diverse, deeper than our minds can fathom, greater than our creeds rehearse: help us in our varied callings your full image to proclaim, that our ministries uniting may give glory to your name.

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

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(silence)

PARDON

Hear the good news -

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; this proves God's love for us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

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.