

+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.*

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior 351

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me 361

+HYMN

O Church of God, United 547

+BENEDICTION *responsively*

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

POSTLUDE

Little Prelude in C Major J. S. Bach, 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

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 “givewayne” to 73256, or using the QR code.



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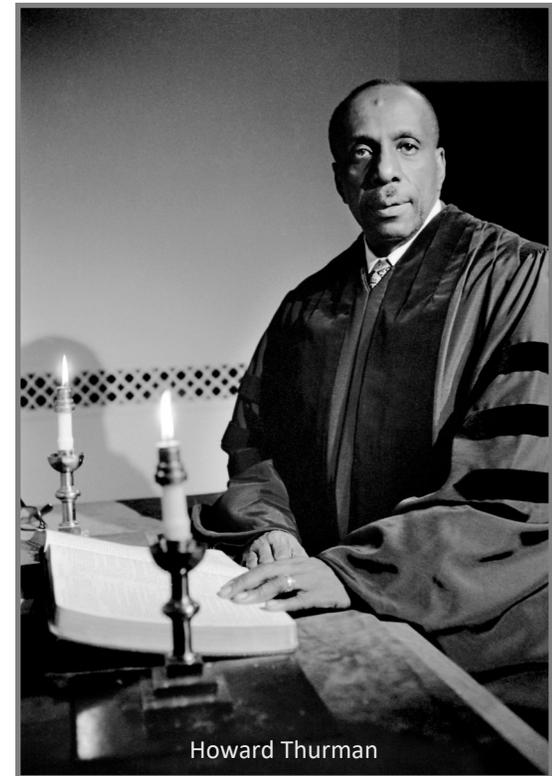


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TWELFTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST
August 28, 2022



Howard Thurman

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

To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God. To worship is to change.

~ William Temple and Richard Foster

PRELUDE

Andante

Marcus St. Julien

Mendelssohn, 11:00 am

†CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

Mary Brown, 8:45 am

Zoe Garry, 11:00 am

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is the strength of my life. Whom shall I fear?

Hear, O Lord, when we call out to you.

Be gracious to us and answer us.

"Come," says our hearts, "and seek God's face."

Your face, O Lord, we do seek - O God of our salvation.

†HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

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PRAYER *together*

The wise and loving care of God be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray:

Strong is your love that embraces us. You are our faithful Guide, and we bless your holy name. You made the day for the works of light and the night for the refreshment of our minds and our bodies. Eternal Creator of light, yours is the morning and yours is the evening. Draw us to yourself so there is no darkness within us. All praise to you, our holy and gracious God.

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.

RESPONSE *singing together*

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy 121 (verses 1 & 3)

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

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.

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 21:1-8

Emily Lemann, 8:45 am

Unique Lee, 11:00 am

HOMILY

The Growing Edge
(Final in a Series of Six)

†HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

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OFFERING

Cassie Segal, 8:45 am

Set Me as a Seal

K. Lee Scott

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
for love is stronger than death.

Many waters cannot quench love, nor the floods drown it.
And if one were to give all the possessions of his house for love,
it would utterly be despised.

Chancel Choir, 11:00 am

Set Me as a Seal

Rene Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love;
neither can the floods drown it.

†DOXOLOGY *singing 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!

HYMN*Come, Thou Almighty King*

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1. Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise! Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

2. Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend! Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success,
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

3. Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in
every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

4. To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,
hence, evermore. Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity
love and adore!

HYMN*Now Thank We All Our God*

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1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

HYMN*O Church of God, United*

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1. O church of God united to serve one common Lord,
proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.

2. From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear;
to serve one valiant leader they come from far and near.
They chant their one confession, they praise one living Lord,
and place their sure dependence upon His saving word.

3. Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak O Christ, of Thee;
and in Thy loving Spirit we shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim
proclaim to all the power of Thy redeeming name.

4. May Thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son:
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,
that souls who grope in darkness may find the one true light.

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

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your
work in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the
evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive us, restore us,
and strengthen us through our Savior, Jesus Christ, that we may
live in your love and serve in your kingdom's work. Amen.

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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