

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church  
McComb, Mississippi  
The Service for the Lord's Day  
Sunday, October 23, 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
20th Sunday after Pentecost

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **We Gather in God's Name**

**Prelude**

**"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

**Hayes**

**Introit**

**"Be Strong in the Lord"**

*Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage; your mighty Defender is always the same.  
Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending; victory is sure when you call on His name.  
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**

*Based on Luke 18:14*

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

**We humble ourselves before our God, ready to hear and receive God's truth.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**Righteous and gracious Lord,  
you reveal to us the way of goodness and life.  
Teach us humility  
that we may trust in your power, and not our own,  
and make us ever grateful;  
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

**\*Hymn 52**

**"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

## **Call to Confession**

Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us embrace this time of confession with honesty and humility.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God,**

**your truth is oftentimes hard to hear.**

**We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word.**

**Although you send us messages and messengers, we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong.**

**Have mercy upon us, Holy God.**

**Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed. Amen.**

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

Hear the Good News!

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,

and Christ died for us,

Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in

Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone;

a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

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

Amen.

## **We Hear God's Word**

### **Special Music**

**"In Christ Alone"**

Jeremy Threlfall, vocalist

Jennifer Sanders, pianist

## **A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word**

**Scripture** Luke 18:9-14

**Sermon** "A Tale of Two Prayers" the Reverend Chris Richardson

**\*An Affirmation of Faith**

*From Philipians 2:6-11*

**Christ Jesus,  
though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ  
is Lord! 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 584**

**“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Let us give and live generously in response to all that God has done for  
us. Let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

**Offertory**

**“Abide with Me”; “Tis Eventide”**

Jeremy Threlfall, vocalist

Jennifer Sanders, pianist

**\*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 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 and ever. Amen.**

### **We Go in God's Name**

**\*Hymn 534**

**"Draw Me Nearer"**

**verses 1 & 4**

### **Charge**

**Go in peace, walk with the humble, pray for your enemies, live with thanksgiving.**

### **Benediction**

**May the strength of Almighty God surround you,  
the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ attend you,  
and the peace of the Holy Spirit be yours,  
today and always.**

### **Postlude**

**"How Great Is Our God"**

**Austin**



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