



First Presbyterian Church PC (U.S.A.)  
Starkville, Mississippi  
May 24, 2020  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*Order of Worship*

Prelude *To God Be the Glory*

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Why are we looking up to heaven?

**All: Christ has come; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.**

One: Why are we looking ahead to the future?

**All: The Holy Spirit is among us now...comforting us and leading us!**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Eternal God, we live as if our time is more important, more precious, than anyone or anything else. We forget that You have created us all as a people for eternity, but we have prioritized our own desires. We have believed that life is short and we must do what we want to do, rather than living for Your reign that is eternal. Forgive us. Call us into good stewardship of Your time, to live for You and for others as the body of Christ, and not for ourselves. In the name of the One who has called us to be One, we pray.** (Silent prayers may be offered)

Assurance of Pardon

Love, Hope, and Peace are all gifts from God that cannot be contained in time. So is the gift of Life—it cannot be contained by death. Christ has freed us from the constraints of worldly time. Christ has freed you from sin and death forever. Go, live into the Good News, live into God's reign, and give over your time to loving God and loving your neighbors as yourself.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Special Music

*I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*

Jane & Vic Zitta

Scripture

Luke 24:44-53

Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostle's 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.**

Sermon "Exit...Stage Up?" Rev. Ron McDougald

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Postlude *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**Prayer List:**

Shari Brooks	Emily Chandler	John Colwick
Deborah de Boer	April & Billy Dill	David & Margaret Earnest
Daphne Fulce	An Howard Hill	Jetta Kuykendall
Audrey Gammill	Hannah O'Brien	Steve Prather
Betty Seepe	Johnny Taylor	Nancy Underwood
Val Weather		

**ONLINE CHURCH.** In response to the COVID-19 recommendations, all services have been moved online. All face-to-face church meetings (worship, social, choir, etc.) have been cancelled until further notice. **The next Stated Session Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 3, 2020.**

**PIANIST.** We would like to thank our pianist for the morning, Lynette McDougald.

**Session**

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