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<u><i>Class of 2023</i></u>	<u><i>Class of 2024</i></u>	<u><i>Class of 2025</i></u>
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Third Sunday

May 21, 2023
11:00 A.M.

ORDINATION OF OFFICERS

The Rev. Dr. Richard Allen Farmer,
Pastor-Teacher

Lay Leader: John Matthews *Worship Leader: Beryl Lindsay*
Pianist: Kristi Helfen *Drums: Ben Wilkinson*
Percussion: Sam Jones

COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP **Lay Leader**

Leader: Let your light shine.

People: Let your hearts be glad.

Leader: God is faithful to us, and God rules in love.

People: Then let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

O God, be merciful to us because Your love is strong.

Our sin has kept us far from You. Your wrath is justified.

We try to make it on our own as if we are all we need, until we find we are all alone, wrapped up in pride and greed.

We cry to you O God, forgive, and wash our sins away.

For You forgive our sin and when we return to You, O Lord,

You give us joy again. Amen

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON **Lay Leader**

Even as Adam and Eve faced the consequences of their sin, our God prepared a way for them still to be connected to the earth and to the living presence of God. So it is with all of us.

In Christ's life, ministry, death, and resurrection, we are made able to persist, upright and strong, for our sins are forgiven.

So, go forth in the power of the Almighty, who forgives you and loves you. *(Based on Genesis 3:1-7 & 2 Corinthians 12:9)*

Thanks be to God!

JOYFUL OFFERING OF PRAISE

We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

ORDINATION LITANY *(Based on Mark 2:1-2)*

Leader: Empowering God, when the road ahead seems endless,

People: Empower us to be companions for one another along the road.

Leader: Inspiring God, when the road forward is blocked,

People: Inspire in us creative responses that move us beyond the barriers.

Leader: Enabling God when the road before us divides,

People: Enable us to hear your voice from beyond the divide. Amen.

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

+PASTORAL PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

GRATEFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please remember the Deacons Fund in your giving this week

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Paula Simmons, soloist*
"He Keeps Me Singing" by Luther B. Bridgers

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC **Chancel Choir**
"Made to Live for You" by Cymbala, Jefferson, & Webb

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

(Children ages 4 & 5 and grades 1st-5th are dismissed to class)

+SCRIPTURE READING

If you are able, please stand for the reading of the Word of God.

John 15:16

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Pastor Richard Allen Farmer

"Who Chose Whom?"

MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

CLOSING HYMN *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

BENEDICTION *People: Amen*

POSTLUDE *"Here I Am, Lord" by Schutte / Carter*

OPENING HYMN

**CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST
SERVICE**

Called as partners in Christ's service,
Called to ministries of grace.
We respond with deep commitment,
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring,
To fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, rich or poorer, all God's people,
young and old,
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
In small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens,
Breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
Words of challenge, said with care, bring new
power and strength for action,
Make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow,
Ways to order human life,
That surrounds each person's sorrow,
With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and
confidence and peace.

Jane Parker Huber

JOYFUL OFFERING OF PRAISE

**We Are Marching in the Light of God
(Siyahamba)**

We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, ooh,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, ooh,
We are marching in the light of God.

Alternate text: dancing, singing, praying.

**PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF
HEAVEN**

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore Him,
Ye behold Him face to face;
Saints triumphant, bow before Him;
Gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.