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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost | August 31st 2025

\*Please stand as you are able

**Welcome and Announcements**

Trinity Chimes

Prelude *Christ Is Made the Firm Foundation* Robert A. Hobby

\*Call to Worship

One: Come, all, and walk along the way,

All: The Lord of life calls us today!

One: We walk through storms and crashing waves

All: Trusting the love that heals, saves!

One: So, let us walk in faith all our days,

All: Praising God with a courage that stays.

**\*Hymn of Praise** 152 *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* FOREST GREEN

1. I sing the almighty power of God,

that made the mountains rise,

That spread the flowing seas abroad,

And built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained

The sun to rule the day;

The moon shines full at God's command,

And all the stars obey.

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord,

Who filled the earth with food,

Who formed the creatures thru the Word,

And then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,

Where'er I turn my eye,

If I survey the ground I tread,

Or gaze upon the sky.

3. There's not a plant or flower below,

But makes thy glories known,

And clouds arise, and tempests blow,

By order from thy throne;

While all that borrows life from thee

Is ever in thy care;

And everywhere that we can be,

Thou God, art present there.

**Opening Prayer**

**God of wind and waves, you call us beyond what feels safe and familiar. Give us courage to step out, faith to keep going, and grace to rise whenever we start sinking. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading Psalm 81: 1-2, 6-10**

Sing aloud to God our strength;  
    shout for joy to the God of Jacob.  
Raise a song; sound the tambourine,  
    the sweet lyre with the harp.

**“I relieved yourshoulder of the burden;  
    yourhands were freed from the basket.**  
In distress you called, and I rescued you;  
    I answered you in the secret place of thunder;  
    I tested you at the waters of Meribah.  
**Hear, O my people, while I admonish you;  
    O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**There shall be no strange god among you;  
    you shall not bow down to a foreign god.  
**I am the Lord your God,  
    who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
    Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”**

**Hymn of Preparation** 474 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PRECIOUS LORD

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead my home.

3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near, And the day is past and gone,

At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 14:22-33

**Sermon**

Walking the walk: Step into something new

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 *Abide with Me*

arr. Mark Hayes

Kathy Ferguson, piano

\*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 uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Offertory Prayer

**\*Sending Hymn**   *Love Lifted Me* LOVE LIFTED ME

1. I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore, Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more; But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry, From the waters lifted me; now safe am I.

**REFRAIN**

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!

When nothing else could help. Love lifted me. Love lifted me! Love lifted me!

When nothing else could help. Love lifted me.

2. Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves; He will lift you by his love out of the angry waves. He's the Master of the sea, billows his will obey; He your Savior wants to be - be saved today.

**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  *Toccata No. 10 (AUSTRIAN HYMN)* Haydn/Raney

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“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

Words: Isaac Watts, 1715

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Words: Thomas A Dorsey, 1932

“Love Lifed Me”

Words: James Rowe

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