

Chancel Choir, 11:00 am

*My Eternal King*

Jane Marshall

My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby, nor yet because who love thee not must die eternally.

Not for the hope of winning heaven or of escaping hell; not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as thyself has loved me, O ever loving Lord!

Thou, o my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails and spear and manifold disgrace.

Even so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing: solely because thou art my God, and my Eternal King!

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well?

**DOXOLOGY\*** *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!

**SCRIPTURE**

Acts 11:1-18

**HOMILY**

*Works in Progress*  
Part 4 - How to Transform Community

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION\***

insert, 8:45 am

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

*Surely the Presence of the Lord* 328

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit* 334

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken* 614

**HYMN\***

*Spirit of Faith, Come Down* 332

**BENEDICTION**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*Dialogue Recessional* John Lee, 11:00 am

**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)

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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

MAY 15, 2022



Our altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Kim Judd's father, Thomas Gwin Judd.

# 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

Rev. Marissa Teauseau Horvath

## PRELUDE

*Herr Christ, der einig' Gottes Sohn* Dietrich Buxtehude  
Marcus St. Julien, 11:00 am

## CALL TO WORSHIP\* *responsively*

Rev. Lenda Faye Matthews, 8:45 am  
James Comeaux, 11:00 am

As the sun rises in the morning,  
let all creation worship the Lord our maker.  
From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,  
let all creation proclaim the name of the Lord,  
for God alone is worthy to be praised.  
God alone makes all things new.  
All praise, glory, and honor be yours forever.

## HYMN\*

*Come, Let Us Sweetly Join* 699

## PRAYER *together*

The guiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you.  
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Gracious and loving God, you meet us right where we are. We gather as your community on earth; we join from many walks of life but we are unified as one heart in the body of Christ. In our time of worship, open our ears to hear your voice. Open our eyes to see your glory. Open our minds to receive your word. Open our hearts to perceive your presence. For the glory of your name, we pray.

## 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 *together* *Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love* 566 (verses 1, 4, 5)

Blest be the dear uniting love that will not let us part;  
our bodies may far off remove, we still are one in heart.

We all are one who him receive, and each with each agree,  
in him the One, the Truth, we live; blest point of unity!

Partakers of the Savior's grace, the same in mind and heart, nor joy,  
nor grief, nor time, nor place, nor life, nor death can part.

## MISSION MOMENT

Sarah Head  
Development and Public Relations Director, Louisiana UM Children & Family Services

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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Vivienne Marie Fanara

11:00 am

Born, December 23, 2019

Parents: Leah and Randy Fanara

Siblings: Samantha, Landon, and Lucy

## THE RED STEPS

A Special Time for Our Children

*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.*

## 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.*

Randall Bunnell, 8:45 am

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need:  
Jehovah is His Name;  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed,  
Beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back  
When I forsake His ways,  
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,  
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death,  
Thy presence is my stay;  
A word of Thy supporting breath  
Drives all my fears away.

Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,  
Doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows,  
Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God  
Attend me all my days;  
O may Thy house be my abode,  
And all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest,  
While others go and come;  
No more a stranger, nor a guest,  
But like a child at home.

**HYMN***Come, Let Us Sweetly Join*

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1. Come, and let us sweetly join, Christ to praise in hymns divine;  
give we all with one accord glory to our common Lord.
2. Hands and hearts and voices raise, sing as in the ancient days;  
antedate the joys above, celebrate the feast of love.
3. Jesus, dear expected Guest, thou art bidden to the feast;  
for thyself our hearts prepare; come, and sit, and banquet there.
4. Sanctify us, Lord, and bless, breathe thy Spirit, give thy peace;  
thou thyself within us move, make our feast a feast of love,

**HYMN***Spirit of Faith, Come Down*

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1. Spirit of faith, come down, reveal the things of God,  
and make to us the Godhead known, and witness with the blood.  
'Tis thine the blood to apply and give us eyes to see,  
who did for every sinner die hath surely died for me.
2. No one can truly say that Jesus is the Lord,  
unless thou take the veil away and breathe the living Word.  
Then, only then, we feel our interest in his blood,  
and cry with joy unspeakable, "Thou art my Lord, my God!"
3. O that the world might know the all atoning Lamb!  
Spirit of faith, descend and show the virtue of his name;  
the grace which all may find, the saving power, impart,  
and testify to humankind, and speak in every heart.
4. Inspire the living faith (which whosoe'er receive,  
the witness in themselves they have and consciously believe),  
the faith that conquers all, and doth the mountain move,  
and saves whoe'er on Jesus call, and perfects them in love.

**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**

Loving God, we confess - we can be so certain that we know what is best.  
We head into life following our own desires and our own way. Forgive us;  
interrupt us with the blinding light of your grace. Grant us the gift of new  
vision. When we despair and sadness overwhelms us, and when hope fails us,  
teach us to walk in the beauty of your love. Open us up, Lord,  
that we may see your path, walk in deeper trust,  
and be loving witnesses of your glory. Amen.

**SILENT CONFESSION****PARDON**

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning. The Lord is at work,  
transforming our brokenness and sorrow, giving us a hope for a new day.

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*