~ We Gather Together as God’s People ~

  Jason Evans, organist

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

THE OPENING PRAYER ........................................................................ Jeanne Martie

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION ...................................................... Jeanne Martie

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 5: 22-26 ........................................ Jeanne Martie, liturgist

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “Amazing Grace” .............................................. arr. Spencer/Evans  
  Elaine Spencer soloist
That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: ‘Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!’

‘Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

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

THE SERMON: “Tending our Spiritual Gardens”............................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ We Respond to the Word ~


Jason Evans, pianist

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Rejoice! the Lord Is King” .................................. arr. Jason Payne

Jason Evans, organist

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_Pastor_

Jason K. Evans,  
_Director of Music Ministries/Organist_

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_Liturgist_

Elaine Spencer,  
_Soloist_

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