

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 6:36-38

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

**HOMILY***Giving Faithfully and Faithful Giving***THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION\****see insert, 8:45am*

*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\***

*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, 438  
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**

*Sonata II: Allegro maestoso e vivace  
Felix Mendelssohn 11am*

**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).



# Rayne

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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26, 2021



*Our altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Phillip Novak, husband of Kathy Novak.*

# 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.

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## GATHERING

Come among us, Jesus... (The Pattern of Our Days, The Iona Community)

Rev. Jay Hogewood

## PRELUDE

*Sonata II: Adagio*

Marcus St. Julien  
Felix Mendelssohn 11am

## CALL TO WORSHIP\* *responsively*

Loving God, for your compassion over us, binding our wounds,  
entering our pain, **We give you thanks.**

Suffering Servant, Jesus our Savior, for your love among us,  
revealing our truth, calling us to you, **We give you thanks.**

Spirit of Comfort, Holy Ghost our Guide, for your inspiring spark,  
encouraging trust, building our community, **We give you thanks.**

Lead us on, Holy Three in One, to find wholeness through serving  
you, **by serving others in the power of your eternal Presence.**

## HYMN\*

*Maker, in Whom We Live, 88*  
*cantor, 8:45am*

## PRAYER *together*

The abundant compassion of the Lord God be with you:

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together:

**God of the beginning, God of now, and God of what is to come:**

**You have claimed us as your children, and you have given us  
resources to share for your glory. We offer our gifts to you -  
for the work of your kingdom on earth. Inspire our faith that we  
might love you as we love one another through the sharing of our  
time, talents and treasure. Urge us to dedicate our prayers, presence,  
gifts, service and witness that they might bring love, hope, justice and  
peace to people who are in need. For the glory of your name,  
we pray...**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

11am

**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*

## MINISTRY MOMENT

Marlin Giacona  
United Methodist Children's Home of Greater New Orleans

## 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, 8:45am

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J. S. Bach Bryceson Treharne

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, love most bright;  
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned,  
Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round Thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding, Hark, what peaceful music rings;  
Where the flock, in Thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs.

Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure; theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.  
Thou dost ever lead Thine own in the love of joys unknown

Leonard Raybon, 11am

*Give Me an Understanding Heart*

Fredrickson

Give me, O Lord, I pray, an understanding heart,  
that I may know thy love and share it with thy children;  
O let my words confess thy glorious works and wisdom,  
and let my life show forth the bounty of thy goodness.

For all thy blessings, Lord, I praise thy glorious name;  
I praise thee evermore for all thy kindness. In showing love to all,  
I show my love for thee; in living love, I give my love to thee.

Give me, O Lord, I pray, an understanding heart,  
that I may know thy love and share it with thy children;  
Oh let thy love shine forth in all I think and say.

Oh let thy love appear in all I do; thy love shall ever by my shield and  
stay, to guide me through the gloom to cloudless day.  
Oh give me of thy wisdom Lord, that I may ever glorify thy name forever-  
more.

## **HYMN**

*Maker, in Whom We Live, 88*

1. Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,  
the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love.  
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,  
while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.

2. Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race  
render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace.  
The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim,  
and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"

3. Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore  
thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power.  
Not angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height,  
the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.

4. Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,  
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.  
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,  
sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.

## **HYMN**

*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, 438*

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.

2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.

3. Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine inmost  
substance see, and labor on at thy command, and offer all my works  
to thee.

4. For thee delightfully employ what e'er thy bounteous grace hath  
given; and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to  
heaven.

## **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**

**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**