~ We Gather Together as God’s People ~

THE PIANO/ORGAN PRELUDE: “Great is the Lord” ............................................. arr. F. Bock
Chery Needham, piano & Jason Evans, organ

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

†♦THE GATHERING SONG: “We Have Come to Join in Worship” ...................... HOLY MANNA

   We have come to join in worship and adore the Lord our God.
   Let us come in prayer expecting God to speak His mighty word.
   All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.
   Christians pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

THE OPENING PRAYER..................................................................................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 263: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” ............... CORONATION

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS.................................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ephesians 1: 15-23 ..........................Christine Jackle, liturgist

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “The Living Prayer”.......................................................... A. Krauss

Christine Jackle, soloist

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 1: 1-11 .................................Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

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

THE SERMON: “Sent Out by Our Ascended Lord”..............................The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore


Chery Needham, piano & Jason Evans, organ

THE INVITATION TO SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS ...........The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

THE PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken in Unison)

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 CHARGE & BENEDICTION

♦ THE CLOSING RESPONSE: "God Bless, America" ......................................................... Berlin

God, bless America - Land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies to the oceans white with foam -
God bless America, my home sweet home -
God bless America, my home sweet home.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “The Heavens are Telling” ................................. Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Jason Evans, organist

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