



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

Starkville, Mississippi

May 9, 2021

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*Order of Worship*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

+Call to Worship

Greeting (From Psalm 98)

O sing to the Lord a new song,

**For the Lord has done great things!**

God has remembered His steadfast love

And faithfulness to His people,

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord!**

+Opening Hymn ##475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

+Prayer of Confession *Unison*

**O God, whose love knows no bounds, forgive us when we failed to reflect Your loving kindness. When we turn away from the goodness of Your love, call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend. When we stumble over the gift of Your grace, lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent. When we are certain that we are alone in the chaos of this world, shower us with peace, the gentle breeze of an evening rain. When we cannot feel the flowing of Your peace, show us Your love with the hands and feet of Christ, Your love incarnate. Forgive us, risen Christ, of all the ways we fall short.**

(Silent confessions may be offered)

+Assurance of Pardon

Because of his great, great love for us...

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

+Prayer of Thanks

+Scripture Reading John 15:9-17

+Affirmation of Faith (p. 35)

*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.**

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

Sermon "The Mom, the Friends, the Jesus Thing" Rev. Ron McDougald

Prayer of the People

+Hymn #507 *Come to the Table of Grace* TABLE OF GRACE

**The Sacrament of Communion (See Insert)** Rev. Ron McDougald

Special Music *We Gather Here in Jesus Name*  
Sara Green, Soprano

+Charge and Benediction

+Postlude *One Bread, One Body*

+ Stand if you are able

**THANK YOU.** Thank you to George Taylor for our new bulletin cover.

**PRAYER LIST:**

Kim Beatty  
Hugh Fonville  
Jetta Kuykendall  
Family of James McReynolds  
Bettye Seepe  
Josephine Zitta

Aleister Brown  
John Hendricks  
Martha Lancaster  
Beth Ramsey  
Elizabeth Vance  
Vic Zitta

David Earnest  
Rev. Chris Kiepe  
Jason Landry & family  
Bill Reeves  
Cecil Williamson

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

**WELCOME** to Starkville Presbyterian Church. We are grateful for your presence in worship this morning. Just a reminder that we continue to practice social distancing and you are encouraged to wear face coverings while in the building. Our rationale for continuing this Christ like ethic comes from the scriptures: “...but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3-4 ESV).

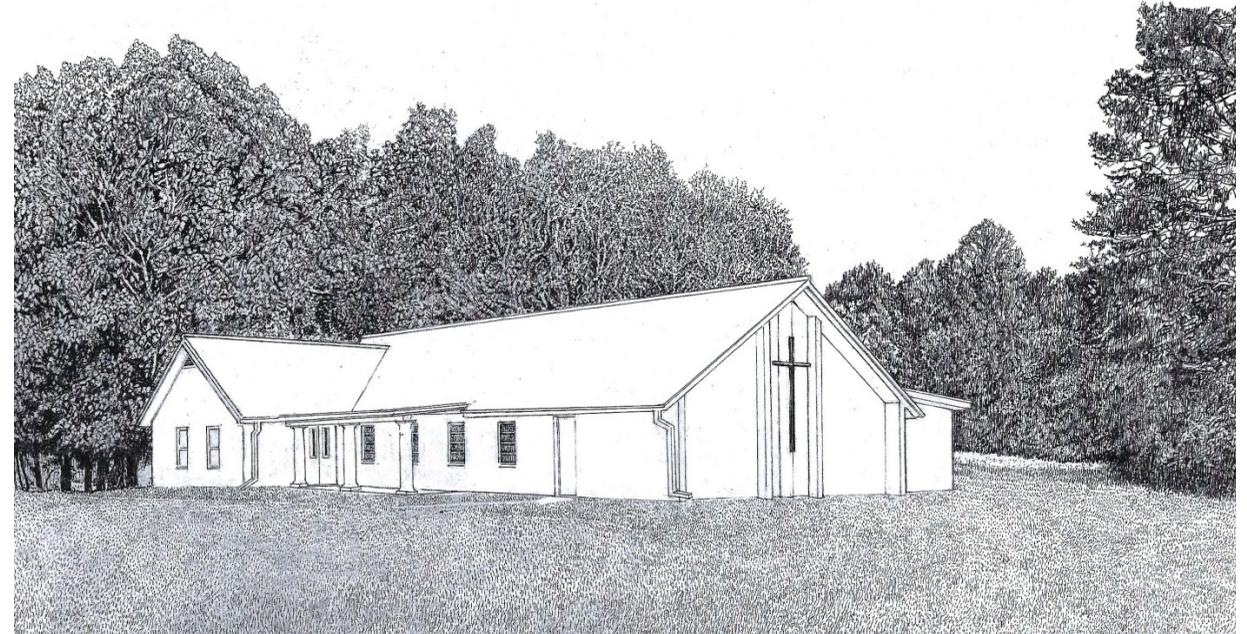
**CASSEROLE KITCHEN.** Part of our ongoing ministry at Starkville Presbyterian Church is our commitment to serve/provide food each 5th Saturday for the Casserole Kitchen. Our next opportunity to help with this community wide mission is Saturday, May 29th. Due to COVID precautions there is not a need for volunteers to serve the meal. We do need donations to cover the cost of feeding 50 or more individuals, and a couple of folks to pick up and bring to the Episcopal Church before 10:30 AM on that Saturday. To make a financial donation, just place in the ‘offering plate’ and specify ‘Casserole Kitchen’ on your check. To help pick up food, etc....contact Pat Colwick.

**Session**

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## The Great Thanksgiving for Easter

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among your creatures to love and serve you. When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us. When we were slaves in Egypt you broke the bonds of our oppression, brought us through the sea to freedom, and made covenant to be our God. By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh you lived among us, manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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!**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart, and met with violence and death. By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb, and his command the gates of hell were opened. The one who was dead now lives. The one who humbled himself raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the throne. The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.

**When Jesus was at table with his disciples he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat. Whenever you do this, remember me. In the same way he took the cup saying: Take and drink. Whenever you do this, remember me. Now,**

**whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection until he comes again.**

Remembering all your mighty acts, we take this bread and this wine, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

**Christ had died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again!**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world ... Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, now and forever. Amen.