

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, July 3, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
4th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

Kohlmann

Introit

“My Country, 'Tis of Thee”

*My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from ev'ry mountainside let freedom ring!*

***Call to Worship**

The earth is the Lord's,
and the fullness thereof.
God alone is our sovereign
to whom all bow in allegiance.
Come, let us worship the Lord,
our God, the Ruler of all nations.

***Prayer of the Day**

**O God, you send us out into the world
as your disciples.
Allow the church to be a healing presence,
a place and a people that live out the essence
of your kingdom, here and now;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever. Amen.**

***Hymn 26**

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Call to Confession

adapted from 2 Kings 5

Sometimes God gives us the simplest of instructions; yet they don't seem worthy of our time or commitment. Knowing that we digress and acknowledging that we transgress, let us confess our sins together at this time with our prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we extol you once more. We cry for your help. For we have not followed your will. We have not helped bear one another's burdens. We have not been your faithful laborers going out into your harvest. We have fallen into the pit of self-deception and self-reliance again.

We ask that you draw us up and draw us more into your pervasive presence. By your favor we confess and through your abundant mercy we make our supplication. Hear and be gracious to us! Cleanse our souls so that we may praise you in fullness once more. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

from Galatians 6 & 2 Kings 5

My friends, even though we have been detected in transgression, the Spirit seeks to restore us in a spirit of gentleness. Anyone who has washed is made clean and anyone who has asked is pardoned! In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored! **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

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Dr. Roger Nickerson, vocalist; Mrs. Jennifer Sanders, pianist

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightening of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on.

I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps; They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I have read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps; His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat; oh, be swift, my soul to answer, oh, be jubilant, my feet; His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me; as He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free! His truth is marching on.

A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word

Scripture 2 Kings 5:1-14

Sermon “Unexpected” the Reverend Chris Richardson

***An Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
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 418 “America, the Beautiful” verses 1,3,& 4**

Offertory Sentence

God has given us healing, word, forgiveness.
God has given us so much!
Let us now take the time
to respond in gratitude,
by giving of what has been given to us.

Offertory

“This is My Song”

Ham

*** 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 – 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 733 “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” verses 1,4**

Charge and Benediction

God, bless us.

Jesus, walk with us.

Holy Spirit, guide us as we enter this new week.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and always. Amen.

Postlude

“In Christ There is No East or West”

Berry

