

**J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church  
McComb, Mississippi  
The Service for the Lord's Day  
Sunday, July 4, 2021 10:30 am  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

*A Thought Before Worship*

*We always need God to open our hearts to receive the Word so that we can be free to follow in the power of Christ's love.*

*Welcome and Announcements*

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Prelude**                      **"All Things Bright and Beautiful"**                      **Summers**

**\*Call to Worship**

We gather here in the midst of festivity to worship God.

**We come seeking a blessing from the Lord.**

What is this blessing that we seek?

**We seek an encounter with our God, who washes us in mercy, calls us to service, and fills us with love to share.**

We gather here to rejoice not in our own strength, but in the power of God.

**Let us worship God!**

**\*Prayer for the Day**

**God, the Creator, God of the Cross, you show your power in many and various ways. You show your love in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Drive out all that would threaten to break our spirits, and help us to rely on your all-sufficient grace, for we pray in the loving and powerful name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 634**                      **"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

**A Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 123**

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hands of her mistress,

**So our eyes look to the Lord, our God, until he has mercy on us. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for we have had more than enough**

of contempt. Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease of the contempt of the proud.

#### **A Prayer after the Psalter:**

Loving God, you sent Jesus to be our only comfort in life and in death. The world's contempt did not dissuade him from accomplishing our salvation. Help us to look to no one but him to sustain us now and through that is yet to come. Amen.

#### **A Call to Confession**

Let us confess our sin to God, whose power is made perfect in our weakness.

#### **A Prayer of Confession**

You are love, O God, and you have loved us from the beginning. You will love us to the end. Forgive us when we do not trust your love and when we refuse to share it with the world, when we choose selfishness over compassion, what feels good and comfortable over what is right, when we strive for success instead of faithfulness, when we value independence over community. Forgive us, O God, of all the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and to let your love lead our way. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Sisters and brothers, God's grace and mercy are never ending. In Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven, and we can be at peace.

**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**

Savior God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, speak to us through Jesus Christ, your Living Word, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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#### **Reading from the Word**

Old Testament:    **2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10**  
Gospels:            **Mark 6:1-13**

Sermon

A Theology of Place

the Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

**\*An Affirmation of Faith    The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 561                    "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"**

**Offertory Sentence**

Jesus calls us to travel light as we serve the world, remembering that God is our strength and provision. In response to that call, let us faithfully bring our gifts to God.

**Offertory**

**"Love Lifted Me"**

**Schram**

**\*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 --- 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 612**

**"How Firm a Foundation"**

**\*Benediction**

May the love of God, the power of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit live in you and guide you forever.

**\*Charge**

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!

**\*Postlude**

**“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”**

**Stewart**

***Flowers today are presented to the glory of God and in recognition of the ongoing struggle for unity in our country by Linda Miller.***

**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
Thursday	10:30 am	Bible Study—John’s Gospel

**News of the Church**

**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 again on July 14 and sing on July 18. Newcomers are welcome. Please see Deanna for more information. Regular rehearsals will resume in August. We are glad to have them in the loft today.

**July Session Meeting**

The regular Session meeting for July will be on Wednesday, July 14, at 5:00 pm. Please keep these who plan and direct the ministry of our congregation in your prayers.

**Work Day on July 10:** The Property Committee needs your help at a work day on Saturday, July 10. We’ll meet at 8 am and work until we quit. Dennis Ross, Randy White and Rusty Whittington have more information.

## Vacation Bible School Coming Up in July!



Vacation Bible School will be a different kind of experience for our kids and their friends this year.

We'll meet on Sunday, July 18, Monday, July 19, and Tuesday, July 20 on the following schedule

**Sunday, July 18---3:00—5:30 pm**

**Monday, July 19--5:15---8:05 pm**

**Tuesday, July 20-5:15—8:05 pm**

Snack supper each night.

We'll learn Bible stories, do crafts, learn new music and enjoy some creative play. We'll learn about Miriam, Moses' sister, Elijah the Prophet, and the Good Samaritan and we'll learn all kinds of ways to show and receive compassion.

## Mark Your Calendars for the Fall Church Picnic

**Sunday, October 24 at Percy Quinn State Park**

Full details to follow, but mark your calendars now and plan to be with us for this special annual fellowship event.

## Summer Communion Dates

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on Sundays, July 11 and August 8 this summer. We will return to our first Sunday of the month schedule on September 5. We hope you can be with us for each of these celebrations.

## Welcome, Lynn

While Bob and Deanna are on the way back from Montreat, we are happy to welcome the Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller, a member of our Presbytery, to the pulpit today. Please extend her a cordial welcome.