

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, October 2, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
17th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"Christ For the World We Sing"

McDonald

Introit

"Be Strong in the Lord"

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage for He is your guide.
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord, and rejoice for the victory is yours.*

***Call to Worship**

Lamentations 3, Psalm 137

Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!
But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?
Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!
But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?
Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!
Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together!

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God,
even as the drums of warfare beat on through the night,
even as the cries of injustice linger in the morning,
even as the hustle of busyness rumbles through the day,
quiet our hearts. Still our thoughts. Join us in our worship.
Remember us in your mercy as we try to remember you,
through the proclamation of your good news, in story and in song,
and through the hospitality of your gracious table.
Welcome us again, one Lord,
Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn 743**

“Christ For the World We Sing”

Call to Confession

God answers those who seek mercy;
salvation comes to those who wait for the Lord.
Therefore, let us confess
all we have done,
and what we have not done,
trusting in God's grace.

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you have called us to live
in sincere faith and to suffer for the gospel.**

2 Tim. 1:5-8; Luke 17:5

**We confess that we do not come before you
with a clear conscience.**

**Our faith is clouded by sin and uncertainty,
we shrink from your call to live sacrificially on behalf of others.**

Too quickly, we seek our own ease and comfort first.

**We confess that in our own lives, and in the church,
we rely on our power rather than yours.**

Forgive us, we pray, for we are fractured and fearful disciples.

**Take away from us a spirit of cowardice,
and restore to us the spirit of power rightly used,**

**of love unconditionally offered,
and of self-discipline gracefully lived.**

**In new mercy, forgive us and increase our faith,
that we may be faithful servants at your table.**

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

The power of God has saved us:

grace is given to us in Christ Jesus,

who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light. **Thanks
be to God.**

Now may the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Anthem

"The Gift of Love"

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, All have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, But not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit come, our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide ev'ry dead. By this we worship and are freed. Amen

A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word

Scripture Luke 17:5-10

Sermon "Is Bigger Best?" the Reverend Chris Richardson

***An Affirmation of Faith** *(adapted from the Belhar Confession)*

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family.
And we believe that that this unity of the people of God
must be manifest and active,
in that we love one another;
that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another,
that we are share one baptism together,
that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together,
that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope,
which is the height and the breadth and the depth
and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.**

***The 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!**

***Hymn 552 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to God's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks and praise to God.

It is always right and our greatest joy to give God thanks and praise....

....Therefore, we join our voices with all those who sing your praise
Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest....

....for great is the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again....

...as our Savior, Jesus, taught us to pray when he said:

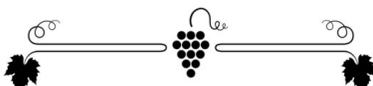
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

A Prayer After Communion

God of grace, you renew us at your Table with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Grant that this food may strengthen us in love and help us to serve you as we serve one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.



Invitation to the Offering

The Lord is our portion.

Lam. 3

Therefore have hope as you bring your gifts to God.

Offertory

“O How He Loves You and Me”

Sprunger

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all
creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

We Go in God's Name

***Hymn 696**

“Bond of Love”

verse 1 only

Charge

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Benediction

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all, this day and forevermore.

Postlude

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Berry

