*Mountain Spirit Metropolitan Community Church*

*A spiritual community born out of LGBTQIA+ Appalachia*

*“I praise you for I am fearsomely and wonderfully made.”*

*Ps. 139.14*

**Proper Sunday 11 Worship**

**July 20, 2025**

**Prelude** Paul W., musician

**Welcome and Protocol Honoring Home** Rev. Pressley Sutherland, liturgist

**All: We bless these mountains in which we gather, and all the animals, plants, and elements for whom this is home;**

 **We bless all who have walked this land and called this place home long before us;**

 **We bless and honor Congregation Beth Israel for sharing their home with us;**

 **And we pray that we will be a blessing in this place.**

 **May peace be among us. Amen.**

**Gathering Song Holy, Holy, Holy** Christine W. And Paul W., musicians

Holy, holy, holy! Creator God Almighty

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy! Living in Creation

Spirit of the God of Love in everyone we see

Holy, holy, holy! Moving now among us

God in all Persons, blessed Mystery

Holy, holy, holy, Creator God Almighty.

All Your works shall praise Your name,

in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy, Everywhere and nowhere

God in all Creation, blessed ever be.

**Invocation**

One: Walk it out, step by step, whatever needs solving, resolving, absolving.

**ALL: Every journey begins with a leaving; Every discovery needs an opening.**

One: Walk it out, step by step, in your joy and confusion, your heartbreak and hopefulness.

**ALL: Every journey begins with a leaving; Every discovery needs an opening.**

One: Walk it out, step by step, prayer by prayer, breath by breath

**ALL: Every journey begins with a leaving; Every discovery needs an opening.**

One: Spirit of the Living God, Christ of the highways and byways, be with me, I pray.

**ALL: Guide my steps, be always before me.**

**ALL:** **Come Holy Spirit. Come any way you want. Just come. Amen**

**Worship Songs** Rev. Pressley S., musician

**1. Let the glory of the Lord rise among us**

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us

Let the praises of our God rise among us

Let it rise

Oh-h-h, let it rise

Oh-h-h, let it rise

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us

Let it rise

Oh-h-h, let it rise

Oh-h-h, let it rise

**2. I will bless You, God, forever**

I will trust You at all times

You have delivered me from all fear

You have set my feet upon a rock

I will not be moved

And I`ll say of my God:

You are my shield, my strength, my portion, deliverer

My shelter, strong tower, my very present help in time of need

Whom have I in heaven but You

There`s none I desire besides You

You have made me glad

And I`ll say of the Lord

You are my shield, my strength, my portion, deliverer

My shelter, strong tower, my very present help in time of need

**3. This is how I fight my battles (repeat)**

It may look like I’m surrounded

But I’m surrounded by You (repeat)

**4. Glory, Glory, hallelujah**

Since I laid my burden down

Glory, Glory, hallelujah

Since I laid my burden down

I feel better, so much better

Since I laid my burden down

I feel better, so much better

Since I lad my burden down

Feel like shouting, “Hallelujah”

Since I laid my burden down

Feel like shouting, “Hallelujah”

Since I laid my burden down

Glory, Glory, hallelujah

Since I laid my burden down

Glory, Glory, hallelujah

Since I laid my burden down

**Readings Levítico/Leviticus 25:8-12 and Hechos/Acts 4:32-35**

Angel P. and David R., lectors

*(Español)*

Levítico 25:8-12

**8**»Siete veces contarás siete años sabáticos, de modo que los siete años sabáticos sumen cuarenta y nueve años. **9**El día diez del mes séptimo, es decir, el día del Perdón, harás resonar la trompeta por todo el país. **10**El año cincuenta será declarado santo, y se proclamará en el país la liberación de todos sus habitantes. Será para ustedes un jubileo y cada uno volverá a su heredad familiar y a su propio clan. **11**El año cincuenta será para ustedes un jubileo: ese año no sembrarán ni cosecharán lo que haya brotado por sí mismo, ni tampoco vendimiarán las viñas no cultivadas. **12**Ese año es jubileo y será santo para ustedes. Comerán solamente lo que los campos produzcan por sí mismos

Hechos 4:32-35

**32**Todos los creyentes eran de un solo sentir y pensar. Nadie consideraba suya ninguna de sus posesiones, sino que las compartían. **33**Los apóstoles, a su vez, con gran poder seguían dando testimonio de la resurrección del Señor Jesús. La gracia de Dios se derramaba abundantemente sobre todos ellos, **34**pues no había ningún necesitado en la comunidad. Quienes poseían casas o terrenos los vendían, llevaban el dinero de las ventas **35**y lo entregaban a los apóstoles para que se distribuyera según la necesidad de cada uno.

La palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Dios.**

*(English)*

Leviticus 25:8-12

You are also to count off seven Sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years, so that you have the time of the seven Sabbaths of years, namely, forty-nine years.  You shall then sound a ram’s horn abroad on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the day of atonement you shall sound a horn all through your land.  You shall thus consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim a release through the land to all its inhabitants.  It shall be a jubilee for you, and each of you shall return to their own property, and each of you shall return to your family.  You shall have the fiftieth year as a jubilee; you shall not sow, nor reap its aftergrowth, nor gather in from its untrimmed vines.  For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you.

Acts 4:32-35

And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to them was their own; but all things were common property to them…for there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales, and lay them at the apostles’ feet; and they would be distributed to each, as any had need.

Let us hear Living Words. **Thanks be to God.**

**Response Our God is like an Eagle** Paul W And Christine W, musicians

When Israel camped in Sinai, then Moses heard from God:

“This message tell my people, and give them this, my word:

From Egypt I was with you, and carried on my wing,

The whole of your great nation from slavery I did bring.

Just like a mother eagle, who helps her young to fly,

I am a mother to you, your needs will I supply;

And you are a as my children, the ones who hear my voice,

I am a mother to you, the people of my choice.”

If God is like an eagle who helps her young to fly,

And God is also Father, what then of you and I?

We have no fear of labels, we have no fear of roles—

If God’s own being blends them, we seek the selfsame goals.

Our God is not a woman, our God is not a man,

Our God is both and neither, our God is I WhoAm.

From all the roles that bind us, our God has set us free.

What freedom does God give us? The freedom just to be.

**Sermon God vs. Wall Street**  Rev. Dr. Lea Brown, preacher

**Offertory It’s Amazing What Praising Can Do** Christine W., liturgist Paul W., musician

It’s amazing what praising can do

Alleluia, Alleluia

It’s amazing what praising can do

Allelu-u-u-ia

I don’t worry when things go wrong

Jesus fills my life with a song

It’s amazing what praising can do

Allelu-u-u-ia

**Community Prayer Christine W., liturgist**

 **Our Mother who lives within us, we celebrate your many names.**

 **Your wisdom come, your will be done, unfolding from the depths within us.**

 **Each day you give us all that we need.**

 **You remind us of our strengths, and we embrace them.**

 **You support us in our power, and we act with courage.**

 **For you are the dwelling place within us,**

 **the empowerment around us,**

 **and the celebration among us, now and forevermore. Amen**

**Communion** Rev. Pressley S, celebrant and Angel P., acolyte

C: God is with you. **All: And also with you**

C: Let us open our hearts. **All: We open them to God**

C: Let us give God thanks and praise **All: It is a good and joyful thing to do**

**Santo, santo, santo**

**Mi corazón te adora**

**Mi corazón sabe decir**

**Santo eres tú**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**My heart, my heart adores you**

**My heart knows how to say to you**

**You are holy, God**

**Announcements** Rev. Pressley S, liturgist

* **New Book Group - Let Your Life Speak, Parker Palmer, Intro-Ch. 1,** Tuesday, July 22nd 7:30pm on Zoom.
* **Founding Committee Monthly Meeting**, Wednesday, July 23rd, 7pm on Zoom

**Benediction** Rev. Pressley S., liturgist

**All will be well; and all will be well;**

**And all manner of thing will be well;**

**All will be well, be well.**

 **Go out with peace. Go out with kindness. Go out with Love,**

 **In the name of the Creator, Christ, Comforter, and All that are Wise and Good. Amén/Amen**