

MAY 2, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GREETING THE GATHERED:   The Love of Jesus Christ be with you!  
**ALL: And also with you!**

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE   *The Prelude marks the beginning of worship.  
Please observe silence as the Prelude begins.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP  
From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.  
May your hearts live forever!                   ---Psalm 22: 25-26

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:  
Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image,  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS  
Believe the good news!  
God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him. --John 3:17  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

THE FIRST READING: Acts 8: 26-40

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSON: 1 John 4: 7-21

THE SERMON: “Love is from God”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

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**PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS**  
Lane Hill Young, Frank Gay, Jodi Rush (MTS seminary), Adrienne Phillips (wife of Pastor Nick Phillips), Jamie Wall, Helen Beavers, Mary John Dill, Judy Hines Hopper, Lynn Daniel Mynatt, Tate Daniel, Leon Bailey, Maxine Tomlinson, Elliott Bailey, Danny Wilbanks, Calvin Austin, Ticer Brown, Bradley Childs, Anne Elliott, Leah & Miles Harrell.

**Our Deepest Sympathies to.....**  
The family of Anne Miskelley

**Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents**  
Jean Ketchum, Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman, Billie Pickens.

**RPC Weekly Financial Update**  
RPC Weekly 2021 Budget: \$2,710.97   Offering Received 4/25/21: \$1,785.00.

## WELCOME & INVITATION

This church welcomes you, no matter who you are,  
where you come from, or why you are here.

We are Christ's people,  
and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide.

If you are passing through, Godspeed;  
if you are looking for a home, stay here;  
if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.  
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

We are so glad you are here.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** The RPC Office is open Monday through Wednesday,  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, & Thursday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

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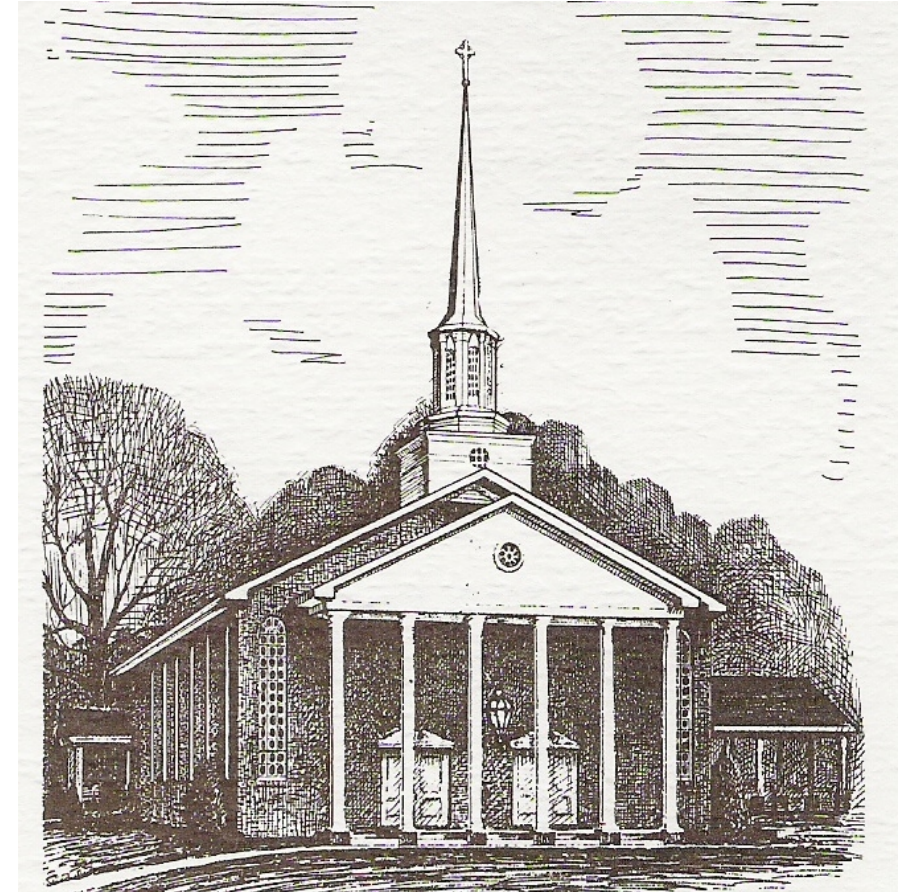
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**May Mission Focus | Tippah County Good Samaritan Center**

**Goal: \$500**

**April Focus | RPC Capital Improvement Fund | “A Call to Restore & Preserve”**

**Total Received: \$1,050.00**



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

**HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT**

**Total Received: \$320.00**



**May 16 | SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

Luke Hill, son of Rev. Dr. Jody & Monya Hill, is a 2021 graduate of Corinth high school. He was selected as a member of the school's Hall of Fame. He earned the Star Student award and his AICE Diploma with merit as accredited by the University Cambridge in England. He was a four-year letterman in varsity athletics. This fall, he will begin his education at The University of Mississippi where he will study Biomedical Engineering as a member of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honor's College.



**May 23 | A Congregational Meeting will be held to elect elders for the Class of 2023.**

**The Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following nominees:  
Elder Class of 2023 | Jennifer Huddleston, Benton Elliott, & Robert Goolsby.**

**May 23 | COMMUNION**