

**Order of Worship**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
October 10, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

**Prelude**     *Sing to the Lord of Heaven and Earth*     J.S. Bach

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** (Responsive, from Psalm 22:1-5)

Sometimes life is too much and we wonder if God cares.

**We cry out My God My God, why have you forsaken me!**

Our ancestors trusted in God, they cried out and were saved

**You have been our God.**

Do not be far from us.

**We should commit our cause to the LORD; let God deliver.**

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Holy Lord, you continue to amaze us with your love, grace, and presence. You give us all we could ever need and more. We really enjoy the “and more” part. We really like our stuff. We like it so much that often we replace you with our stuff. Sometimes, we trust in material things. Sometimes, we only turn to you when our stuff fails us. We turn to you as a last resort. Forgive us, Lord, when we value material things more than you. Forgive us, when we are not willing to give up our possessions for you. For all the ways we have neglected your word and ignored your people, forgive us. Do not be far from us, Lord. There is no one else we can turn to for help. Renew our fickle hearts and help us put our trust in you.

(Silent time for your reflection and personal confessions)

**Assurance of God's Grace**

**Musical Meditation**     *O Word of God Incarnate*     Munich

**Scripture Lesson**     Mark 10:17-31

**Sermon**     Somewhere in the Middle     Rev. Michael Bowe

**Prayers of the People and the 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.

**Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the One Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and earth. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**     *Gigue from French Suite in G*     J.S. Bach

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**Worship Leader This Sunday:** George Young

**Guest Minister:** We welcome to our pulpit this week Michael Bowe, D. Min. Michael is a native of North Alabama who only moved away to go to seminary, and then quickly came back. He is the dad of three kids, an avid Auburn fan and he works at the Saving Way as the manager. In his free time he referees a variety of sports.