



First Presbyterian Church PC (U.S.A.)  
Starkville, Mississippi  
September 20, 2020  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Order of Worship*

Prelude                      *The Servant Song*

Greeting (From Psalm 105)

One: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name

**All: Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples!**

One: Sing to the Lord, sing praises,

**All: And speak of all God's marvelous works.**

Hymn #724                      *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee  
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

Prayer of Confession

**Author of Salvation, we confess that in writing our story we have written others out. We have put ourselves first and ignored the needs of others. We have sought success and fame, and forgotten Your commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, to become servant of all by becoming least. Call us into Your story, in which love wins, the hungry are filled with good things, and justice, peace and mercy prevail. In Your name, Jesus we offered our prayers ...** (Silent confessions may be offered)

Assurance of Pardon

Love Wins! Peace Wins! Hope Wins! Christ is Risen, life triumphs over death. Christ has written you into the Book of Life. You are loved. You are worthy. You are forgiven. You are restored. Share the Good News by loving and serving all. Amen.

Scripture                      Matthew 20:1-16

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

“I Believe in a God Who is More Than Fair”

Rev. Ron McDougald

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Postlude

*Come, Labor On*

## PRAYER LIST:

Here are the most recent additions: **Phillip & Jeanie Laughlin** and Friends & Family affected by Hurricane Sally; **Family of Shirley & Bill LeGrande** (Ron's aunt & her son who died last week in Oklahoma); **Holly McDonald** (Maria's niece had surgery); **Graham Wells** (vertigo); **Those affected by the wildfires** in Oregon, Washington and California (Jacque Deeds, Nancy Bryson's nephew); **Teachers, Students and their families** at all levels of education as they adjust to learning in this time of COVID 19. 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) or Rev. Ron McDougald (601-942-8040 or chaplain.mcdougald@gmail.com)**

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| Lane Bryson Bethea       | Kimberly Brigges     | Shari Brooks           |
| Vicki Buys               | John Colwick         | Marianne Crowell       |
| David & Margaret Earnest | Audrey Gammill       | Charlotte Green        |
| Mardi Hassan             | Susan Scales Huffman | Carlie Kemp            |
| Jetta Kuykendall         | John McWhorter       | Shannon Love Robertson |
| Jeff O'Rourke            | Bettye Seepe         | Josephine Zitta        |

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, October 1, 2020.**

**BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE.** As part of our "Path Forward", the Session is asking for volunteers to serve on a Building and Property Committee which will assist the congregation in the repair and renovation of the property we have contracted to purchase. Please contact Susan Kuykendall, Nominations Committee Moderator, **no later than October 11<sup>th</sup>** if you are interested in serving.

### Session

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