

# Cahaba Springs Presbyterian Church

## Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2020, 11 AM CDT

Rev. Dr. James D. McLeod, Jr., Pastor

Dr. Lesley Earles, Liturgist

Carl Martin, Liturgist

Kay and Joe Carter, Music

## Gathering: We Enter God's Presence

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Invocation

Organ Prelude

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813  
arr. Wihla Hutson

### Call to Worship

Based on Revelation 21:1-4

One: Sisters and brothers, let us rejoice in the vision of John: I saw a new heaven and a new earth! The old heaven and the old earth and the sea had disappeared.

**All: Then I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, descending from God out of heaven, beautiful as a bride adorned for her husband.**

One: A great voice thundered from heaven: "See, God is making God's home with mortals! God will live with them. They will be God's people.

**All: God will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, or sorrow, or crying, or pain. All of this—gone forever!"**

One: Sisters and brothers, let us join our voice with the sage of Patmos and declare that God is good, all the time!

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

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**O God of hope, You who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change.**

**God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns.**

**Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives and let your Spirit blow through that we might be a'washed in the faith and joy of a new tomorrow. In the name of the one we seek to follow, Amen.**

#### Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### Gloria

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be.

World without end, Amen

# Word: We Listen for the Spirit's Message

## Prayer for Illumination

### Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 14:5–31

5 When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" 6 So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; 7 he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. 8 The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out boldly. 9 The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, his chariot drivers and his army; they overtook them camped by the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

10 As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. 11 They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." 13 But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. 14 The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

15 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. 16 But you lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. 17 Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. 18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

19 The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. 20 It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. 22 The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. 23 The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. 24 At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into panic. 25 He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

26 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." 27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. 28 The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. 29 But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

## New Testament: Revelation 21:1–8

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also, he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6 Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. 7 Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. 8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

## Sermon: Dr. McLeod

*Hope Abides*

## Piano Meditation

*Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee*

John B. Dykes

arr. Joanne Brown-LeDoux

## Affirmation of Faith

**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.**

## Prayer of Intercession

### 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.**

# Sending: We Depart in Jesus' Name

## Parting Hymn

### O Worship the King, All Glorious Above 60

*O Lord our God . . . Thou art clothed with honor and majesty. Psa. 104:1*

PSALM 104

WILLIAM KETHE

ADAPT. BY ROBERT H. GRANT

William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

ARR. FROM JOHANN M. HAYDN

1. O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly  
2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the  
3. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the  
4. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, In Thee do we

sing His pow'r and His love; Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of  
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der clouds  
air, it shines in the light; It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the  
trust, nor find Thee to fail; Thy mer - cies how ten - der! how firm to the

Days, Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise,  
form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
plain, And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
end! Our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er and Friend. A - men.

## Charge and Benediction

### Organ Postlude

*Great Redeemer, We Adore Thee*

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