Creator Of This Wide World

Creator of this wide world and all that is within,

we thank you for the blessings you showered once again

on us, the church, you’ve gathered to show the world your love.

Please fill us with your Spirit, O gentle, holy Dove.

The prophets of your people heard, deep with their ears,

your voice proclaiming to them your mercy through the years.

Their voices called for justice, “Redress the wrongs you’ve done,

and usher in the Kingdom, with peace for everyone.”

Jesus, you read the words from the prophet’s unfurled scroll

and living out those actions would then become your role:

the blind would gain new vision, the pris’ner be set free

the poor would hear the Good News—God’s favor finally.

Bless all our actions Christ Jesus, that we’ll do in your name,

so people see us serving and see you, just the same.

We hear you calling to us to show to all your love,

filled with your pow’rful Spirit, yet gentle as a dove.

On this new day of service, we come to you in prayer;

we ask that all our actions may show your world we care,

and, as we journey out from the comfort of this place,

we hope that people see us as carriers of your grace.

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this may be sung to any “151” Tune, preferably 151 I or 151 G