

Chancel Choir, 11:00 am

*We Shall Walk Through the Valley\** Undine Smith Moore

We shall walk through the valley in peace;  
We shall walk through the valley in peace;  
And if Jesus himself shall be our leader,  
We shall walk through the valley in peace.  
There will be no trials there;  
There will be no trials there;  
And if Jesus himself shall be our leader;  
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

**+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 hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**+THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

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

Handbell Choir, Lisa Norris and Andee Reed, co-directors

Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET, 11:00 am

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast 616, 8:45 am

Become to Us the Living Bread 630

One Bread, One Body 620

**+HYMN**

Go Forth for God 670

**+BENEDICTION**

Go now in peace.

**Stand firm in your faith. Be strong. Be brave.**

**Let everything you do be done in love.**

**POSTLUDE**

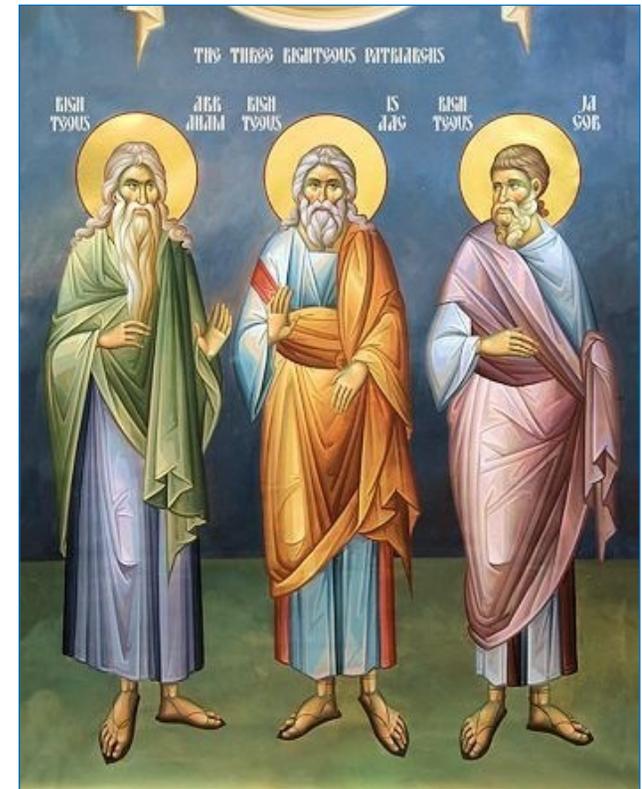
Tuba Tune in D Major, op. 15 C. S. Lang, 11:00 am

\*The Rayne Music Ministry is offering an African American Spiritual in today's service. Each time a Spiritual is sung in worship, they make a donation to music organizations that serve the heirs of this hallowed repertoire. If you wish to supplement today's sum, you may place your designated gift in the offering plate or on the dropdown when you give online.

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**TWENTY - SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**  
*November 6, 2022*



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

# 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

We believe in history; the world is not a roll of the dice going toward chaos. A new world has begun to happen since Christ has risen... Jesus Christ, we rejoice in your definitive triumph with our bodies still in the breach and our souls in tension, we cry out our first, "Hallelujah!" till eternity unfolds itself. Your sorrow now has passed. Your enemies have failed. You are a smile for humankind. What matter the wait now for us? We accept the struggle and the death; because you, our love, will not die!  
~ Fr. Luis Espinal, SJ. Assassinated Mar 22, 1980, in La Paz, Bolivia by paramilitary forces.

## PRELUDE

*Communion*

Louis Vierne, 11:00 am  
Marcus St. Julien

## +CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

Rev. Mary Brown, 8:45 am  
Rev. Zoe Garry, 11:00 am

Though the earth groans and the heavens tremble: **God remains faithful.**  
Though the seas roar and the winds rage: **Christ sees us through.**  
Though timbers splinter and walls crumble:  
**The Holy Spirit abides among us.**  
Glory to the almighty and all-merciful, the Lord of heaven and earth.  
**Hallelujah, amen!**

## +HYMN

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* 110

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *together*

A Modern Affirmation, 885

The hope and peace of Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:  
**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose work is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

+The People Standing

## RESPONSE *singing together*

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

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1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see;  
till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
3. Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, Radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

## 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.*

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 20:27-38

## HOMILY

"All Ecstasies and Intimacies Then..."

## +HYMN

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds* 557

## 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, 8:45 am

*Come, Thou dear Redeemer* Cesar Franck  
adapted from a hymn by Charles Wesley

Come, Thou, come Thou, dear Redeemer.  
Come, Lord Jesus to set us free.  
From our fears and sins release 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. Amen.

**HYMN***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

**HYMN***Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

557

1. O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong;

4. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

**HYMN***Go Forth for God*

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1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

2. Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

3. We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

4. When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

**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.**

*singing together:*

**Amen, amen, amen!**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *together*

**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.**