GATHERING  “Church Rise Up”

WELCOME

WORSHIP  “Till the Whole World Knows”
“Ten Thousand Reasons”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

LESSON OF THE DAY  Psalm 103, Acts 1:6-8
  P: Word of God, Word of life  C: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE  Intern Pastor Anne Jackson

HYMN OF THE DAY  “I Love to Tell the Story”
  ELW # 661

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
  ELW, Page 152
  (After each petition, respond “Hear our prayer.”)

OFFERING & WELCOME FOLDERS

OFFERTRY RESPONSE  “Let the Vineyards”
  ELW #184

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father. We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING
  P: The LORD be with you.  C: And also with you.
  P: Lift up your hearts.  C: We lift them to the LORD.
  P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.  C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
  P: It is indeed right and salutary … and join their unending hymn:  C: Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord, God of pow’r and might. Heav’n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER
  Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION
  ELW, Page 154
  (The congregation is encouraged to sing during the distribution of communion.)
  “Will You Come and Follow Me”
  ELW # 798
  “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”
  ELW # 659

*PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL
  P: Go in peace to serve the Lord by transforming lives. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE  (* = Please stand, if you are able.)
Psalm 103
Thanksgiving for God’s Goodness
1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—
3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
4 who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

6 The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
7 He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
9 He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger for ever.
10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;
12 as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.
13 As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.
14 For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

15 As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field;
16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
17 But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
18 to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

19 The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.
20 Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word.
21 Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will.
22 Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Acts 1:6-8
The Ascension of Jesus
6 So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ 7 He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’