

+HYMN *Christ for the World We Sing* 568

MINISTRY MOMENT Stewardship Emphasis
Jared Frank, 8:45 am
Libby Adams, 11:00 am

OFFERING Joseph Tate, 8:45 am, insert
Crescent City Chamber, 11:00 am

+DOXOLOGY *singing together* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION 8:45 am, insert

*If you would like to remain where you are
an usher will provide a communion packet for you at your pew.*

Let Us Break Bread Together 618
Amazing Grace 378

+HYMN *Ye Servants of God* 181

+BENEDICTION *responsively*

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

POSTLUDE Crescent City Chamber, 11:00 am

WE WELCOME ALL - 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

ALTAR FLOWERS - are given to the glory of God and in memory of Phillip J. Novak, Kathy Novak's husband.

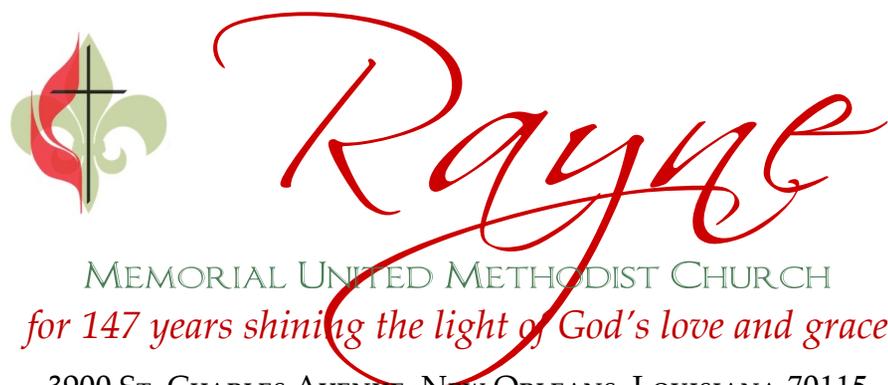
OFFERING - please place your offering in the box on the table in the rear of the sanctuary or in the offering plate as it passes. You may also give online (raynenola.org/contribute), by texting "giverayne" to 73256, or using the QR code.



***AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL** - Each time a Spiritual is presented in worship, the music ministries make a donation to music organizations that serve the heirs of this hallowed repertoire. If you wish to supplement today's sum, you may designate your deposit in the offering plate, by text giving or online.

CRESCENT CITY MUSIC FESTIVAL'S - final concert will be this afternoon at 5:00 pm in the Rayne sanctuary.

LET'S GATHER TOGETHER - in the fellowship hall after the worship service for coffee, snacks and friendship.



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October 16, 2022



Serving as good steward's of the manifold grace of God.

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

All are welcome!

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

"Blessed are you who love people who aren't grateful, the sick who endanger your health, the deeply boring who know you have things to do. Loving people can be the most meaningful thing in the world, but it can also be hard and scary and boring and disgusting or sad or anxiety-inducing with zero overtime. So bless you, dear one. You who made these bad investments, those acts of love that are not going to add up to success in the way the world sees it. You are the definition of love."

~ Kate Bowler & Jessica Richie

PRELUDE

Marcus St. Julien, 8:45 am
Crescent City Chamber, 11:00 am

†CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

Rev. Mary Brown, 8:45 am
Wendy Rihner, 11:00 am

Sheltered by God, we come now to worship.

Invited by Christ, we come now to pray.

Welcomed by the Spirit, we gather as the people of God.

†HYMN

O God in Heaven

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PRAYER *together*

The Lord of all mercy and love be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: O God, you are our refuge in times of trouble, our shelter in times of rain. When we forget to be a refuge for others in trouble, forgive us. Turn our gaze to the poor Lazaruses of our world, for we would rather look away. Guide our lives to be places of shelter for others, as you have been a shelter for us. Strengthen us with your grace that we may offer our mercy and help to those in need. Draw us back to your work in the world. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *together*

11:00 am

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.

†*The People Standing*

RESPONSE *singing together*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 103 (verses 1 & 4)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

THE RED STEPS

A Special Time for Our Children
Elizabeth Cheezem

At this time, children age 3 years old through 2nd grade may come forward to the front of the sanctuary for a time of sharing with the pastors then attend children's church in the education building.

CHORAL ANTHEM *

Chancel Choir, 11:00 am

Poor Man Laz'rus

arr. Jester Hairston

Poor man Lazarus, sick and disabled,
dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!
He had to eat crumbs from the rich
man's table dip your finger in the
water; come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!

Refrain:

I'm tormented in the flame!
I'm tormented in the flame!
Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!

Rich man Divies, he lived so well.
Dip your finger in the water;

come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!
And when he died, he went straight
to hell. Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!
[Refrain]

I love to shout, I love to sing.
Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!
I love to praise my heavenly King.
Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!
[Refrain]

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:19-31

HOMILY Chasm: The Topography of [Bad] Stewardship
(Part 3 of 4 Sermons)

Nancy Hopkins and Rev. Hogewood

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table!

HYMN

O God in Heaven

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1. O God in heaven, grant to thy children mercy and blessing, songs never ceasing, love to unite us, grace to redeem us, O God in heaven, dear Lord, our God.
2. Jesus, Redeemer, may we remember thy gracious passion, thy resurrection. Worship we bring thee, praise we shall sing thee, Jesus Redeemer, Jesus our Lord.
3. Spirit descending, whose is the blessing, strength for the weary, help for the needy, sealed in our kinship, thine be our worship, Spirit descending, Spirit adored.

HYMN

Christ for the World We Sing

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1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.
2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.
3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

HYMN

Ye Servants of God

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1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name all-victorious of Jesus extol, his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save, and still he is nigh, his presence we have; the great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.
3. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
4. Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might; all honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

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

Lord Jesus, come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance and to bow to one another in real forgiveness.

By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the greed and pride that separate us.

Fill us, Lord, with your perfect love that casts out our fear and bind us together in that unity, which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

SILENT CONFESSION

PARDON

God demonstrates God's love to us in this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 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:

singing together:

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:

singing together:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ redeemed by his blood. By your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God.

(Please note that the consecration of the Bread and Cup were offered by Pastor Jay earlier this week.)

singing together:

Amen, amen, amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER *together*

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