



First Presbyterian Church, Tupelo, Mississippi  
Morning Worship Service

July 19, 2020

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 A.M.

*How am I living my life? Am I a disciple of Jesus? Am I one who has been touched by his vision of life and knows that the abundant life is characterized by the qualities of faith, love and forgiveness?*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE**

*Hymn Improvisation on "God of Grace"*

Maurice Whitney

**WELCOME, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYER OF PRAISE** (Based on Matthew 13:1-9)

O God, we gather together in Your presence with expectation, hungry for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word. Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit. May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning fall on fertile soil. May they take root in our hearts and lives, and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord. Amen.

**INTROIT**

*Jesus Loves Me*

arr. Travis Edwards

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord shares with us the blessings of his wisdom.

**People: Give us insight, Lord, and hearts that are ready to believe.**

Leader: Today the Lord gives us the blessing of his wisdom.

**People: Lord Jesus, help us to be followers and not just admirers of your wisdom.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE No. 485**

*To God Be the Glory*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

We continue to believe that we must earn our way into God's heart. But God's grace is given to each of us, for all of us, freely, unconditionally, always. Let us open our lives to this mercy as we pray saying,

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again, and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways. (Pause for reflection and meditation). Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run, where God cannot find you. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God. Go and live with the love of God. Amen.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**ANTHEM**

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON****Am I Really a Disciple?**

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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****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.

**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***Come, Thou Almighty King*

Don Hustad

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in memory of Eleanor and Bill Ross, Travis and Connie Taylor, and Fran Terrill.

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](http://firstprestupelo.org)

**PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**

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

**Homebound:** Freddie Chiles, Bert Hershfelt, Mary Evelyn Maxwell

**College Students:** Cooper Moore, John Hewitt Parker, Andrew Ray

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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. Also, please take pictures of your meetings and forward to the church office so that we can share them.

Olin is compiling his sermons since March 15 into one set. These will be printed, 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 Budgeted Income \$514,466

YTD Income Received \$551,901

Amount Received 7/12/20 \$4,732

Ending June year-end income is \$540,396 and expense is \$401,839. Thank you all for your support during this time of Covid-19.