

O, to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Chancel Choir, 11:00 am

*If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the father and he will give you another comforter.  
That he may abide with you forever. E'en the spirit of truth.

**+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!

**+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.*

*One Bread, One Body* 620

*Christian People, Raise Your Song* 636

**+HYMN**

*The Church of Christ in Every Age* 589

**+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)

**OFFERING** - Your generosity enable Rayne's ministries, thank you! You may place your offerings in the plate as the ushers pass or in the box on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give online ([raynenola.org/contribute](http://raynenola.org/contribute)), by texting "giverayne" to 73256, or using the QR code.



**LET'S GATHER** - All are encouraged to join in The Mission and Ministry Fair this morning in the fellowship hall as we consider our commitment to participate in Rayne's ministries by our prayers, gifts, service and witness. Cake and Ice Cream 504 will be served!



*Rayne*

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*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

"If it is true that God exceeds all our efforts to contain God, then is it too big a stretch to declare that dumbfoundedness is what all Christians have most in common? Or that coming together to confess all that we do not know is at least as sacred an activity as declaring what we think we do know?"

~ Barbara Brown Taylor

## PRELUDE

Marcus St. Julien

## CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

Emily Lemann, 8:45 am  
Erica Podrazik, 11:00 am

From our wanderings and wonderings, we are welcomed home by God.  
Lost along the way or feeling trapped by life's complications,  
God comes to rescue and return us to safety.  
Come to be found, for all are welcome here.

## †HYMN

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* 57

## PRAYER *responsively*

The saving love of Jesus Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

Let us pray responsively:

Shepherding God, gather us into your presence, as we come to worship this day. Transform us into your people through the power of your Spirit. Rescue us with your endless patience:

That we might be instruments of mercy and grace to help others find their way home. In your mercy and grace, we pray.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *together* *The Apostles' Creed* 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## GLORIA PATRI *singing together* 70

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.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 39

Lena Elaine Valenti 11:00 am  
Born, August 10, 2021

Parents, Adelle Bergman Valenti and Michael Valenti

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* 611  
(verses 1 and 3)

*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.*

## SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-10

## HOMILY *If The Shoe Fits...*

## †HYMN *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* 381

## OFFERING

Laurie Phillips, 8:45 am  
*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
American folk tune arr. Richard Walters

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

**HYMN***O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

57

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.
7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

**HYMN***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
2. We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Early let us turn to thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Early let us turn to thee.
4. Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

**HYMN***The Church of Christ in Every Age*

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1. The Church of Christ in every age beset by change but Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.
2. Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.
3. Then let the servant church arise, a caring Church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.
4. For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.
5. We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord: to care for all, without reserve, and to spread his liberating Word.

**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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