### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2020

# Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

**Prelude** 

My Faith Looks Up to Thee Song of Hope Hughes Chesterton

Welcome & Announcements

**Preparation for Worship** (Time for Silent Preparation)

## Call to Worship

Bonnie Mecaughey

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: "I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations."

Praise the Lord!

Let us worship the Triune God.

Invocation Bonnie Mecaughey

Mighty God,

we do not yet see the glory you plan for all humankind, but in faith we do see Jesus.
We thank you for the humility and holiness in which he lived and died.
We praise you that he freed us from our sin, that he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles, and that he gives us courage to follow him.
For this, we now join with all creation and shout for joy: Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord! Amen.

Hymn of Praise 234 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne: Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, And Hail Him as thy matchless King thru all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love: Behold His hands and side—Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.

No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, But Downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life: Who triumphed o'er the grave, Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who Died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: One with the Father known, One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne. To Thee be endless praise, For Thou for us hast died; Be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days adored and magnified. A-men.

# Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

### **Prayer of Confession**

Bonnie Mecaughey

(Responsively)

Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us,

yet too often we practice pride.

You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem,

yet too often we rush past the pain of others and are careless about our cities.

You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out,

yet too often we love those who are strong, respected, or popular.

You freely forgave and healed,

yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain.

You lived a perfectly holy life,

yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness.

You prayed that we who believe in you should be united with each other and you,

yet too often we focus on the differences that separate us from other believers.

You were mocked, whipped, and even killed for us,

vet too often we deny vou.

You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,

yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture.

Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory. Amen.

#### **Time for Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Bonnie Mecaughey

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you, you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Amen.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to 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. A-men, A-men.

#### Offering

#### Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

#### **Invitation** As we come before God with our tithes and

offerings, let us remember the words of Micah 6: What does the Lord require of us? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Thus we bring our money, gifts, and whole lives as an offering to our God.

#### Offering

\*Please place your offerings in the plate in the back of the church on your way out.

#### Offertory

We Will Give Thanks Patterson (Sandy Dulaney, Adrienne Boyance, Kelly Fox)

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

## Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we give our best, lest in gaining the world we lose life itself. As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. As we contribute to the needs of your people, we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

<u>Proclaiming</u> God speaks to us through His Word

### Scripture Lesson

Ruth 4:1-16

4 Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, "Turn aside, friend; sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down. <sup>2</sup> And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down. <sup>3</sup> Then he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. <sup>4</sup> So I thought I would tell you of it and say, 'Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you." And he said, "I will redeem it." <sup>5</sup> Then Boaz said, "The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance." <sup>6</sup> Then the redeemer said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

<sup>7</sup> Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. <sup>8</sup> So when the redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself," he drew off his sandal. <sup>9</sup> Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. <sup>10</sup> Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day." <sup>11</sup> Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, <sup>12</sup> and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the LORD will give you by this young woman."

<sup>13</sup> So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. <sup>14</sup> Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! <sup>15</sup> He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him." <sup>16</sup> Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse.

Sermon

"Redemption" Rev. Tim Latham

# Responding We respond to God's Word

Hymn of Response 66

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory—great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

(Refrain)

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory—
Great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev'ry believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. Refrain.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; But purer and higher and greater will be Our wonder, Our transport, when Jesus we see. Refrain.

### Profession of Faith

We believe in one God. the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

# Commissioning God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

**Hymn 175** 

Hallelujah, What a Savior!

"Man of Sorrows!" what a name for the Son of God, Who came ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, In my place condemned He stood— Sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Guilty, vile and helpless we, Spotless Lamb of God was He; Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die, "It is finished!" was His cry; Now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, All His ransomed home to bring, Then a new this song we'll sing: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Benediction & Blessing

**▼** Organ Postlude

Praise Canon

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