

February 20, 2022

7th Sunday after Epiphany

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**All may stand as able*

Liturgist: Cynthia Sartin

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Cynthia Sartin

Prelude

I Stand in Awe of You

arr. Cindy Berry

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us open our hearts to the reality of God's love.

People: It is an awesome thing to stand before God and call upon His name.

Leader: Let us open our minds to wisdom that comes from above. Let us acknowledge and honor the One whose love for us is constant and whose help for us is sufficient.

People: In times of want, God supplies our needs. In times of danger, He rescues our souls. God's mercies are new every morning.

Leader: God welcomes our praise and hears our prayers.

People: In God's name we shall rejoice all day long.

All: Glory be to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 1**

*Holy, Holy, Holy!
Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

*** INVOCATION (Unison)**

Dr. Dawson Harmon

Most gracious God, Source and Goal of all creation, we meet you with reverence and awe, hope and expectation. You are the Alpha and Omega, the first cause and the last effect of all creation. And we worship you. Bless our time together. Make it beneficial to us and pleasing to you. Then unite us in mission as we leave this place to spread Good news wherever we go. Go with us and lead us. Amen.

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

*Children may choose to go to Junior Church
after Children's Sermon*

RESPONSIVE READING

A DECLARATION OF FAITH

Section 9.5

Minister: Christ calls us to pilgrimage towards the Kingdom of God.

People: Jesus announced the coming of God's Kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught His disciples to seek God's Kingdom first.

All: We believe Christ gives and demands of us lives in pilgrimage towards God's Kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and the threat of life in the world. We are in the world but not of the world.

Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's Kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that Kingdom: to serve as He has served; to take up our cross risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight; to hope for what we have not seen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Cynthia Sartin

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:25-32

ANTHEM

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us arr. Brent Roberts

Isabella Powell, soloist

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessed, Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou has bought us Thine we are.
We are Thine; do Thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock from sin, defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed, Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will;

Blessed Lord and only Savior,; with Thy love our bosoms fill;

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou has loved us, love us still.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:21-26 ff

SERMON

"The Art of Kingdom Living" Dr. Dawson Harmon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** AN AFFIRMATION**

from Enter Every Trembling Heart
by John Killinger

We dare to believe these things:

that God is the God of all the earth, both the living and the dead;

that God has revealed the divine nature in the man Jesus Christ, in order that we may follow His teachings and come to eternal life;

that the Spirit of Christ is in this place today, inviting us to a greater commitment of our lives and bestowing the power to live in that commitment.

That the Church, for all its shortcomings, is still called to love those who walk with God daily and to call to fellowship those who are estranged from God.

That the world of our immediate vision is but a poor shadow of the world that is to be, where Christ reigns as Lord of Lords and God is All in All. Amen

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory	<i>Take Now My Voice</i>	Douglas Nolan
	Cahaba Springs Choir	
	Take now my voice, let me sing for Thee,	
	Fill me with Your music, Lord, sing Your song through me.	
	Take now my hands, let me touch for Thee,	
	Fill me with Your kindness, Lord, heal the world thorough me.	
	Fill me with Your living Word, let it set my way.	
	Make in me Your temple, Lord; shine through me each day.	
	Take now my heart, O Lord, let me love for Thee,	
	Fill me with Your spirit, Lord, love the world through me.	
	Take now my life, let me live for Thee,	
	Fill me with Your power, Lord, change the world through me.	

* THE DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Dr. Dawson Harmon

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

* CHARGE AND BLESSING Dr. Dawson Harmon

*CLOSING HYMN 547	<i>Go, My Children, with My Blessing</i>	AR HYDY NOS
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* Postlude	<i>Trumpet Dialogue</i>	Alice Jordan
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***We welcome Isabella Powell, guest soloist
in our worship service this morning!***

Isabella is a graduate of the School of Music at the University of Alabama, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in Vocal Performance. She has had leading roles in the University of Alabama Opera Theatre productions of *Semele* by G.F. Handel and *West Side Story* by Leonard Bernstein. She served as Miss University of Alabama in 2020 and 2021 and has been a part of the Miss Alabama Organization where she has been a strong advocate for students, providing funding and implementing sensory rooms for exceptional education in schools across the state of Alabama.

Prayer Concerns

for our church family . . .

George McLean	Margaret Linville	Agnes Dauphinee
Wayne Hughins	Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie
Nellie Songer	Al Greenberg	Edward Giddens
Vernon Clark	Laura Reichert	Jon Scholl
Carol Brown	Kay Prevatt	Vicki Cunningham
Karen Rainwater	Karen O’Brien	

for our extended family . . .

Mary Hammett	Debra Jackson	Cheryl Kelley
Uwe Bach	Ed Vermeulen	Matt Ford
David Ross	Charles Taylor	Patricia Denton
Lisa Kraymer Smith	Jennifer Lee	Stephen Hogger
Sonia Burrage	Louis Scholl	Heather Hawkins
Bobbi Harper	Cecile Floyd	Bob Smith
Clay Charlton	Eleanor Garner	Debbie Collins
Donna Ford		

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and equipped to serve God
and each other in meaningful ways.**