

Chancel Choir, 11:00 am

*Be Thou My Vision*

John Rutter

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword of the fight;  
Be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might,  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou heavenward, great power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart:  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun.  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

**+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**

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

*Christ Is the World's Light* 188  
*Precious Lord, Take My Hand* 474  
*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* 400

**+HYMN**

*Jesus, United by Thy Grace* 561

**+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 G Minor* J. S. Bach, 11:00 am



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## TWELFTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

*September 4, 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

Jesus, when you had nothing else to give, you gave yourself.  
And as your friends shared and ate, they were confused and  
complicit, just like all of us.

May we give - our lives and our confusions; our hollowness and  
our hearts - because when we give like this, we are like you,  
who became like us.

~ Corrymeela Community

## PRELUDE

Marcus St. Julien

Prelude on *Adoro te devote* Everett Titcomb, 11:00 am

## †CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

Mary Brown, 8:45 am

Zoe Garry, 11:00 am

When we try to hide from God's love and mercy,  
God always finds us.

When we slip into the darkness,  
even there we don't escape God's vision of care.

Are you tired of running from the one who loves us?

We are here at last, ready and eager to be made whole.

Let us worship the living God.

## †HYMN

*Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

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## PRAYER *together*

The faithful love of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Holy God, we want to follow you without counting the cost. But our  
energy and attention can run empty; and we are afraid we can not  
always go the distance. At times, we want to hide in the crowd, and  
ignore Christ's call to pick up our cross and follow him. Help us  
assess our motives and our intentions. Inspire us and encourage us  
with your powerful love and compassion. Move within us to serve  
faithfully as your disciples in our community.

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

† *The People Standing*

## RESPONSE *singing together*

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 384 (verses 2 & 4)

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.

Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.

Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

## MISSION MOMENT

Mike Coatney

## 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 14:25-33 Joe Kowalewski, 8:45 am

Jeremy Zollinger, 11:00 am

## HOMILY

*The Closer You Get*

## †HYMN

*Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

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## OFFERING

Allison and Randy Bunnell, 8:45 am

*Be Thou My Vision* Arranged by Dan Forrest

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me,  
save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night.

Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word. I ever with thee  
and thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father, and I thy true son.

Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise. Thou mine inheritance,  
now and always. Thou and thou only first in my heart.

High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won. May I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heaven's sun. Heart of my own heart, whatever befall.

Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

**HYMN***Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

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1. Stand up and bless the Lord, ye people of his choice; stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.
2. Though high above all praise, above all blessing high, who would not fear his holy name, and laud and magnify?
3. O for the living flame from his own altar brought, to touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought!
4. God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours; then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.
5. Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore; stand up and bless his glorious name, henceforth forevermore.

**HYMN***Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

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1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.
2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.
3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

**HYMN***Jesus, United by Thy Grace*

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1. Jesus, united by thy grace and each to each endeared, with confidence we seek thy face and know our prayer is heard.
2. Help us to help each other, Lord, each other's cross to bear; let all their friendly aid afford, and feel each other's care.
3. Up unto thee, our living Head, let us in all things grow; till thou hast made us free indeed and spotless here below.
4. Touched by the lodestone of thy love, let all our hearts agree, and ever toward each other move, and ever move toward thee.
5. To thee, inseparably joined, let all our spirits cleave; O may we all the loving mind that was in thee receive.
6. This is the bond of perfectness, thy spotless charity; O let us, still we pray, possess the mind that was in thee.

**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***

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.