

**J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, June 13, 2021 10:30 am
Third Sunday after Pentecost**

A Thought Before Worship

We walk by faith and not by sight, so we gather here so that God will guide our steps by the Word.

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

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| Prelude | "The Solid Rock" | Hayes |
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***Call to Worship**

God sees things differently than we do.

God sees what can be, not just what is.

God's eyes can see

Little things becoming great things by faith.

God's eyes can see where our lives are going.

We may not see the end, but we trust the journey and the one who lead us on it.

God's eyes see what we cannot.

And the love of Christ urges us forward to live in response to God's call.

Let us worship God!

***Prayer for the Day**

Holy God, Creator of life itself, you call us to come out of our dark places, and you offer us the grace of new life. When we can see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your Spirit. You call us out of complacency and routines and set us free from our self-imposed bonds. Fill us with your Spirit of life, compassion, and peace. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***Hymn 689 "The Church's One Foundation"**

A Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands, I sing for joy.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the Lord. They flourish in the courts of our God. **In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

A Call to Confession

We come to God, not to justify ourselves or our actions, but to repent and to trust in the saving grace of Jesus Christ, who has promised to forgive us. Let us pray:

A Prayer of Confession

Look upon us, Loving Savior. Sift through our thoughts and take stock of our attitudes. Show us how to deal with the things that inhibit our love and divert our energies from your call. Whatever you see as self-righteous, correct; as twisted, make straight; as heartless, soften; as fruitless, purge; as infected, make clean. Shower your relentless Spirit on us, O God; sweep away our guilt and its downward draw. By the saving grace of Jesus Christ, heal us from within so that we can serve you with fresh and faithful commitment. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

By the power of Jesus Christ we can become a radically renewed community. Old things are done away with; all things become new. We can become agents of grace and reconciliation in our homes, in our community, in the world. Christ will be with us while this transformation occurs. For, in Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Now may the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

We Hear God's Word

A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word

A Reading from the Epistles: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Sermon By Faith! **the Rev. Bob Phelps**

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him,

who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God. 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 532 “Be Thou My Vision”

Offertory Sentence: Gathering, singing, praying, hearing—these are all ways we express our thanks to God for all that God provides for us. We also show our thanks through these tithes and offerings. God will put to good use what we bring today.

Offertory “Faith” Rouse

*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. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People --- Our 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 and ever. Amen.

We Go In God’s Name

*Hymn 678 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

*Benediction

May God bless you with new life. May Jesus Christ tend you with grace and mercy. May the Holy Spirit always guide your steps as you walk by faith now and forever. Amen.

*Charge

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!

***Postlude**

"Trust and Obey"

Tornquist

**Flowers today are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Lillian R. Rawlings and Ray Davis Rawlings on their birthdays,
June 14, by Randy and Susan White and family.**

This Week at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

Today: 9:00 am Breakfast in Ewell Martin Room

 9:30 am Sunday School

 10:00 am Worship

Wednesday: 7:15 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

 5:00 pm Session meets—Ewell Martin Room

 6:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Thursday: 10:30 am Bible Study—Ewell Martin Room.

Next Sunday: Sermon: Now! from 2 Corinthians 6:1-12

News of the Church

Last Week's Record

6-6-21 Attendance----- 33 here (RAIN!); 94 views on Facebook

Offering:-----\$10,035.00 (General Fund)

5,000.00 (Greenspace Development)

Welcome to Worship!

We are happy to welcome all who worship with us in the sanctuary today. We also welcome those who join us online and in print. We are especially glad to welcome visitors. Please join us again soon!

Summer Choir Schedule

The choir will rehearse on June 16 and sing on June 20 and rehearse again on July 14 and sing on July 18. Newcomers are welcome. Please see Deanna for more information. Regular rehearsals will resume in August.

Meistersingers Concert This Afternoon

The Meistersingers will sing this afternoon, June 13 at 3:00 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Hattiesburg. Tickets are available on the Festival South website. The group will sing new pieces by composer Dan Forrest, who will be here to accompany the choir on piano.

Upcoming:

Session meets, Wednesday, June 16, 5 pm

Attention Readers:

The Faith and Fiction Book Club is an intentionally ecumenical book group that meets at Centenary United Methodist Church. They are getting reorganized after a long Covid lay-off. The group will meet and reorganize on Thursday, July 1, at 6:30 pm in the Centenary Youth House (behind the Post Office). They'll read The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson. Everyone's welcome. The goal of the group is to find faith issues reflected in all kinds of literature. See Shelli Quayhagen for more information.

Vacation Bible School Rescheduled!

Due to some unforeseen schedule conflicts, we are rescheduling this summer's Vacation Bible School to Sunday-Tuesday, July 18, 19, and 20.

We'll publish a complete schedule soon, but we'll be using a resource called Compassion Camp this year, a resource our kids and their friends will not have had if they visit other VBS opportunities in our area. We'll learn three different Bible stories: Miriam, sister of Baby Moses; Elijah the Prophet, and the Parable of the Good Samaritan. There will be food, music, play time, crafts, all the things we've come to expect at VBS.

These dates are firm. Mark your calendars (and your kids' calendars) so you'll be sure to be with us. Invite your friends to join us. We'll have registration information soon.



If you'd like to help in any way, see Bob or Ally Allred. We look forward to a great time with our kids this summer.