

+THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

8:45 am, insert

*If you would like to remain where you are
an usher will provide a communion packet for you at your pew.*

Spirit of the Living God 393

I Need Thee Every Hour 397

+HYMN

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord 438

+BENEDICTION *responsively*

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

POSTLUDE

Chaconne 11:00 am
Louis Couperin, arranged by Joseph Bonnet



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

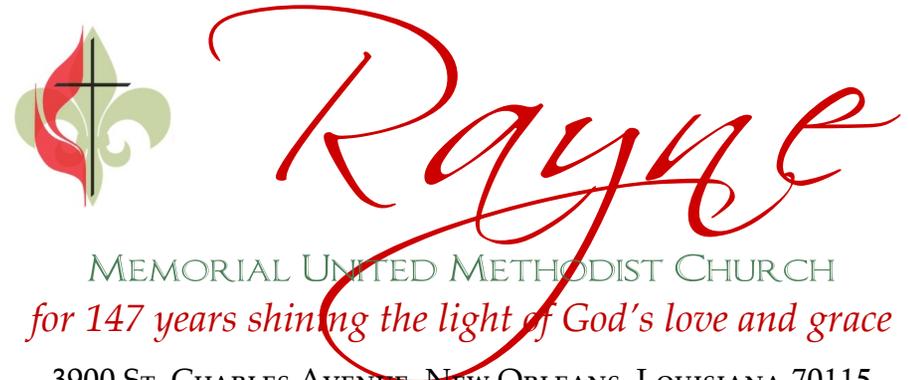
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ALTAR FLOWERS this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Gabriel Silvestre’s grandmother, Darkis Silvestre.

LET’S GATHER in the fellowship hall after the worship service for coffee and snacks and friendship.

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September 18, 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

"How blessed are we who lay it all out before You, oh God, asking to be awakened to our lives as You see them. Asking for the inward renovation that will tear down anything false we worship, and for the outward turning that will make every aspect of our life point to You. Blessed are we, looking for the transformation that has begun, one joy at a time."

~ Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie

PRELUDE

Marcus St. Julien

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck, 11:00 am

+CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

Mary Brown, 8:45 am

Unique Lee, 11:00 am

O God, open our lips, and we shall declare your praise. **Gather us, O God.**

From the corners of the world and from the confusion of life:

Gather us, O God.

Feed our minds and fire our imagination: **Gather us, O God.**

Lead us in worship to praise and honor you.

+HYMN

To God Be the Glory

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PRAYER *together*

The wisdom and faithful stewardship of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray responsively:

O God, you are on the side of justice and you call your people to be on that side too. Where people are hurting and feeling lonely, where peoples' livelihoods are troubled and children go hungry,

LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US; CHRIST HAVE MERCY UPON US.

God, forgive us if we profit from the suffering of others and remind us that we have power in our choices. Help us act together - to choose justice and mercy, and to make wise decisions with the resources you allow us to steward. **LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US; CHRIST HAVE MERCY UPON US.**

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 *singing together*

And Are We Yet Alive

553 (verses 1 & 6)

And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!

Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.

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.

SOLO

Laurie Phillips, 11:00 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.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16:1-13

Jolayne Faherty, 8:45 am

HOMILY

Shrewd?

+HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be

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OFFERING

Randall Bunnell, 8:45 am, insert

Chancel Choir, 11:00 am

O Ye that Love the Lord

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil:
the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints;
he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

+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*To God Be the Glory*

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1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **(Refrain)**

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **(Refrain)**

HYMN*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

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1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

HYMN*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*

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1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue; thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.

2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill; in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.

3. Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine inmost substance see, and labor on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.

4. For thee delightfully employ what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given; and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.

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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