

Sunday, February 27th

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements



***Call to Worship**

Leader: "Listen to him!" Our God cries from the mountaintop.

People: It is good for us to be here. We bow before our God in worship.

Leader: May God's Word sink into our ears.

People: May our hearts be transfigured, our minds filled with understanding.

***Hymn # 12 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Creator of all, you speak, but we fail to listen. You guide, but we fail to follow. You move, but we remain stuck and stagnant in the same patterns of destruction and sin. Free us from our failures, Holy God. Save us from ourselves so we can hear and heed your call. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Luke 9:28-36

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: In the Presence of God

Affirmation of Faith: The Confession of Belhar

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. Amen.

Special Music

Prayers of the People

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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 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.

***Hymn # 853 – We Are Marching in the Light of God**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response: Hymn # 606 – Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Postlude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

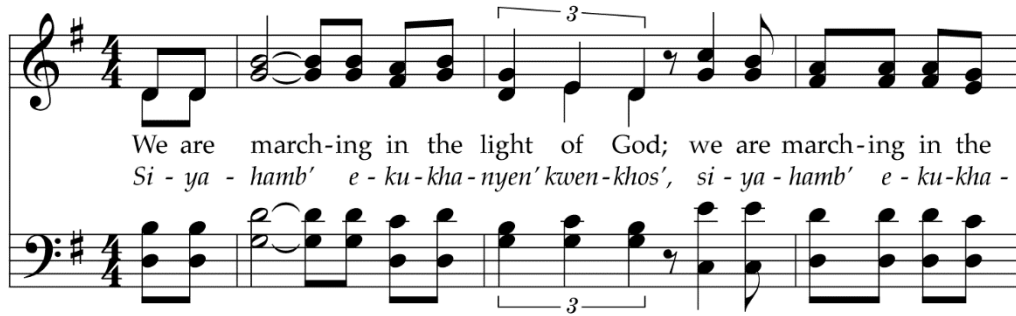
al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba



We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -



light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',



we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is a simple march. The lyrics are: "We are march - ing / Si - ya - ham - ba". The second line of music repeats the melody with the lyrics: "We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing, / Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,". There are fermatas over the final notes of both lines.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

The second system of music continues the melody. The lyrics are: "we are march-ing in the light of God. / si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'." The second line of music has the lyrics: "we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God. / si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'." The third line of music has the lyrics: "we are march-ing in the light of God. / si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'." There are fermatas over the final notes of each line.

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

The third system of music repeats the first system. The lyrics are: "We are march - ing / Si - ya - ham - ba". The second line of music repeats the melody with the lyrics: "We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing, / Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,". There are fermatas over the final notes of both lines.

we are march - ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

The fourth system of music continues the melody. The lyrics are: "we are march - ing in the light of God. / si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'." There is a fermata over the final notes.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:
We are dancing...
We are praying...
We are singing...