~ We Gather Together as God’s People ~

THE PIANO PRELUDE ................................................................. Jason Evans, pianist

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

♦ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) ....................................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

ONE: Your love is as high as the heavens, O God; your faithfulness soars through the skies.

ALL: Your righteousness reaches the towering peaks; your justice the depths of the sea.

ONE: We shelter beneath your wings; we feast in the heavenly word you provide.

ALL: We open our eyes to drink in your goodness, for you are the source of all life and because of your light, we see light.

ONE: Let us worship almighty God!

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

♦♦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (Spoken Responsively) ................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

ONE: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

Your are invited to greet your neighbors by putting your hand over your heart as a sign of love and friendship that highlights our unity as a church family.

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 137 ................................................. The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

By the rivers of Babylon—there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our harps. For there our captors asked us for songs,
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, ‘Sing us one of the songs of Zion!’ How could we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land? If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy. Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem’s fall, how they said, ‘Tear it down! Tear it down! Down to its foundations!’ O daughter Babylon, you devastator! Happy shall they be who pay you back what you have done to us! Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against the rock!

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “Bow the Knee” ........................................ Chris Machon, soloist

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ezra 6: 1, 3-5, 14-16 ............................ The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Then King Darius made a decree, and they searched the archives where the documents were stored in Babylon. In the first year of his reign, King Cyrus issued a decree: Concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, let the house be rebuilt, the place where sacrifices are offered and burnt-offerings are brought; its height shall be sixty cubits and its width sixty cubits, with three courses of hewn stones and one course of timber; let the cost be paid from the royal treasury. Moreover, let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, be restored and brought back to the temple in Jerusalem, each to its place; you shall put them in the house of God.’ So the elders of the Jews built and prospered, through the prophesying of the prophet Haggai and Zechariah son of Iddo. They finished their building by command of the God of Israel and by decree of Cyrus, Darius, and King Artaxerxes of Persia; and this house was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius. The people of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy.

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

THE SERMON: “Return with Commitment and Joy” .......................... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~ We Respond to the Word ~

THE PIANO MEDITATION .............................................................................. Jason Evans, pianist

THE PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

During this prayer, the pastor will invite anyone who would like to lift up any prayer requests to do so. You may pray out loud or pray silently for your own particular prayer concerns.

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 CLOSING SPOKEN Benediction: ‘Blest Be the Tie that Binds’ ........................ Fawcett

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

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

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~ Today's Flowers ~

The flowers are given by Tom Williamson in loving memory of his daughter Leah's 50th birthday on July 23rd.

~ August 2 and 9 Worship Services ~

The worship services for August 2 and 9 will be livestreamed at 10:00 am as we have been doing in past weeks.
There will be no live service on campus.

~ Those Leading us in Worship ~

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