

Chancel Choir, 11:00 am

Thy Perfect Love

John Rutter

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,
Thy perfect love close in my breast.
That I thee love and never rest;
And make me love thee of all thing best,
And wound my heart in thy love free,
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

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

Galatians 3:23-29

HOMILY

"Rex made me do it..."

(Third in a Series on Reconciliation and the Church)

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.*

This Is My Father's World 144

My Jesus, I Love Thee 172

HYMN*

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service 581

BENEDICTION

Go now in peace.

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

Let everything you do be done in love.

POSTLUDE

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 may also give online (raynenola.org/contribute), by texting “giverayne” to 73256, or using the QR code.



****The Music Ministry** is offering an African American Spiritual in today's service. Spirituals are doubly sacred: biblical in nature and birthed in unimaginable physical and emotional trauma. We provide this song, not to coopt the pain of the creators of this music, but to perpetuate its soul-healing, peace-making essence. Each time a Spiritual is heard in worship, we 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 giving in the offering plate.

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**FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

July 10, 2022



Our altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jay Livingston's birthday by Cheryl Livingston.

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

Courage comes from the heart and we are always welcomed by God, the Heart of all being. We bear witness to our faith, knowing that we are called to live lives of courage, love and reconciliation in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of each day. We bear witness to our failures, and our complicity in the fractures of our world. May we be courageous today. May we learn today. May we love today. Amen.

~ "Prayer for courage," Corrymeela Community

PRELUDE

Marcus St. Julien

CALL TO WORSHIP* *responsively* Rev. Lenda Faye Matthews, 8:45 am
Susie VanderKuy, 11:00 am

We hunger with holy longing for the living God.
We gather as children of God, rejoicing in the promise.
The walls that once divided us have come down.
The love of God promises our unity amid diversity.
In Christ Jesus, what really matters is faith working through love.

HYMN* *Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love* 566

PRAYER *together*

The peace and reconciling love of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray:

God of all creation, enlarge our hearts. Inspire us that we may recognize each person as part of your beloved family. Tear down the walls of prejudice and racism that divide us. Grant us the vision to look at the stranger and see your face. Remind us that the things that divide us - gender, race, social standing, money in bank accounts, religion and education - are not important in your eyes. Remind us that each of us is loved by you and that we are all one in Christ Jesus. 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 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian *** 402 (verses 2 & 4)

singing together

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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Agnes Joann von Qualen Belser 11:00 am

Born, April 15, 2022

Parents, Emily von Qualen and Chris Belser
Sponsors, Frieda von Qualen and Patrick Smith

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise 611
singing together

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.
Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.

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

Randall Bunnell, 8:45 am

Offertory John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man, he has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

1. Blest be the dear uniting love that will not let us part; our bodies may far off remove, we still are one in heart.
2. Joined in one spirit to our Head, where he appoints we go, and still in Jesus' footsteps tread, and do his work below.
3. O may we ever walk in him, and nothing know beside, nothing desire, nothing esteem, but Jesus crucified!
4. We all are one who him receive, and each with each agree, in him the One, the Truth, we live; blest point of unity!
5. 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.

1. Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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, for the things we have done that we regret and for the things we have failed to do that we regret, please forgive us. For the times we have acted without love and for the times we have reacted without thought, please forgive us. For the times we have withdrawn care and for the times we have failed to forgive others and also ourselves, please forgive us. God of all time, please forgive us, and help us to lay down our burden of regret.

SILENT CONFESSION

PARDON

God sent his son into the world, not 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*