

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* 402\*  
*This is a hymn we offer in our giving  
for the cause of justice for our African American neighbors.*

*Just As I Am Without One Plea* 357

**+HYMN** *O God of Every Nation* 435

**+BENEDICTION** *responsively*

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

**POSTLUDE** *Prelude for Rosh Hashanah* Louis Lewandowski  
11:00 am

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**WE WELCOME ALL** - 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** - please place your offering in the box on the table in the rear of the sanctuary or in the offering plate as it passes. You may also give online ([raynenola.org/contribute](http://raynenola.org/contribute)), by texting "giverayne" to 73256, or using the QR code.



\*Each time an African American Spiritual is sung or heard in the worship services, the Music Ministries of Rayne make a donation to music organizations that serve the heirs of this hallowed repertoire. If you wish to supplement today's sum **be sure to designate** the offering to "Spirituals."

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Rev. T. O. Perrin, Jr. by Cheryl and Jay Livingston.

**MISSION MARKET SAVE THE DATE** - Sunday, December 4th will come quickly! The Mission Team is looking for new ideas and creations: baked goods, casseroles, art, crafts, plants, cooking lesson offers, photos, cleaning/fix it services coupons - **The Sky's The Limit! Please consider donating at LEAST one item as we raise money to serve our city** and email Rosemary Pic to let her know what you plan to provide: [rpic5@aol.com](mailto:rpic5@aol.com)

**PANCAKES AND SAINTS FOOTBALL NEXT SUNDAY** - will be offered by our United Methodist Men's Club all morning long . \$6 for years 12+, \$3 for 3+, and free for 2 and under.

**LET'S GATHER TOGETHER** - in the fellowship hall today after the worship service for coffee, snacks and friendship.

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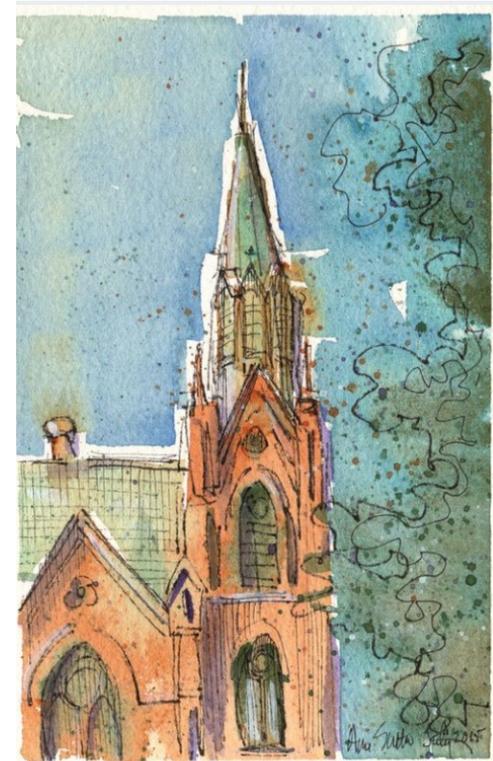
# Rayne

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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

*September 25, 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. Zoe Garry

"Blessed are you who have tasted how good it is to bless, who have paused in wonder at the strange math where it is in giving that we receive. As we give, we begin to see in ourselves a tiny resemblance to our God, the Giver of Life. Blessed are we, who in giving, are being drawn closer. We begin to see life in relation to where God shows us we belong. We live more and more out of that inheritance we received through Jesus Christ, who gave his body for all."

Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie

## PRELUDE

Marcus St. Julien

*Prelude for Rosh Hashanah* Louis Lewandowski 11:00 am

## +CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

Mary Brown, 8:45 am  
Nancy Hopkins, 11:00 am

Sheltered by God, we come now to worship.  
Invited by Christ, we come now to pray.  
Welcomed by the Spirit, we gather as the people of God.

## +HYMN

*We Gather Together* 131

## PRAYER *together*

The presence and peace of Jesus Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Sheltering God, we worship you with glad hearts and open minds. Please cover us with your presence through your Holy Spirit; and gather us in the goodness of your grace. Help us to experience your comfort and care; and inspire us to share your love, peace and mercy with others for the sake of your kingdom on earth.

## 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*

*O Spirit of the Living God* 539 (verses 1 & 4)

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,  
descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.  
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;  
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;  
so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;  
and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;  
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

## 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 5:17-26

## HOMILY

## +HYMN

*Jesus Shall Reign* 157

## OFFERING

Cassie Segal, 8:45 am, insert

Chancel Choir, 11:00 am

*Cantique de Jean Racine* Gabriel Fauré

O Redeemer divine,  
Our sole hope of salvation,  
Eternal Light of the earth and the  
sky, we kneel in adoration.  
O Savior, turn on us thy loving eye!  
Send down on us the fire of thy  
grace all-consuming, whose  
wondrous night dispersed the  
powers of hell,

And rouse our slumbering souls  
with radiance, that they may waken  
thy mercy to tell! O Christ bestow  
thy blessing on us, we implore thee,  
who here are gathered on penitent  
knee. Accept the hymns we chant to  
thine eternal glory and these thy  
gifts we return unto thee.

## +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

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.*

**HYMN***We Gather Together*

131

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

3. We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

**HYMN***Jesus Shall Reign*

157

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. To Jesus endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head; his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns; all prisoners leap and loose their chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

**HYMN***O God of Every Nation*

435

1. O God of every nation, of every race and land, redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand. Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.

2. From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right, from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night, from pride of race and station and blindness to your way, deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray!

3. Lord, strengthen all who labor that we may find release from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase. When hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard; with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

4. Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign, and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

**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**

**Almighty and all merciful God, the road of the faithful is filled with challenges. Sometimes we complain. Sometimes we take a different road. Sometimes we allow others to lead us astray. And sometimes we forget to follow the way of your mercy with justice. Forgive us, we pray. Help us meet whatever challenges we face. Help us rise when we fall. Help us move toward your wisdom, peace, and love.**

**SILENT CONFESSION****PARDON**

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and justice. God will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 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.**

*(Please note that the consecration of the Bread and Cup were offered by Pastor Jay earlier this week.)*

*singing together:*

***Amen, amen, amen!***

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *together*

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