



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

July 16, 2023

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

Prelude *For the Fruit of All Creation* AR HYDY NOS

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *To Bless the Earth* CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

+Call to Worship

One: Let us offer our praise to God,

All: for we come to learn God's ways:

One: O God, Your word is a lamp to our feet, a light to our path;

All: we lift our hearts to You as we seek to worship, adore, and follow You.

+Opening Hymn #15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN
v. 1, 2 & 4

+Call to Confession

One: As much as we try not to stray: we do. As much as we try to follow God's word: we don't. As we continue on this journey, let us seek God's forgiveness.

+Prayer of Confession *Unison*

O God, we are quick to say, "We didn't know." "We didn't mean to." "We didn't expect that to happen." But we have not tended the soil of our lives. We let it stay shallow and rocky by not learning from the experience of others. We let it be riddled with thorns by succumbing to our own prejudices. Life-giving God, help us to tend our soil. Open us to being challenged, enable us to learn, so that Your word will take root and bear good fruit in our lives. (Moment of Silence)

+Assurance of Pardon

One: There is no condemnation for us: God has forgiven us that we might live according to the Spirit.

All: The Spirit of God dwells within us. Thanks be to God!

Offering
Offertory *You Are Before Me, Lord* SURSUM CORDA (Smith)

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

+Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music *For the Beauty of the Earth* Conrad Kocher

Prayer of Illumination

+Scripture Reading Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (Pew Bible, p. 13-14)

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

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

Sermon "The Back of the Seed Pack" Rev. Ron McDougald

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

+Sending Hymn #39 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

+Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure* WINCHESER NEW

+Postlude *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord* ON EAGLE'S WINGS

+ 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:

Myles Carpenter (heart) Sandra Clem (cancer)
Skipper Hudson (cancer) Mary Pace (heart surgery)
Family of Kathy Pratt Sherylan Webb

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 July is Pat Colwick.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH. Our monthly Fellowship Lunch is today. Please join us for a time of fellowship following the worship service.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY. Come join the discussion and fellowship on Wednesday at 10:30 in the Swoope Room. This week we will be discussing Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (Parable of the Weeds). Check with Ron for a Study Guide!

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

MEN'S SOUL FOOD FELLOWSHIP. Mark your calendar and join us on Wednesday, July 26th, at 9:00 am at the church for coffee and biscuits! Please let Charles Bryson or Ron know if you plan to attend so we can have enough food!

CASSEROLE KITCHEN. Our congregation will be hosting Casserole Kitchen on July 29th. If you would like to help with food or serving, please contact Anne McWhorter.

Session

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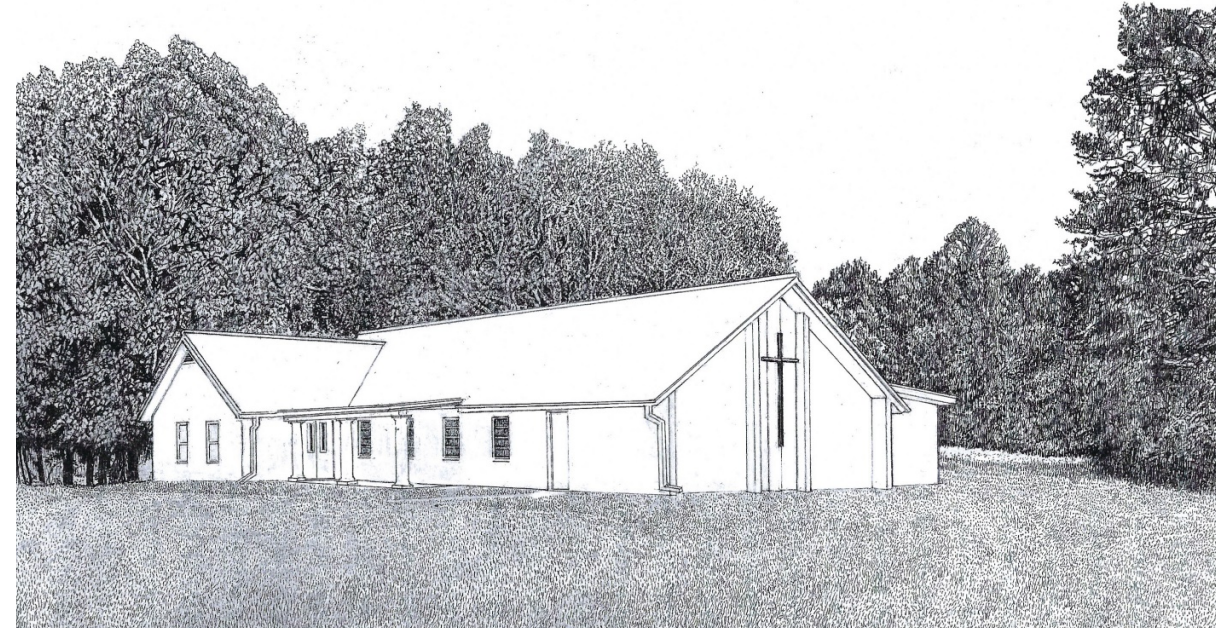
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