

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 1: 1-7, 20-22

+HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

420

HOMILY

Introducing Sophia
(The Call of Wisdom: First in a Series of 6)

+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.*

I Come with Joy

617

O the Depth of Love Divine

627

+HYMN

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

150

+BENEDICTION *responsively*

Go now in peace.

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

Let everything you do be done in love.

POSTLUDE



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

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.



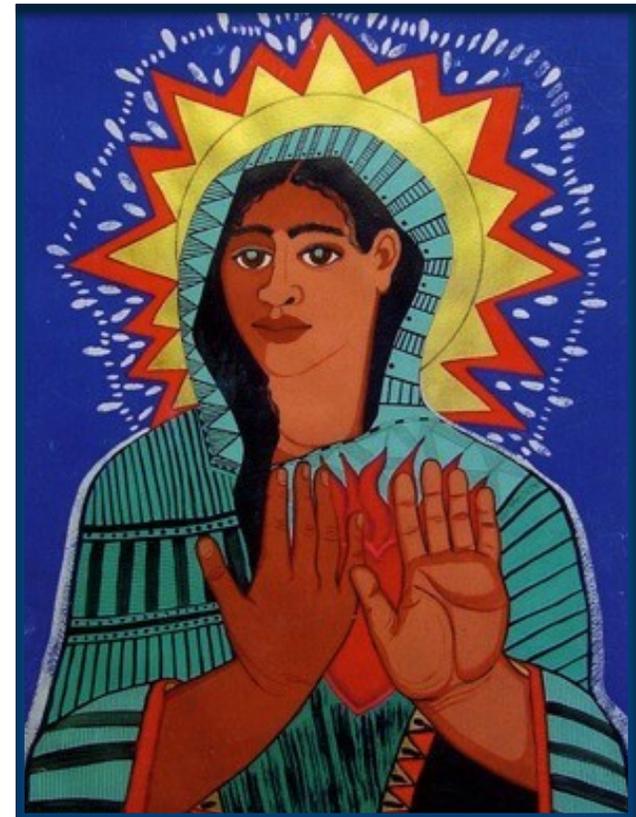
Rayne
Memorial United Methodist Church

for 146 years shining the light of God's love and grace

3900 Saint Charles Avenue - New Orleans, Louisiana 70115
504.899.3431 - www.raynenola.org

**SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

July 24, 2022



"Sophia," Mirta Toledo

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

Dear God, help me stop, for I am likely to keep doing all the things I usually do. And in that stopping, meet me here, in the beauty of all your incredible mercy and goodness. And in doing so, remind me again that of course you are here. You are listening, because that is who you are.

~ "A prayer to start the day," Kate Bowler & Jessica Richie

PRELUDE

Marcus St. Julien

+CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

Mary Brown, 8:45 am
Wendy Rihner, 11:00 am

Holy One, Holy Three - Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer -
O Perfect Guide, O Fathomless Well:

You are our Wisdom without end, our Mercy without limit;

You are our Rock and our Redeemer;

our Alpha and Omega; our Strength beyond resistance;

the Crown beyond all majesty.

The humblest thing you created sings your praise.

And all God's people say: **Amen.**

+HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 103

PRAYER *together*

The wisdom of God all-merciful and almighty be with you.

And also with you. Let us pray:

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not count the cost, to care and not heed the wounds, to toil and not seek to stop, to labor and not ask for any reward except that of trusting that we do your work. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*adapted, Prayer of Ignatius of Loyola (UMH 570)

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

It Is Well with My Soul 377 (verses 1 & 4)
singing together

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

refrain:

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul. *refrain*

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.

OFFERING

Allison and Randall Bunnell, 8:45 am

Grant Peace, We Pray Mendelssohn

Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord, in our time peace, oh, send us!

For there is none on earth but Thee, none other to defend us.

Thou only, Lord, canst fight for us.

Chancel Choir, 11:00 am

Eternal Life Olive Dungan

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Mater, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

+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!

HYMN*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

103

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unshaking, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

HYMN*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

420

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

HYMN*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

150

1. God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place, flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space, we, your children, in your likeness, share inventive powers with you. Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.
2. Proudly rise our modern cities, stately buildings row on row; yet their windows, blank, unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below, where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city's ebb and flow, lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.
3. We have conquered worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race; known the ecstasy of winging through uncharted realms of space; probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power, facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.
4. As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew, children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you. May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun. Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

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*