~ We Gather Together as God’s People ~

THE ORGAN PRELUDE: “For the Beauty of the Earth” .............................arr. David Lowe  
   Jason Evans, organist

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

THE OPENING PRAYER ...........................................................................Jean Basnight

THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 20: “All Things Bright and Beautiful” ................ROYAL OAK

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 .................................................................Jean Basnight

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 1: 1-5, -13, 20-23 ..............................Jean Basnight, liturgist

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.
And God said, ‘Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.’ And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, ‘Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.’ And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’ And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’ God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

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

THE SERMON.......................................................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

THE PIANO MEDITATION: “This Is My Father's World”................................. arr. M. Hayes
Jason Evans, pianist

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. 22: “God of the Sparrow” .................................................. ROEDER

THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Proclaim the Glory of the Lord” ......................arr. M. Kellner
  Jason Evans, organist

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