



## Starkville Presbyterian Church PC (U.S.A.)

May 21, 2023  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter

### Order of Worship

Prelude *The Lord Almighty Reigns* ST. BRIDE

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *God, You Rule with Royal Bearing* BRYN CALFARIA

+Call to Worship

One: We may not know the time or the place,

**All: but we know that God is restoring the world.**

One: We may not see the risen Christ before us,

**All: but we know his spirit rests on us.**

One: We may not know what God is doing next,

**All: but we come together in faith, excited to discover it!**

+Opening Hymn #263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

+Call to Confession

One: Scripture tells us that our sufferings are known to Christ, that we can cast all our anxiety on Jesus, who restores, supports, strengthens and establishes us. Knowing this, let us come to God in a spirit of openness.

+Prayer of Confession *Unison*

**Christ our Savior, as You ascended, You left the work to us. You called us to keep the movement going, to witness to the ends of the earth, to pray, to heal, to glorify You through our thoughts, words, and deeds, to show the world a glimpse of the goodness You have given us. We have fallen short of this call. We have hidden ourselves in fear, sought our own comfort, and resigned ourselves to the status quo. Forgive us, and strengthen us to do Your will, that we may be signs of Your coming reign.** (Moment of Silence)

+Assurance of Pardon

One: Listen to this prayer: “Protect them in Your name that You have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.” This is the prayer that Christ prayed on our behalf. This tenderness and care for us shows us who Jesus is — the one who hears our prayers, responding to our longing for forgiveness with mercy.

**All: Thanks be to God, praise be to Christ, glory be to the Holy Spirit.**

Offering

Offertory *Surely The Presence* Lenny Wolfe

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

+Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music *When Peace like a River* Phillip P. Bliss  
Eva Webb, French horn

Prayer of Illumination

+Scripture Reading John 17:1-1 (Pew Bible, p. 111)

+Affirmation of Faith (Printed sheet in hymnal rack) The Apostle's Creed

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

Sermon “When Jesus Prays...” Rev. Ron McDougald

Prayer of the People and Lord's Prayer (**debts, debtors**)

+Sending Hymn #462 *I Love to Tell the Story* HANKEY

+Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response *In My Life* LORD, BE GLORIFIED

+Postlude *Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace* TAMA NKAKAU MARIE

+ **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:  
Jimmy Dodd (Rehab after fall)                      Family of Martha Swain  
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 May is Anne McWhorter.

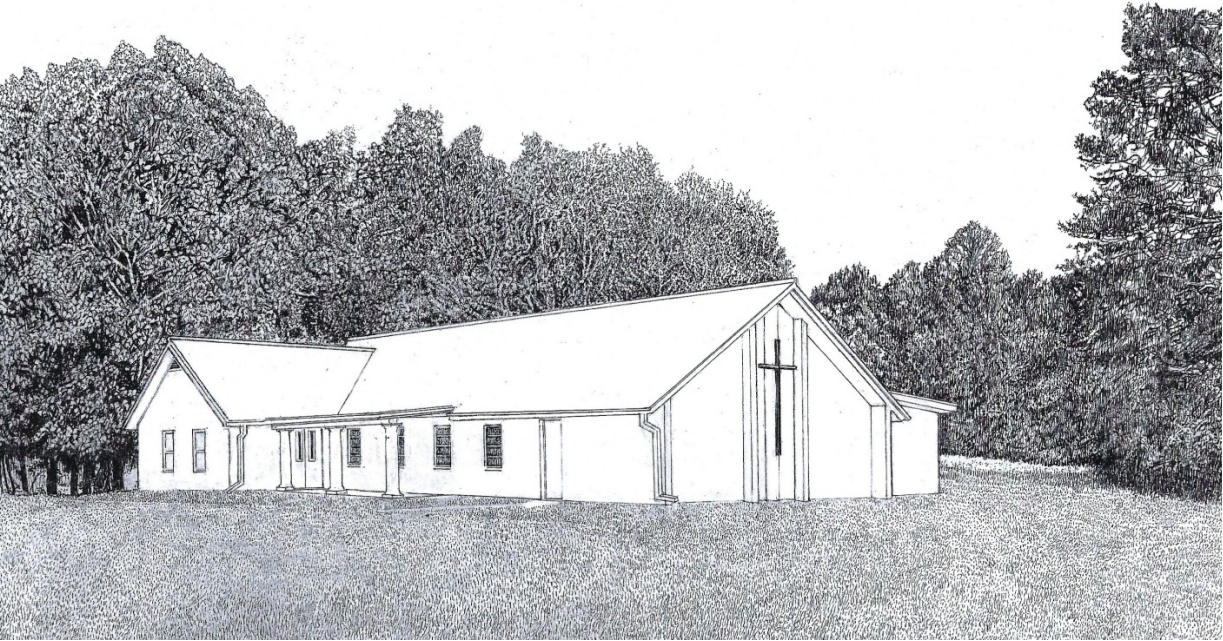
**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH.** The monthly Lunch will be today following the worship service. Lunch will be provided by the church so join us for a time of fellowship.

**PASTOR’S BIBLE STUDY.** Come join the discussion and fellowship on Wednesday at 10:30 in the Swoope Room. Check with Ron for a Study Guide!

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

**PENTECOST OFFERING.** The Pentecost Offering is typically collected on Pentecost Sunday which is next Sunday. You are invited to participate in this annual offering which seeks to help build the church of the future by passing along the gospel message to our children, our youth, and our young adults. See the insert

**CENTS-ABILITY (2¢-A-MEAL).** The Cents-Ability Offering and Food Drive will be collected next Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.



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Susan Kuykendall

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