

Chancel Choir, 11:00 am  
*And the Father Will Dance* Mark Hayes

And the Father will dance over you in song.  
He will take delight in whom he loves.  
Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?  
No, the Lord God himself is exulting o'er you in song.  
My soul will make its boast in God, for he has answered all my cries.  
His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.  
Awake, my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God.  
Sing, O Daughter of Zion with all of your heart.  
Cast away fear, for you have been restored.  
Put on a garment of praise, as on a festival day.  
Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song!

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

**SCRIPTURE**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

**HOMILY** "Wisdom to Distinguish" (Fifth in a Series of Six)

**+THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

see 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.*

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken* 614  
*Have Thine Own Way, Lord* 382

**+HYMN**

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies* 101

**+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](mailto:jay@raynenola.org)



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*August 21, 2022*



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

# 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

God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things that should be changed, and wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.

Reinhold Niehbur

## PRELUDE

Marcus St. Julien

## †CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

We have come to this holy place to worship our God; yet sanctuary is not always built by human hands.

**Everywhere we go is a sanctuary, every place a time to worship God!**

When we live as if this planet and all creation, even ourselves, is a sanctuary --

**a holy place full of the Creator's presence --**

we walk differently upon this earth.

**We are always on sacred ground.**

We must move with reverence through all creation,

**and we enter this holy place now to worship the Creator!\***

## †HYMN

*This Is My Father's World*

144

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *responsively*

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The peace and wisdom of God be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us affirm our faith responsively:

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen and comfort.

**We believe; God, help our unbelief.**

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom: in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others; in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

\*Adapted from Calls to Worship, Hymns & Poetry: A Resource for Worship on Native American Ministries Sunday

†*The People Standing*

**Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.**

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action: through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation or faith; through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference; through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life; through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence; through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ: to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope and love, praying that God's kingdom may come.

**Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. 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.

## GLORIA PATRI *singing together*

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

*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.*

## †HYMN

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

475, 11:00 am

## OFFERING

Randall Bunnell, 8:45 am

*Psalm 23*

Antonín Dvorák

God is my Shepherd, I want for nothing.  
My rest is in the pleasant meadows. He leadeth me where quiet waters flow!

My fainting soul doth He restore,  
and guideth me in the ways of peace to glorify His Name.

And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander,  
my spirit shall not fear, for Thou art by me still;

Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort me.

**HYMN***This Is My Father's World*

144

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,  
of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad? The Lord is  
King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

**HYMN***Come Down, O Love Divine*

475

1. Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it  
with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my  
heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its  
heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far  
out-pass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace,  
till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

**HYMN***From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

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1. From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise;  
let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue.

2. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word.  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set  
no more.

3. Your lofty themes, ye mortals, bring, in songs of praise divinely sing;  
the great salvation loud proclaim, and shout for joy the Savior's name.

4. In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong;  
in cheerful sounds all voices raise, and fill the world with loudest  
praise.

**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*

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