

Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship

Sunday August 31st 2025

11:00am

God Calls Us Into His Holy Presence

The Prayer of Preparation *(for individual use before worship)*

Almighty God, pour out Your Holy Spirit and give us hearts to adore You and tongues to sing of Your great faithfulness and wondrous deeds, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Chiming of the Hour, the Words of Welcome, and Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord be with you!

And also with you!

The Trinity Chime, Prelude and Choral Introit

***The Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation** *from Psalm 35:28*

People of God, lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord!

My tongue will declare Your righteousness, O Lord our God!

Our voices will sing Your praise all day long!

***The Opening Hymn** #2 *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us

The Confession of Our Sins

Holy God, Lord Most Gracious, when we come before You, we cannot hide the truth about ourselves: we are sinners, who are captive to sin. We confess our desire to do right, but our long record of doing wrong. O Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us of our sins, and deliver us from our fickle commitment. Pour out Your Spirit and give us new hearts to steadfastly follow You in the way You have called us, through Jesus Christ our Lord...*(continue in silent confession)*

The Gospel Promise of God's Forgiveness *from Romans 4:25*

"Jesus Christ was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification." **In Christ, we are forgiven! In Christ, we are made new! Alleluia!**

Thanks be to God!

***The Sung Response** *The Gloria Patri*

***The Affirmation of our Christian Faith** *The Apostles Creed (back of hymnal)*

The Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

***The Sung Response of Gratitude and Praise** *The Doxology*

***The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

God Speaks and Seals His Promises in His Word

The Scripture Lesson *Matthew 17:14-20*

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The Sermon *"Matthew (71): The Power of Faith in the King"*

***The Hymn of Response** #816 *"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"*

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

God Sends Us Forth to Live in Christ

***The Closing Hymn** #686 *"God of Our Life"*

***The Benediction**

***The Congregational Benediction** #542 *"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"* (v. 1)
God be with you till we meet a-gain; lov-ing coun-sels guide up-hold you, with a shep-herd's care en-fold you: God be with you till we meet a-gain.