



Starkville Presbyterian Church PC (U.S.A.)
Starkville, Mississippi
April 9, 2023
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

Order of Worship

Prelude *The Risen Christ* WOODLANDS

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *The God of Heaven* GLORY

+Call to Worship

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: God has answered us!

All: God has come to earth to become our salvation!

One: This is the day the Lord has made:

All: let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

+Opening Hymn #245 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!* LLANFAIR

+Call to Confession

One: This is a day of celebration, and nothing should prevent us from lifting our voices in praise to God. We must not hide the things we have done or failed to do, the things that do not imitate the perfect love of Christ. We must not let them fester and stifle our joy.

Therefore, let us bring them before God in confession.

+Prayer of Confession *Unison*

Resurrected Christ, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace You give us. There is no way we can earn Your love, there is no way we can be worthy of Your forgiveness. And yet You shower these mercies on us. You, who have taken away the sting of death, meet us where we are, in our doubt and fear, in our regrets and shame, in our delight and awe. Meet us here in this place, and call us once again to trust in You. (Moment of Silence)

+Assurance of Pardon

One: God says to us, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have continued my faithfulness to you.

All: Christ says to us, Do not be afraid.

One: We need not fear; we are forgiven, we are loved, we are redeemed!

All: Alleluia!

Offering

Offertory *At the Name of Jesus* KING'S WESTON

+Doxology #606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

+Prayer of Thanks

Special Music *Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful* Harriet Ziegenhals

Prayer of Illumination

+Scripture Reading Matthew 28:1-10 (Pew Bible, p. 33)

+Affirmation of Faith (Printed sheet in hymnal rack) The Nicene Creed

+Gloria Patri #581 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

Sermon "Along the Road to Believing" Rev. Ron McDougald

Prayer of the People

+Communion Hymn ##522 *I Am the Bread of Life v.1* I AM THE BREAD

The Sacrament of Communion (Printed sheet in hymnal rack) Rev. Ron McDougald

+Sending Hymn #43 *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord* ON EAGLE'S WINGS

+Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

+Postlude *Day of Arising* RABBE

+ **Stand if you are able**

WELCOME to Starkville Presbyterian Church. We are grateful for your presence in worship this morning.

PRAYER LIST. Please keep the following in your prayers.
Tornado and storm victims
Additional prayer concerns are listed in the Prayer Journal found in the Swoope Room.

If you would like to add a request or remove one from the list, please contact Nancy Bryson (324-6320 or nancybryson68@gmail.com) or Rev. Ron McDougald (601-942-8040 or chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com)

ELDER OF THE MONTH. The Elder of the Month for April is Richard Mullenax.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING. See the insert.

EASTER FLOWERS. The flowers used today to decorate the cross outside of the church were given in memory and in honor of those listed in today’s bulletin insert. On Friday before Easter the Cross is a symbol of death, darkness, pain and hopelessness. Easter morning the Cross becomes beautiful, new and alive with flowers in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. Join us on the porch, after the Benediction, to participate in the celebration.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH. The monthly Potluck Lunch will be next Sunday, April 16th. Please join us for a time of fellowship following the worship service.

PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY. Come join the discussion and fellowship on Wednesdays at 10:30am in the Swoope Room. Check with Ron for a Study Guide on John 20:19-31.

CIRCLE. Circle will meet on Wednesday, February 8th, at the Church at 4:45pm. The Bible Study is Lesson 7 of “Celebrating Sabbath” by Carol M. Bechtel.

CHOIR. Choir rehearsal will be on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

Session

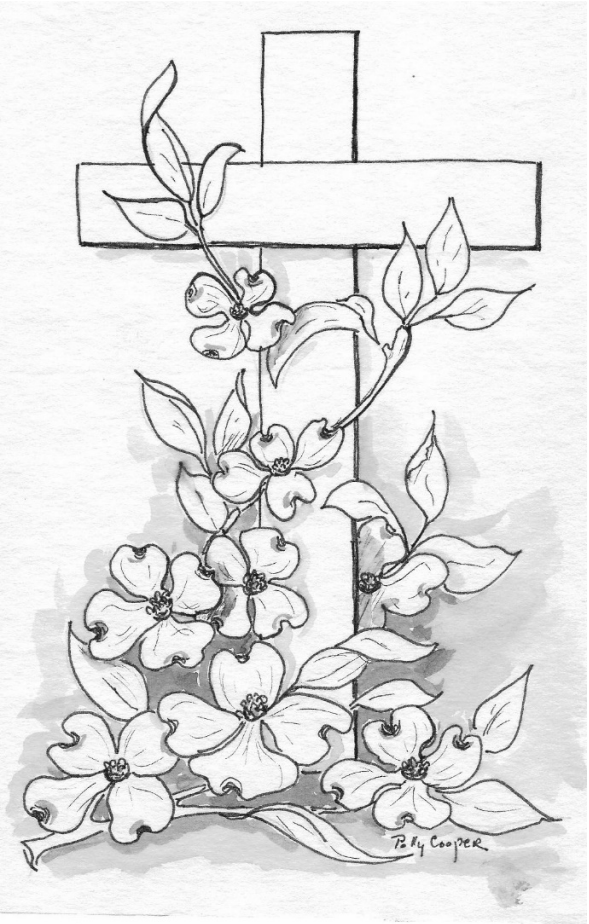
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INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: O Lord, when the earth was a formless void you called creation into being ... Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Holy God, you so loved us ... Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

One: ... make this and all our prayers.


All: Amen.


WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE HOLY COMMUNION

(Worshippers will come forward down the left aisle)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

*You shall be called
**Repairers
of the breach***
— ISAIAH 58

PROVIDING RELIEF FROM NATURAL DISASTERS, FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY, AND SUPPORT FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED.

EASTER FLOWERS
2023

Jane & Vic Zitta

In Memory of David Zitta

At this Eastertide, Starkville Presbyterian Church honors Nancy Bryson for the weekly bulletins and Lynette McDougald for the weekly flower arrangements.

Mary & Erin Brinkman	In Memory of Bill Brinkman (husband & father)
Mary & Erin Brinkman	In Memory of Frieda & Robert Duvall (parents)
Charles & Nancy Bryson	In Honor of the Members of Starkville Presbyterian Church
O. A. Cleveland	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Backus
O. A. Cleveland	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ollie A Cleveland
Aimee & Andrew Gaston	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lee Mallory
Andrew & Aimee Gaston	In Memory of Russell & Mary Gene Gaston, Sam & Russell Gaston
Ellen Goodman	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Goodman, Jr.
Lynette & Ron McDougald	In honor of their grandchildren: Hal Bennitt and Ellie, Caroline & Matthew Cranford
Richard & Melanie Mullenax	In honor of Linda Karen Smith
Bill Swoope Family	In Memory of Willetta Swoope
Sherylan Webb, Eva & Antije	In Memory of Michael Reinert (father & Opa)