

Cahaba Springs Presbyterian Church  
November 1, 2020, 11 AM CST [Set Clocks Back]  
Rev. Dr. James D. McLeod, Jr. Pastor  
David Perry, Liturgist, Joe & Kay Carter, Music

Gathering of the People

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Prelude

*Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated*

arr. John Purifoy

Call to Worship

One: When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

**All: God invites us to step into the baptismal waters of faith and trust.**

One: When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,

**All: Jesus invites us to step into the promised land of humble service.**

One: When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:

**All: the Spirit invites us to sit at the Communal Table of grace.**

One: Let us declare with one voice, the singular truth of the universe, that God is good, all the time.

**All: And all the time, God is good!**

Instrumental Hymn

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

William Chalmers Smith

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
with light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.  
Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render, O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

## Confessing to God

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Jesus, our savior, help us to know that we struggle with suffering, you are there with your strength: Holy God have mercy.**

**Jesus our brother, help us to know that when we forget you in the cares of everyday life, you are still there with us: Christ, have mercy.**

**Jesus our companion, when we forget to care for you in our sick and neglected brothers and sisters, call us again and anew to serve you in them: Holy God, have mercy.**

**Forgive us all our sins, Ever-loving God, and make us look for your presence. Walk with us and lead us to the feast of abundant life. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

### Passing the Peace

## Proclaiming God's Word

### Prayer of Illumination

#### Scripture: Micah 3:5-12

<sup>5</sup>This is what the LORD says:

“As for the prophets  
who lead my people astray,  
they proclaim ‘peace’  
if they have something to eat,  
but prepare to wage war against anyone  
who refuses to feed them.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore night will come over you, without  
visions,  
and darkness, without divination.

The sun will set for the prophets,  
and the day will go dark for them.

<sup>7</sup>The seers will be ashamed  
and the diviners disgraced.  
They will all cover their faces  
because there is no answer from God.”

<sup>8</sup>But as for me, I am filled with power,  
with the Spirit of the LORD,

and with justice and might,  
to declare to Jacob his transgression,  
to Israel his sin.<sup>9</sup>Hear this, you leaders of Jacob,  
you rulers of Israel,  
who despise justice  
and distort all that is right;  
<sup>10</sup>who build Zion with bloodshed,  
and Jerusalem with wickedness.

<sup>11</sup>Her leaders judge for a bribe,  
her priests teach for a price,  
and her prophets tell fortunes for money.

Yet they look for the LORD's support and say,  
“Is not the LORD among us?  
No disaster will come upon us.”

<sup>12</sup>Therefore because of you,  
Zion will be plowed like a field,  
Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble,  
the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets.

## Offertory

### *I Stand in Awe of You*

Mark Altrogge

arr. Cindy Berry

Joe Carter, organ; Kay Carter, piano

You are beautiful beyond description too marvelous for words,  
Too wonderful for comprehension, like nothing ever seen or heard.

Who can grasp your infinite wisdom?

Who can fathom the depth of your love?

You are beautiful beyond description, majesty enthroned above.

And I stand, I stand, in awe of You. I stand, I stand in awe of You.

Holy God, to whom all praise is due, I stand in awe of You.

## Scripture: Matthew 23:1–12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; <sup>3</sup>therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. <sup>4</sup>They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. <sup>5</sup>They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. <sup>6</sup>They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, <sup>7</sup>and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. <sup>8</sup>But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. <sup>9</sup>And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. <sup>1</sup> Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. <sup>11</sup>The greatest among you will be your servant. <sup>12</sup>All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

## Sermon

### *Convicted*

## Responding to God’s Word

### Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Lord's Supper

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Prayer of Thanksgiving, 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, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### The Sacrament

### The Prayer

## Sending God's People into the World

### Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

#### *Hymn of Praise*

James Denton

### Prayer Concerns

#### For our church family...

George McLean	John Holcomb	Laura Reichert	Wayne Hughins
Melissa Scholl	Edwin Swartz	Nellie Songer	John Giddens
Al Greenberg	Vernon Clark	Steve Mannich	Arnold Reichert
Shirley Narkates	Randy & Christy Little		

#### For our extended family,,,

Grace Miller	Chuck Avant	Bill & Julie Wills	C. J. Fonte
Kennon Little	Donnie Bates	Clara Beach	Trent Schindler
Zoe	Jessica Watkins	Heather Odell	Fred Esleck
Mary Hammett	Margaret Stallings	Deborah Waldron	Christiana Battles
Stella Purcell	Garry Vincent	Fran Skiroock	Debra Jackson
Derek & Lauren Webber		Sarah Troupe	

Grieving the loss of loved ones: the family of Gordon Crane