

+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

Matthew 7:1-5, 12

+HYMN

How Can We Sinners Know 372 (verses 1-4)

How can we sinners know our sins on earth forgiven?
How can my gracious Savior show my name inscribed in heaven?
What we have felt and seen, with confidence we tell,
and publish to the ends of earth the signs infallible.
We who in Christ believe that he for us hath died,
we all his unknown peace receive and feel his blood applied.
We by his Spirit prove and know the things of God,
the things which freely of his love he hath on us bestowed.

HOMILY

Sophia + Jesus: The Eyes Have It
(Second in a Series of Six)

+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.*

Let Us Break Bread Together 618

Bread of the World 624

+HYMN

Go Forth for God 670

+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



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**EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

July 31, 2022



Icon of "Christ Pantokrator (Sinai)"

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

Make us like the sun in the sky, Lord, so that our faith is not in our words but in our lives; not in what we say but in who we are, passing on your love like an infectious laugh: not worried, not threatening, just shining like the sun, like a starry night, like a lamp on a stand, light for life - your light for our lives.
~ The Iona Community

PRELUDE

Marcus St. Julien

†CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

Cindy St. Amant, 8:45 am
Zoe Garry, 11:00 am

Jesus, our Savior, please teach us your ways.

Our hope is in you, all the day long.

Bless the work we seek now to do.

Guide us to worship in song and in silence, in prayer and in proclamation.

Strong is your love that embraces us.

Glorious is your name, O God of heaven and earth.

†HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above 126

PRAYER *responsively*

The love and wisdom of Jesus, the Lord, be with you.

And also with you. Let us pray responsively:

For the peace of the world and for wisdom to guide all who govern your children on earth and for the earth itself, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy (R).

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice and mercy and promote the dignity of all people, let us pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the poor and the suffering, for the sick and for all who suffer, let us pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For refugees and prisoners, for all who live under threat of violence that they may be relieved and protected, let us pray to the Lord. **(R)**

And for this community: for those who are here and those who are far away that we may be delivered from hardness of heart and may show your glory in all that we say and do, let us pray to the Lord. **(R)**

Help us, save us, and have mercy on us, O God, by your never ending grace. Amen.

†The People Standing

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.

GLORIA PATRI *singing together*

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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

Cassie Segal, 8:45 am

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love. Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord; and where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Chorus:

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light. And where there's sadness, ever joy. (Chorus)

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. In giving to all men that we receive. And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Chancel Choir, 11:00 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 Him 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. What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God?

HYMN*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

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1. Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and glory.
2. The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing, an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing. As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: To God all praise and glory.
3. Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises, that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part: To God all praise and glory.
4. Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory; let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story! Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone: To God all praise and glory.

HYMN*Go Forth for God*

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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

Our God, who seeks the lost and gathers the weary, we confess we neglect your loving care. We tend to go our own way, even when that threatens the peace you want to grant us. We are sorry, and we humbly repent. Lead us back with your love. Guide our paths that we might serve you and walk in your way that leads to life.

SILENT CONFESSION**PARDON**

Jesus, who eats with sinners and collects the wandering, still seeks us and forgives the sin of the entire world. 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*