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The First Sunday

in Kingdومتide

9:45 *Gathering and Songs of Praise*

10:00 Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Here we have gathered
as God's people,
inspired by the Spirit ...

**P: to witness more effectively,
to listen more deeply,
to speak more truthfully,
to live more peacefully,
to love more energetically,**

**to teach more eloquently,
to pray more seriously,
to worship more enthusiastically,
to celebrate more joyfully,
to sing more faithfully,
to give more generously,
to serve more compassionately.**

***Hymn: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

66 vv. 1, 3, 4

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to the throne thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King.

3. Fatherlike, God tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame God knows;
motherlike, God gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Widely yet God's mercy flows.

4. Angels in the heights, adoring,
you behold God face to face;
saints triumphant, now adoring,
gathered in from every race.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace.

Opening Prayer

**O Christ, the risen One, ascended into heaven,
yet closer than our own breath,
draw us into your presence.
Be near to us — near to our praises,
our prayers, our words, our songs;
near to our wonderings,
our tentative answers, our hidden doubts,
our deepest affirmations.
Be near to us, risen Lord. Amen.**

*Prayer of Confession

*Sharing the Peace - "The Family of God"

Proclamation and Response

The New Testament: Hebrews 13: 1-16 Selections

Selected verses from Hebrews 13:1-16

1 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. **2** Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. **3** Continue to

remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

6 So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”

7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. **16** And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Praise Team: Special Music

*Glory Be to the Father

Scripture: Psalm 137

Sermon: "The Reigning Season"

Meditative Interlude

Pastoral Prayer

The Offering - Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

Closing Hymn: "Marching to Zion" 733 vv. 1, 2, 4

1. Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our 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)

***The Blessing**

Response: Refrain from "Marching to Zion"