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**9:30**

**Sunday, May 27, 2018**

**PRELUDE**    *America, the Beautiful - arr. Marty Parks*

**THE GATHERING**

**Welcome/Announcements/Meet and Greet**

**Gathering Song**        *This is the Day*

**This is the day, this is the day,  
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that the Lord has made,  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day,  
That the Lord has made.**

**Offering**        *Shout to the North*

**Men of faith, rise up and sing  
of the great and glorious King,  
You are strong when you feel weak  
in your brokenness complete.**

**Refrain:**

**Shout to the north and the south,  
Sing to the east and the west;  
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of Heaven and earth.**

**Rise up, women of the truth,  
stand and sing to broken hearts,  
Who can know the healing pow'r  
of our awesome King of love.  
(refrain)**

**Rise up Church with broken wings,  
fill this place with songs again  
Of our God Who reigns on high,  
by His grace again we'll fly.  
(refrain)**

**Prayer and Song of Thanksgiving** *I Sing Praises to His Name*

**I sing praises to your name, O Lord,  
Praises to your name, O Lord,  
For your name is great and greatly to be praised;  
I sing praises to your name, O Lord,  
Praises to your name, O Lord,  
For your name is great and greatly to be praised;**

**I give glory to your name, O Lord,  
Glory to your name, O Lord,  
For your name is great and greatly to be praised;  
I give glory to your name, O Lord,  
Glory to your name, O Lord,  
For your name is great and greatly to be praised.**

**Dismissal of Children** *Cry of My Heart*

**Refrain:**

**It is the cry of my heart to follow You.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.**

**Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,  
so I can walk in Your truth.  
Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,  
and make me wholly devoted to You.  
(refrain)**

**Open my eyes so I can see  
the wonderful things that You do.  
Open my heart up more and more,  
and make it wholly devoted to You.  
(Refrain)**

## **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.  
**Congregation:** And also with you.  
**L:** Let us pray. . . .  
**C:** Amen.

### **RESPONSE** *Thy Word*

**Refrain:**  
**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

**I will not forget your love for me, and yet  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,  
And I will love you to the end.  
(refrain)**

### **GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, chapter three.  
**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

<sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered

him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

## **Message**

**Musical Offering**     *God Bless America- Irving Berlin*

## **OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

### **The Prayer of Confession**

**C:** Gracious God in Heaven, we bow before You to confess to You that we have sinned and done that which is evil in Your sight. We have walked in pride, we have not been as thankful, or forgiving as You would like us to be. Help us to show forth the fruits of Your Spirit, the love, joy and peace that You have shown to us. And forgive us for all our wrong doing, even those stubborn habits that we struggle with, for we pray this in the Name of Jesus our Lord, Amen.

**L:** In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.  
To those who believe in Jesus Christ  
he gives the power to become the children of God  
and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen

### **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

**L:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

P:       The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
C:       **Amen.**

## **Closing Song *The River is Here***

**Down the mountain the river flows;  
And it brings refreshing wherever it goes.  
Through the valleys and over the fields;  
The river is rushing and the river is here.**

## **REFRAIN**

**The river of God sets our feet a dancing,  
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer.  
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter,  
And we rejoice for the river is here.  
The river of God is teeming with life;  
And all who touch it can be revived.  
And those who linger on this river's shore  
Will come back thirsting for more of the Lord.  
(refrain)**

**Up to the mountain we love to go;  
To find the presence of the Lord.  
Along the banks of the river we run,  
We dance with laughter giving praise to the Son.  
(refrain)**

## **Dismissal**

L:       Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C:       **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude       *We're Marching to Zion - Mark Hayes***

## **PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK:**

*Revelation 22: 17-21, Luke 24: 44-53*

### **THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:**

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**Lisa Southworth**

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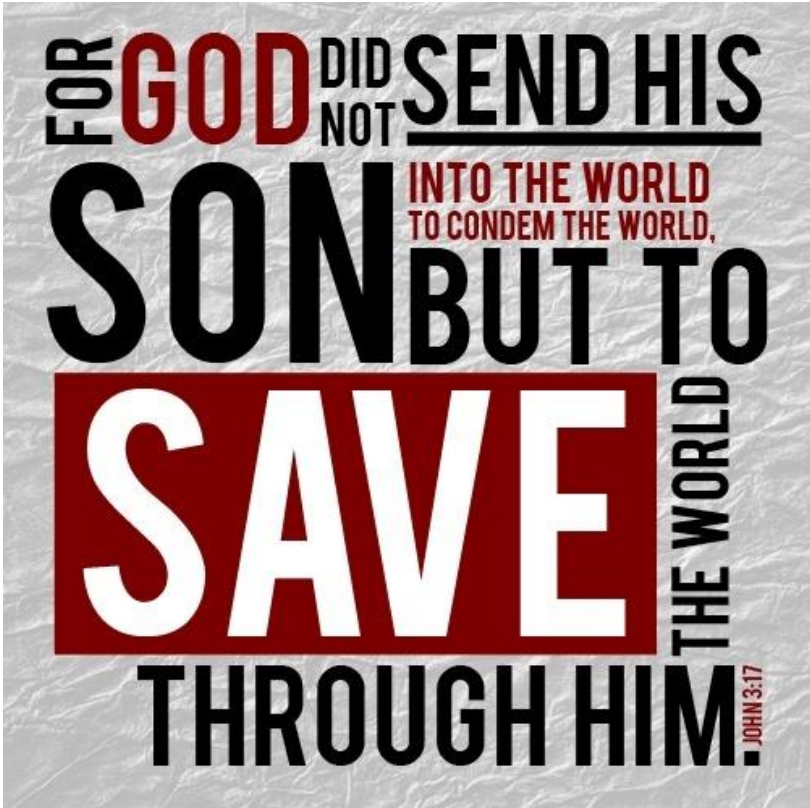
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