



First Presbyterian Church, Tupelo, Mississippi
Morning Worship Service

July 5, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 A.M.

A warm welcome on this July 4th weekend! Join us in thanking our gracious Lord for the opportunity granted us of freedom to worship Him. In gratitude for his loving care and bountiful blessings, may we strive to share His love and care with others.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

William Whiting/Innes

WELCOME, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.

People: **May God continue to bless the Church of Christ in this land.**

Leader: We draw near to the God who rules over all nations

People: **May God continue to bless our country and all the countries in the world.**

Leader: We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all peoples on the earth.

People: **May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us understand that it begins in our hearts.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 561

My Country 'Tis of Thee

CALL OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

(Based on Isaiah 2:4-5)

Eternal God, before you nations rise and fall. Help us to repent, and to choose your way of reunion and renewal.

Great God, renew this nation.

Give us a glimpse of the Kingdom you are bringing to earth, where death and violence and hunger will be no more, and where all nations gather in the light of your presence.

Great God, renew this nation.

Teach us peace that we may plow up battlefields, and learn to talk across old boundaries as brothers and sisters in your love.

Great God, renew this nation.

Talk sense to us, so that we may wisely end all prejudices, and may put a stop to injustice and cruelty, which divides or wounds the human family.

Great God, renew this nation.

Draw us together as one people who do your will, so that we may be a light to our nation, leading the way to your promised kingdom, which is even now coming among us.

Great God, renew this nation.

Great God, eternal Lord, show us there is no law or liberty apart from you; and let us serve you whole-heartedly, as your devoted followers, through Christ our Lord. *(Pause for reflection and meditation).* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(Based on Romans 6:16-17; 22-23)

Once we were slaves to sin, living lives that led only to death. But thanks be to God! In his mercy, he has set us free from the power of sin and death, and has offered us eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord! Now we are free to choose life, and to use our lives to bring honor and glory to God! Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM

America the Beautiful

Samuel Ward/McDonald

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

America

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' 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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

BLESSING AFTER MEAL

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for the Common Man

Aaron Copland/Brison

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Bob and Louisa Munson, Gretchen Ramsey, and James Hugh and Peggy Ray.

TV Broadcast of the Service is the following week on Christian Network Television at 9:00 a.m. Sunday; and at 8:00 p.m. Monday on Channel 4 Comcast, Channel 49 Dish and antennae, and Channel 20 MaxSouth. Service is also streaming on YouTube.com. *firstprestupelo.org*

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatments: Judy Armentrout, Aimee McDonald Burrow, Bill Deas, Julie Seiler

Homebound: Chris Thompson, Ruth Ann Wilcox, Denise Williford

College Students: Carli Hillhouse, Emma Kantack, Eli Martin

Continued prayers for Margaret Murphey, daughter of Margaret Anne Murphey, as she is recovering from surgery.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome Susan Marsico to our church family. Many of you know Susan, as she has been a faithful member of our Chancel Choir.

Congratulations to Trey and Meredith Nichols on the birth of their son, Wyatt James Nichols, on Monday, June 29 in Atlanta, GA. Proud grandparents are Jim and Lisa Nichols.

Congratulations to Larry and Miriam Crowell on the birth of their daughter, Violet Starr Crowell, on July 1 in North Carolina. Violet has two brothers, Jonathan and Ren.

Did you know that we have taken over 2000 meals to various helping agencies, medical offices, and those in need since Covid-19 began in March? Thank you for helping make this small ministry possible.

Committees are encouraged to meet in Stuart Garden until we are able to resume inside activities. Please call the church office to reserve your meeting date and time so that we adhere to the guidelines pertaining to small group gatherings. The office is open from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday.

Olin is compiling his sermons since March 15 into one printed set. These will be bound and made available to those who would like a copy. The title will be "*Conversations during COVID: Sermons in a Time of Pandemic.*"

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget \$16,960

YTD Income Received \$474,329

YTD Budgeted Income \$367,476

Amount Received 6/28/20 \$37,434