

J.J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church
McComb, Mississippi
The Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, September 4, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"I Found the Answer"

Lang

***Call to Worship**

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Ps. 118:24

***Prayer of the Day**

**Extravagant God,
you pour out blessings upon us
and lead us on the path of true life.
Help us to choose your way again and again,
that we might revel in your love
and reflect it to all we meet.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

***Hymn 523**

"Trust and Obey"

A Reading from the Psalter (Responsive) Psalm 139:1-6,13-18, 23-24

1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

3 You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**4 Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.**

5 You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

**6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

13 For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

15 My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

**In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

**18 I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.

**24 See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Call to Confession

In penitence and in faith,
let us confess our sin to the One
who waits to pour out mercy upon us.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,
we confess that we fail to put our trust in you completely.
Instead, we calculate our gains and losses,
hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life.
Forgive us,
and help us to treasure only you,
that we may follow you faithfully
and discover the blessings only you can give. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Beloved, 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

A Prayer for Guidance as We Hear God's Word

Scripture Luke 14:25-35

Sermon "The Cost of Being Jesus' Disciple: Full Disclosure"
the Reverend Dr. Catherine Cook

***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 517**

“The Solid Rock”

verses 1 & 4

Offertory Sentence

God gives more grace than we can ever earn
and sustains us in ways we cannot imagine.

Luke 14:7-14

With a spirit of generosity,
let us freely offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.

Offertory

“Whispering Hope”

Hawthorne

***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 309**

"Wonderful Words of Life"

Charge

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Benediction

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all, this day and forevermore.

Postlude

"Bind Us Together"

Gillman

