



First Presbyterian Church PC (U.S.A.)  
Starkville, Mississippi  
August 30, 2020  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Order of Worship*

Prelude *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

Greeting (From Psalm 105)

One: Give thanks to the Lord,

**All: And call upon God's name!**

One: Make known the deeds of the Lord,

**All: Among all the peoples!**

Hymn #833 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

O Love what wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back restores the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that sleekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

Opening Prayer (Based on Matthew 16:21-28)

Merciful God, You call us to follow; to turn away from our own selfish interests, and to take up our cross and follow after You, even if the path is difficult to see, or is heading in a direction we would never have chosen for ourselves. Forgive us for being so quick to question and so hesitant to follow. Help us to see with the eyes of faith, rather than from our own human point of view. Teach us to follow without fear, knowing that You are always with us, leading the way. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 16:21-28

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.**

Special Music            *What Does the Lord Require of You?*  
                                 Nancy Bryson, Sara Green, Anne McWhorter

Sermon                            “How Should We Follow, Jesus?”            Rev. Ron McDougald

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer

Postlude                    *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

## PRAYER LIST:

Here are the most recent additions: Tina McWhorter (Emergency Appendectomy on Wednesday); John McWhorter (Foot Injury); Josephine Zitta (Vic's sister-dementia/physical decline); Teachers, Students and their families at all levels of education. Please keep these and all those on the list below in your prayers.

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

Shari Brooks	Vicki Buys	Marianne Crowell
David & Margaret Earnest	Audrey Gammill	Charlotte Green
Mardi Hassan	Susan Scales Huffman	Jaya Kumar
Jetta Kuykendall	Kaye & Courtney Lunsford	Jeff O'Rourke
Family of Shirley Rosenkrans	Bettye Seepe	Sarah Shelley

Please be in constant prayer for those suffering with COVID 19, and those who care for them, those with addictions, homelessness, loneliness, hunger, mental illness, the unemployed, prisoners and the poor.

**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, September 2, 2020.**

**PIANIST.** We would like to thank our pianist for the morning, Linda Karen Smith.

**CENTS-ABILITY (2¢-A-MEAL).** The Cents-Ability Offering will be collected today.

**CASSEROLE KITCHEN.** Our congregation hosted Casserole Kitchen yesterday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Jeanne & Robley Light for providing the funds to sponsor this month.

### Session

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