~ We Gather Together as God’s People ~

THE ORGAN PRELUDE: “There Is a Redeemer” ........................................... arr. Mark Kellner

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .......................................................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively) ............................................. Nonie Booth, liturgist

One: Today we gather at the great banquet table that has been prepared for us by our Lord.

ALL: In the sacrament of Holy Communion, we join together with Christians everywhere, drawn by the gift of Christ’s life.

ONE: May Christ be glorified and a spirit of unity lead us.

ALL: For you are our God and we are your people, today and every day for the rest of our lives.

ONE: Let us worship almighty God!

THE OPENING PRAYER......................................................................................... Nonie Booth, liturgist

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS ................................................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.................................................................... Nonie Booth, liturgist
Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not wrongfully use the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, ‘You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.’ Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.’

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

~ The Sacrament of Holy Communion ~

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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The prayer after the meal:

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “In Christ There Is No East or West” ......................... arr. J. Evans

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There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following the October 11th worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee, including their recommendation of three individuals to serve on the Session's Class of 2023. The nominees are Bev Jones and Maggie Snyder for 3-year terms and Elder Bobby Gentry whose current term would be extended by 1-year. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Resuming Indoor Worship

Indoor worship services in the sanctuary may resume next Sunday, October 11th, if conditions related to COVID-19 continue to progress positively. The services will be held at 10:00 a.m. and will be limited to a total of 50 people, excluding worship participants. Attendees will be asked to register in advance. Face masks and social distancing will be required. We will also resume nursery care and Children's Church. To register, please visit the church website or call the church office.

In addition, church and non-church groups (Scouts, AA, etc.) may resume meeting in the church as long as there are no more than 25 people present and other rules and restrictions are observed.

Trunk or Treat!

The youth group is once again sponsoring Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 25, from 5:00-6:00 PM. Due to COVID, many other Halloween events are cancelled so this is a real need in our community. This year's event will be a drive-thru activity, where children remain in their vehicles and church members distribute candy, dinner, prizes, and church information through the windows. There are many ways for you to be a part of this fun, socially distanced event! Go to our website and click on Upcoming Events to sign up to participate.

Pandemic Q&A #6

Question: How does the risk of death caused by flu compare to that of the new COVID-19 virus?

Answer: As of September 22, the USA has recorded the grim milestone of 200,724 deaths in 2020 due to the new coronavirus. One week later, on September 29, the number of deaths is 210,148. This is indeed a deadly virus. We also know that each year, the “seasonal flu” causes serious illnesses and death, especially in older people and those with underlying medical conditions. Everyone is urged to get this year's flu vaccine. Meanwhile, researchers are working diligently to develop vaccines to protect us from Covid-19, but these efforts are still works in progress.

Please practice the public health safety behaviors and prevent many more deaths.

Please be safe. Thanks for caring!
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