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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost |

August 24th 2025

\*Please stand as you are able

**Welcome and Announcements**

Trinity Chimes

Prelude *SIYAHAMBA (We Are Marching In the Light of God)*  arr. Behnke

Call to Worship

One: Come, all who seek God’s presence,

All: from mountaintop to bus stop, from service counter to city hall,

One: God meets us where we are-

All: as we are, right now!

One: So let us come, because God seeks our presence,

All: and has invited and welcomed us here.

**\*Hymn of Praise** 103 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  ST. DENIO

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; In all life thou livest, the true life of all; We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; All laud we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

**Opening Prayer**

**God, you meet us anywhere we look!**

**In the middle of ordinary days, in the dust of challenging ways. You invite us to holy ground, so open our hearts and quiet the sound, that blocks your voice from our ears, for now, today, your call draws us near. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading Psalm 71:1-15a**

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.  
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
    **incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge,  
    a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
    from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.  
**From my birth I have leaned upon you,**

**my protector since my mother’s womb.   
My praise is continually of you. I have been like a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge.**

My mouth is filled with your praise and with your glory all day long.

Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength is spent.

For my enemies speak concerning me,  
    and those who watch for my life consult together.

They say, “Pursue and seize that person whom God has forsaken,  
    for there is no one to deliver.”

**O God, do not be far from me;  
    O my God, make haste to help me!**  
Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed; let those who seek to hurt me  be covered with scorn and disgrace.  
**But I will hope continually and will praise you yet more and more.  
My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all day long,**

**Hymn of Preparation** 2123  *Loving Spirit*

KINGDOM

1. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,

you have chosen me to be -

You have drawn me to your wonder,

you have set your sign on me.

2. Like a mother you enfold me,

hold my life within your own,

Feed me with your very body,

form me of your flesh and bone.

3. Like a father you protect me,

teach me the discerning eye,

Hoist me up upon your shoulder,

Let me see the world from high.

4. Friend and lover, in your closeness

I am known and held and blessed:

In your promise is my comfort,

In your presence I may rest.

5. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,

You have chosen me to be -

You have drawn me to your wonder,

You have set your sign on me.

Scripture Lesson Exodus 3:1-12

Sermon Walking the walk:

We start where we are

Rev. Beth Rambikur

Music of Response

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor:  Hear the Good News, Christ is among us renewing us for life with love.  In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God, Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer:

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, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Here's One* arr. Mark Hayes

Omaris Torres-Frey, solo

\*Doxology 94 *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Offertory Prayer

\***Sending Hymn** 733 *Marching to Zion*

MARCHING TO ZION

1. Come, we that love the Lord,

and let your joys be known;

Join in a song with sweet accord,

join in a song with sweet accord

And thus surround the throne,

and thus surround the throne.

**REFRAIN**  
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; We're marching upward to Zion,

the beautiful city of God.

2. Let those refuse to sing

who never knew our God;

But children of the heavenly King,

But children of the heavenly King

May speak their joys abroad,

May speak their joys abroad.

**REFRAIN**

4. Then let our songs abound,

And every tear be dry; We're marching through Emmanuel's ground, We're marching through Emmanuel's ground,

To fairer worlds on high,

To fairer worlds on high.

**REFRAIN**

\*Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Postlude  *A Trumpet Tune*

Philip E. Baker

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Words: Shirley Erena Murray

“Marching to Zion”

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