

**+HYMN** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* 479

**OFFERING** Randy Bunnell, 8:45 am  
*Devotion* Georg Vollerthun

Come, blessed Spirit, when all is still,  
Here God illumines His holy will.  
Let understanding enter my heart,  
Fill with Thy Being, Thy will impart!  
Now let Thy blessed power descend,  
Work through the silence, True wisdom send.

Chancel Choir, 11:00 am  
*The Word Was God* Rosephanye Powell

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.  
All things were made that have been made.  
Nothing was made he has not made.

**+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.*

*Grace Greater than Our Sin* 365  
*Have Thine Own Way, Lord* 382

**+HYMN** *All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord* 554

**+BENEDICTION** *responsively*

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

**POSTLUDE** *Passacaille* François Couperin, 11:00 am



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AFTER PENTECOST

*November 13, 2022*



*open hearts, open minds, open doors*  
THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# 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, dear one, when you don't know if you can pray. Because even that very thought is the beginning of prayer, whether you know it or not. Blessed are you, when you are disappointed, when you have prayed and hoped and wished, and still your cry for help goes unanswered. Blessed are you in the grip of the radical, faithful honesty that says, 'God, what are you doing? Why aren't you answering? What is so hard about making something good happen, when I have laid it all out before you in all its terrible reality?' Blessed are you, when you have lifted it all up to God and now must sit among the broken things and pray a one-word prayer of need. Help. Save. Heal. Come."

~ adapted from Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie, "A blessing for when you're disappointed"

## PRELUDE

Marcus St. Julien

*Liturgical Prelude I*

George Oldroyd, 11:00 am

## † CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

Rev. Mary Brown, 8:45 am

Rev. Zoe Garry, 11:00 am

If you gather here in confidence or in confusion, in anguish or in anger:  
**this time is for us.**

If you gather here in silent suffering or hidden sorrow, in pain  
or in promise: **this time is for us.**

If you gather here for your own or another's need,  
for a private wound or the wound of the world: **this time is for us.**

If you come and you don't know why, to be here is enough:  
**this time is for us all.**

Come now, Christ of the forgiving warmth.

**Come now, Christ of the yearning tears.**

Come now, Christ of the transforming touch.

**This time is for you.\***

(\*adapted from *The Pattern of Our Days*, The Iona Community)

## † HYMN

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

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## PRAYER *together*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together:

**There is no place to turn, dear God, for the comfort we desire; no place  
but to you alone, our merciful Savior. Bless us this day that we might be a  
blessing to others. Bless us this day that we might be faithful witnesses**

† *The People Standing*

to life in Christ Jesus, our redeemer and Lord. In our songs and in our prayers, in the scriptures and in spoken words, reveal to us your purposes through the power of your Holy Spirit. We are here, O Lord. Equip us for ministry with the faith and love only you can provide. 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.

## RESPONSE *singing together*

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

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**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;**

**I can feel his mighty power and his grace.**

**I can hear the brush of angels' wings,**

**I see glory on each face; surely the  
presence of the Lord is in his place.**

## 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.*

## MUSIC

Rebecca Sullivan, 11:00 am

*Lord, Make Me An Instrument* Jonathan Willcocks

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me so love; where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, may there be union,

where there is doubt, faith.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is despair, let there be hope; where there is darkness,

light; where there is sadness, may there be joy.

May we all be in peace and only peace.

And may that peace come onto each of us.

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:5-19

Eva Silvestre, 8:45 am

Chris Belser, 11:00 am

## HOMILY

*Isn't There an Easier Way?*

(Thoughts on the Witness of Endurance)

**HYMN***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

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1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!
2. Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!
3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows!
4. Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

**HYMN***Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

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1. Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide O receive my soul at last.
2. Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in thee I find;  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.
4. Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee;  
springing thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

**HYMN***All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord*

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1. All praise to our redeeming Lord, who joins us by his grace,  
and bids us, each to each restored, together seek his face.
2. He bids us build each other up; and, gathered into one,  
to our high calling's glorious hope we hand in hand go on.
3. The gift which he on one bestows, we all delight to prove,  
the grace through every vessel flows in purest streams of love.
4. E'en now we think and speak the same, and cordially agree,  
centered all, through Jesus' name, in perfect harmony.
5. We all partake the joy of one; the common peace we feel,  
a peace to sensual minds unknown, a joy unspeakable.
6. And if our fellowship below in Jesus be so sweet,  
what height of rapture shall we know when round his throne we meet!

**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.**

**SILENT CONFESSION****PARDON**

Hear the good news - God did not send his Son into the world  
to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.  
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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