~ We Gather Together as God’s People ~

THE ORGAN PRELUDE................................................................. Jason Evans, organist

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

THE GATHERING SONG: “We Are One in the Spirit”....................... THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

   We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
   We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
   and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
   And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
   Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

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

THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 543: “God, Be the Love to search and Keep Me” ..........GREEN TYLER

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

THE GLORIA NO. 581: “Glory Be to the Father” ................................................. GLORIA PATRI

   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 SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 71: 1-6

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother’s womb. My praise is continually of you.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “Reckless Love” .......................................................... Cory Asbury

Elisabeth Writtenberry, soloist


Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’ He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.”’ And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.’ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

THE SERMON: “Jesus’ Mission to Free the Oppressed” .............. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

THE MEDITATION: “Spirit, Fall on Us Like the Rain” ......................... Jeff Nelson

Hollie & Elisabeth Writtenberry, soloists

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 HYMN OF SENDING NO. 852: “When the Lord Redeems the Very Least” ....... I’LL FLY AWAY
THE CLOSING RESPONSE: "This Little Light of Mine" ....................................

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

THE PIANO POSTLUDE .................................................................................................................................................. Jason Evans, pianist

~ Those Leading us in Worship ~

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore,
Pastor

Jason K. Evans,
Director of Music Ministries/Organist

Hollie & Elisabeth Writtenberry,
Worship Leaders

Don Younkin,
Audio & Visual Ministries

David Walls,
Audio & Visual Ministries

All lyrics printed with permission granted by CCLI#2728243