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9:00 am Faith Formation

10:15 am Worship Service

November 16, 2025

Liturgist: Tara Howell

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

GREETING

*If able, please rise in body or in spirit*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;

**Let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.**

Shout aloud and sing for joy,

**From the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.**

Shout aloud and sing for joy,

**From the tiniest creatures to the greatest herds.**

Shout aloud and sing for joy,

**In the midst of our joys and our sorrows.**

Shout aloud and sing for joy,

**For we come to worship the God of all creation.**

Hymn #122 (sing 2x)

He Is Exalted

*Please be seated*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Just as the prophet Isaiah assured God's people so many years ago, he assures us now that God is our salvation. It is because of that promise, that we dare approach God with our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we are more like the vision in Luke than the vision of Isaiah. We see wars, hatred, and violence everywhere, yet despair of ever stopping them. We see oppression and injustice and persecution, but fail to raise our voices in prophetic protest. We have**

**become a pessimistic people. Help us believe—really believe—in Isaiah's vision of the peaceable kin-dom, in your promise of a new heaven and new earth. Let your cry be our cry: "They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain." Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is our strength and our salvation.

God's anger is turned away, and in its place, we find comfort, steadfast love, and forgiveness. With this hope, we can draw water from the wells of salvation with joy and thanksgiving.

SENIOR CHOIR

Blessed, Holy Jesus

Althouse

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, reveal to us the way of salvation by the power of your Holy Spirit that we might live making way for your new creation. Amen.

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25

Luke 21:5-19

The word of the Lord.

**Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*If able, please rise in body or in spirit.*

Hymn #355

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

*Please be seated*

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)

(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

God has blessed us and we are called to share our blessings with others so they might come to know the God of blessings. Let us offer our tithes and gifts

OFFERTORY

*If able, please stand in body or in spirit*

Offertory Response

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host.  
Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of the wolf and the lamb, the lion and the ox, we give thanks for these gifts that we are grateful to be able to give to bless others. May the Thanksgiving baskets bring joy to the tables of all who sit at them and the Operation Christmas boxes bring joy to every child that receives them. May your love be made known through every basket and gift. May all our offerings serve your creation as we seek your new heaven and new earth. Amen.**

Hymn #390                      We're Marching to Zion

BENEDICTION

Go forth into a world that needs new visions.  
Bring the message of hope and love, of justice and peace, to all you meet.  
Live the dream. Make it reality.  
Celebrate endings and new beginnings, challenges and promises.  
Live the new creation. Amen

***Please be seated***

Postlude

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**Head Usher for November Lee Metzger & Tara Howell  
Ushers today are Brian and Karen Rush  
Altar Guild for the month of November are Karen Gossard, Lois-Ann Barndt and Barb Kieffer**

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**Consistory 2025**

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NOVEMBER 22 | 10-NOON

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HOMEMADE SOUP \$7.00 QUART  
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	9" PIE	\$15.00
APPLE CRUMB	9" PIE	\$12.00
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FUNNY CAKE PIE	9" PIE	\$15.00
APPLE DUMPLINGS		6.00

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JESUS CHRIST

122

He Is Exalted

He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high; I will  
 praise him. He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will  
 praise his name! He is the Lord; for -  
 ev - er his truth shall reign. Heav - en and earth re - joice in his ho - ly  
 name. He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high.

WORDS and MUSIC: Twila Paris (1958- )

# 355 This Is a Day of New Beginnings

*Unison*

1 This is a day of new be - gin-nings, time to re - mem - ber  
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, love's might-y Spir - it,  
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the past and  
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and share what  
 \*4 In faith we'll gath - er round the ta - ble to taste and share what

and move on, time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,  
 now as then, can make for us a world of dif - ference,  
 leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,  
 love can do. This is a day of new be - gin-nings;  
 love can do. This is a day of new be - gin-nings;

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.  
 as faith and hope are born a - gain.  
 seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.  
 our God is mak - ing all things new.  
 our God is mak - ing all things new.

\*Alternate text for Holy Communion

WORDS: Brian Wren (1936- )  
 MUSIC: Carlton R. Young (1926- )  
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BEGINNINGS  
 9.8.9.8.

# 390 We're Marching to Zion

1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;  
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets  
 4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - ery tear be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with  
 but chil - dren of the heaven - ly King, but chil - dren of the  
 be - fore we reach the heaven - ly fields, be - fore we reach the  
 we're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Em -

sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the  
 heaven - ly King may speak their joys a - broad, may speak their joys a -  
 heaven - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en  
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on

*Refrain*

throne.  
 broad.  
 streets. We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;  
 high.

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); ref. Robert Lowry (1826-1899)  
 MUSIC: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

MARCHING TO ZION  
 6.6.8.8.6.6.Ref.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

we're march-ing up-ward to Zi - on, the beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains a vocal melody with lyrics: "we're march-ing up-ward to Zi - on, the beau-ti-ful cit-y of God." The lower staff is in bass clef and provides a piano accompaniment with chords and a bass line. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

