

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

HOMILY "Famous for confusing grace with decorum and carriage"
(Warning: This Homily is Rated L for Loud)

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

8:45am *see insert*

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, 462

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*

Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love, 422

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Menuet Gothique

Léon Boëllman, **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), 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.



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 24, 2021



Our altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Rev. Paul J. Pic
by Rosemary Pic, Sara Pic, Elizabeth Sepanik, and Leah Fanara.

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

God of promises, sometimes we wait generations for the dawn from on high; sometimes only years. We wait for justice and hope and light and kindness to mingle in the tangle of our days. And we age while we hope. So may we age and hope with tenderness and truth.

Because you are tender and true even though we sometimes wonder.
Amen.

(Daily Prayer, Corrymeela Community)

Rev. Jay Hogewood

PRELUDE

Prière à Notre Dame

Léon Boëllman, 11am
Marcus St. Julien

CALL TO WORSHIP* *responsively*

Rev. Marissa Teauseau Horvath

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,
so God seeks and saves the lost.

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,
so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

As a parent receives a returning wayward child,
so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received and loved.

Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the
name of Jesus Christ.

HYMN*

For the Beauty of the Earth, 92

PRAYER

The power and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray:

God our healer, you are the source of everlasting mercy; grant us the courage to cry out in our need when the crowd seeks to silence us. Give us the wisdom to admit our limitations and accept our limited understanding of the miracles of your mercy. Inspire in us the confidence to sing your praises, even while fear and doubt surround us. Heal us from what breaks us that we may be made well and whole; help us follow you all the days of our lives.

**The People Standing*

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 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

Gather Us In

Marty Haugen

Now is the darkness vanished away. See in this space our fears and our dreamings. Brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken. Gather us in, the blind and the lame. Call to us now and we shall awaken. We shall arise at the sound of our name. We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history. Called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty. Gather us in, the proud and the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so lowly. Give us the courage to enter the song. Here we

will take the wine and the water. Here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters. Call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion. Give us to eat the bread that is you. Nourish us well and teach us to fashion. Lives that are holy and hearts that are true. Not in the dark of buildings confining. Not in some heaven light years away. But here in this place the new light is shining. Now is the kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever. Gather us in and make us your own. Gather us in, all peoples together. Fire of love in our flesh and our bones.

Rebecca Sullivan, 11am

Grant Us Light

Eric H. Thiman

Grant us light in our minds, O Lord. Wisdom in thought and truth and word. Understanding in all we do, that Thy bright spirit may shine through. Lead our steps and direct our will, that we may work for Thee until Thy purpose is achieved on earth and undreamed beauty comes to birth. Grant us peace in our separate ways and time to sing and speak Thy praise. That all our lives may come to be a clear reflection, Lord, of Thee.

HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth, 92

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony, linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
5. For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
6. For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

COMMUNION HYMN

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, 462

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood; and in
simple faith to plunge me neath the healing, cleansing flood! **(Refrain)**
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. **(Refrain)**
I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. **(Refrain)**
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. **(Refrain)**

HYMN

Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love, 422

1. Jesus, thine all-victorious love shed in my heart abroad;
then shall my feet no longer rove, rooted and fixed in God.
2. O that in me the sacred fire might now begin to glow;
burn up the dross of base desire and make the mountains flow!
3. O that it now from heaven might fall and all my sins consume!
Come, Holy Ghost, for thee I call, Spirit of burning, come!
4. Refining fire, go through my heart, illuminate my soul;
scatter thy life through every part and sanctify the whole.

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

Most 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 toward 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:
**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