

# Cahaba Springs Presbyterian Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 19, 2020

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## Gathering: We enter God's presence

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Invocation

Prelude

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*, arr. Edward Broughton

Call to Worship

One: We gather as people on a journey.

All: **We believe and we have doubts, we do good and we sin.  
We are imperfect humans, and still beloved by God.**

One: Love and grace. Hope and faith. These are the essence of the one we call God.

All: **We seek forgiveness & grace from the One and from those we've harmed.**

One: Assured of that grace, we are ready to grow again.

All: **We yearn for a new way, a new perspective, and a clear path.**

One: Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here. Speak to us, God! Continue creating us!

All: **Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds. Guide our actions. Amen.**

One: May we know and believe that God is good, all the time!

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most. Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Savior and our God. It is in the name of Christ, we pray. 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: Psalm 16

1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
2 I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."  
3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the  
noble, in whom is all my delight.  
4 Those who choose another god multiply their  
sorrows;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.  
5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.  
6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in  
pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.

7 I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.  
8 I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be  
moved.  
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul  
rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.  
10 For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.  
11 You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### New Testament Scripture: John 20:19–31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## Sermon: Dr. McLeod

Embracing Our Doubts

## Piano Meditation

*Immortal Love, Forever Full*, William Wallace, arr. Michael Cox

## 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

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

## Charge and Benediction

## Postlude

*Let All Rejoice!* George Black

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