

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, May 15, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Hayes

Introit

"There Is a Redeemer"

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. Jesus my redeemer, name above all names, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, oh, for sinners slain. When I stand in glory, I will see His face. There I'll serve my King for ever in that holy place.

Chorus: Thank You, oh my Father, for giving us Your Son and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

***Call to Worship**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,

Psalm 148:11-13

princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

his glory is above earth and heaven.

***Prayer of the Day**

Rev. 21:5; Acts 11:1-18; John 13:34

**Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ
you make all things new.**

**Long ago you called your church
to a love beyond all social and cultural differences
and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit
to open their hearts to enact such love.**

**Give us that same spirit of openness,
that we too might discern new directions in our day
for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

***Hymn 509**

“O, How I Love Jesus”

(verses 1, 2, 4)

Call to Confession

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new,
let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,
your command to love one another across all differences
opens us to new horizons,
yet we often respond with fear and judgment
that hinders your goal for humanity.**

**Forgive our sins, we pray,
and give us a true repentance
that leads to life for all creation.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's promises are trustworthy and true;
your sins 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

"Blessings"

Story

Claire Lowe, vocalist; Jennifer Sanders, pianist

We pray for blessings, we pray for peace, comfort for family, protection while we sleep. We pray for healing, for prosperity, we pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering. All the while, You hear each spoken need yet love is way too much to give us lesser things, 'cause what if your blessings come through raindrops, what if Your healing comes through tears, what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near, what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear. We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near. We doubt your goodness, we doubt your love, as if every promise from Your Word is not enough.

All the while, You hear each desperate plea as long as we have faith to believe. When friends betray us, when darkness seems to win, we know that pain reminds this heart that this is not our home. What if my greatest disappointments or the aching of this life, is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy, what if trials of this life; the rain, the storms, the hardest nights, are your mercies in disguise?

A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word

Scripture

Acts 11:1-18

John 13:31-35

Sermon

"Living Love"

the Reverend Chris Richardson

***An Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

***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 538**

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Offertory Sentence

God dwells among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God.

Offertory

“Day By Day”

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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

We Go in God’s Name

***Hymn 708**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

(verses 1 & 4)

Charge

Jesus has loved us so that we may love others.
Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

John 13:34

Benediction

May God who has made you a new creation
give you the grace to grow in faith, hope, love, and justice.

Postlude

“God Will Take Care of You”

Keveren



This Week at J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

Sunday	9:00 am	Breakfast in the Ewell Martin Room
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Worship
Wednesday	7:15 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast

Last Week's Record

5/8/22 Attendance - 44 here; 92 views on Facebook
5/8/22 Offering - \$4810

Welcome

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

Welcome to the Reverend Chris Richardson

Rev. Chris Richardson works part time as a chaplain for Hospice Ministries and is an elder in full connection in the UMC. She is a graduate of Duke Divinity School. Chris has lived in Pike County since getting married to her husband Kevin in 2004. They have three children: Colin, Brooke and Emma.

Congratulations to Conner Simmons

Congratulations to Conner Simmons – Class of 2022. He graduated from Parklane Academy on May 6!

The Session Meets Today

The Session of J.J. White Memorial meets today at 2:00 in the Ewell Martin Room. The Reverend Dr. Joan Gandy will serve as Moderator.

Flowers

The flowers in our sanctuary today were provided by Kathy and Bryan Harbour to the glory of God and in honor of Jennifer Sanders and the choir of J.J. White.

May/June Flowers

May 22 Debbi and Tommy Brock
May 29 Naklie Girls
June 5 Beth and Noggin Wild
June 12 Susan and Randy White