~ We Gather Together as God’s People ~

THE ORGAN PRELUDE: “Festive Prelude on “Llanfair”” .......................arr. Mary McDonald
Jason Evans, organist

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS .................................................................Ike McRee

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 85) ....................................................Ike McRee, liturgist

ONE:  Restore us again, O God of our salvation.
ALL:  Let us hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

ONE:  Surely his salvation is at hand for those who worship him, that his glory may dwell among us.
ALL:  Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
ONE:  Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the heavens.
ALL:  The Lord gives us what is good. Righteousness goes before him and makes a path for the people of God.

THE OPENING PRAYER .................................................................................Ike McRee, liturgist

THE CALL TO CONFESSION ...............................................................The Rev. Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks

THE CORPORATION PRAYER OF CONFESSION ............The Rev. Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks

God of all mercy and peace, you come to us in the storms and overwhelming chaos of life, when danger and destruction threaten what we hold dear. We sometimes don’t recognize your presence with us in the midst of the storm. We doubt your power over the waves. We often are more fearful than faithful. Yet here you are, in the middle of the mess, never leaving us, never letting us go. Forgive our faltering faith. Help us keep our eyes upon Jesus, that we may not be afraid. And help us worship you faithfully, today and always. For the glory of Jesus, we ask.
THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: Let the people of God together say,
ALL: Amen.

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION ......................................................... Ike McRee, liturgist

THE HEBREW LESSON: I Kings 19: 9-18 ............................................. Ike McRee, liturgist

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: “Give Me Jesus” ..................................................... arr. Tom Fettke
Quartet: Sharon Moore, Jeanne Martie, Ike McRee & Jason Evans

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14: 22-33................................. The Rev. Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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

THE SERMON...................................................................................... The Rev. Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks

~ We Respond to the Word ~

THE PIANO MEDITATION: “This Is My Father’s World” ......................... arr. Mark Hayes
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: “Christ Is Alive” ........................................ arr. Mary McDonald

Jason Evans, organist

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~ Those Leading us in Worship ~

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Liturgist

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