

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-7

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

HOMILY

The Gospel According to Sadie

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

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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.

HYMN*

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, UMH 400
cantor, 8:45am*

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.



Rayne
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for 145 years shining the light of God's love and grace

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 2021



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

CALL TO WORSHIP* *responsively* Rev. Marissa Teauseau Horvath

Life-giving God, heal our lives and bind our wounds,
and we will proclaim your wonderful deeds.

Redeeming Savior, visit your people with mercy and peace,
and we will welcome you by serving our neighbors.

Spirit of Compassion, pour out your power and love
and we will share your presence with one another.

HYMN*

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us, UMH 381
cantor, 8:45am

PRAYER *together*

The peace and care of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

God of mercy and healing, we trust you hear the cries of those in need. Please listen as we call out to you with the concerns of our congregation and community.

(We share aloud or in the silence of our hearts.)

Receive these with the devoted love you have for your children, O God. And may all who are troubled know your peace, comfort and courage.

THE RED STEPS

*The People Standing

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, 8:45am

Come, Thou dear Redeemer
Charles Wesley, arr. Cesar Franck

Come, Thou come Thou dear Redeemer.

Come Lord Jesus to set us free. From our fears and sins releases us.

Let us find our rest in Thee. Hope of all the earth Thou art.

Joy of every longing heart. Come Thou, come Thou, dear Redeemer.

Born a Child, yet Thou art a King.

Born to reign in us forever.

Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.

Rule in all our hearts alone.

Raise us to Thy glorious throne. Amen.

Laurie Phillips, 11:00am

Set Me as a Seal
K. Lee Scott

Set me as a seal upon your heart,

as a seal upon your arm,

for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love,

nor the floods drown it.

And if one were to give all the possessions of his house for love,

it would utterly be despised.

Set me as a seal upon your heart,

as a seal upon your arm,

for love is strong as death.

HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us, UMH 381

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
4. Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, UMH 400

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy
grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest
praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues
above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming
love.
2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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

**Our God who seeks the lost and gathers the weary,
we confess we neglect your loving-care. We tend to go our own way,
even when that threatens the peace you want to grant us.
We are sorry and humbly repent. Lead us back to your way.
Guide our paths that we might serve you
and walk in your way that leads to life.**

(silence)

PARDON

Hear the good news:
Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd, welcomes sinners,
seeks the lost and forgives the sin of the world.
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