**September 19, 2021** 

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## **GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

\*All may stand as able

Liturgist: Jennifer Smith

**Chiming of the Hour** 

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Jennifer Smith

**Prelude** Almighty arr. Cindy Berry

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Why have we gathered here?

People: We have responded to the Good News of God's love

for us in Jesus Christ.

Leader: What do you hope to do here?

People: We hope to worship God and be strengthened by

other faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

Leader: With what mission will you be sent from this place?

People: To be God's servants in serving humanity, to spread

the Gospel and resist the powers of evil.

All: Let us then draw near to God, who promises to forgive

us, to fill us with the fruits of the Spirit, and to be present with us in this world and in the world to come.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 686

God of Our Life

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# **INVOCATION (Unison)**

Dr. Dawson Harmon

Holy and merciful God, you reach out to us long before we reach out to you. It is by your grace through faith that we are saved. Once saved, you then ask us to make every effort to walk in your Light and be led by your Spirit; to obey you because we love you; and to grow daily in Christlikeness . . . in wisdom. . . and in truth, we come with this desire in our hearts. Descend upon this place as you have done in the past. Make your Presence known. Empower our efforts to be faithful. Protect us from the evil one. Grant us hope, perseverance, wisdom, and courage as we in bold accord celebrate our journey together. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

## **CONFESSING TO GOD**

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Merciful God, whose care never ceases, we come to you as we are. Many of us are tired from trying to do more than we can manage. Many of us are anxious about problems which continue to go unresolved. Many of us are worried about events beyond our control. We often find it hard to let go. For mistakes we cannot redeem, for tasks left undone, for uncertain goals, we need your forgiveness and ask your understanding.

(Silent prayers of Confession)

We pray for your Spirit. We pray for wisdom from above and for the grace to receive it. We pray for recovery of purpose, for a clear set of priorities, for fullness of life, for generous hearts, and contented souls. In your mercy, restore us and lead us. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Rejoice, for God calls into existence possibilities we

could not imagine.

People: Christ died for our sins and rose again that we might

have new life in Him.

Leader: Let us explore together what that means in the

assurance that God is able and willing to fulfill all

His promises made to us.

People: God takes us by the hand and lifts us up to abundant

life.

All: Praise God!

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

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, amen.

# PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Jennifer Smith

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 4:1-6

ANTHEM

The Church's One Foundation arr. Jay Althouse

Joe Carter, organ Kay Carter, piano

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord, She is His new creation by water and the word.

From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride.

With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died. Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth,

Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,

And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord.

She is His new creation by water and the word.

From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride. With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**GOSPEL READING** 

Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON

"United in Mission"

Dr. Dawson Harmon

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

## **Affirming our Mission**

\* THE CALL OF THE CHURCH

(Book of Order F-1.0301)

Leader: The Church is the Body of Christ

People: Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be

the body. The Church strives to demonstrate these

gifts in its life as a community in the world.

Leader: The Church is the community of faith....

People: entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of

losing its life.

Leader: The Church is the community of hope . . .

People: rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in

Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength

of that promised new creation.

Leader: The Church is the community of love . . .

People: where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished,

and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.

Leader: The Church is a community of witness . . .

People: pointing beyond itself through Word and work to the

Good News of God's transforming grace in Jesus Christ

its Lord.

### **WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory

Antiphon

L. von Beethoven

\* THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. Dawson Harmon

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 OF GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN 700 I'm Gonna Live So God

I'M GONNA LIVE

Can Use Me

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Dawson Harmon

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION Go Now in Peace

Don Besig

\* Postlude

Trumpet Tune in F major

Ross Anderson

# Thank You

Everyone in our church has been so helpful and caring during this time. We thank you all. Love, Wayne & Anne Thomas

Prayer Concerns		
for our church family		
George McLean Wayne Hughins Nellie Songer Vernon Clark Terri Clark	John Holcomb Melissa Scholl Al Greenberg Steve Mannich Anne Thomas	Margaret Linville Jim Gillespie Martha Martin Laura Reichert Chip Prevatt
for our extended family		
Rachel Justice Janice Scholl Uwe Bach Julia Waldo		
grieving the loss of loved ones the Lombardo family		

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Dr. Dawson Harmon, Pastor

Cahaba Springs . . . .

is a church where all people are welcomed, cared for, and supported; have the opportunity to grow spiritually; and serve God and others in meaningful ways.