# MAY 15, 2022 MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M. 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 10:30 A.M.

# 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 ----Revelation 21: 1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

#### **\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

HYMNAL #138

"Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" (Verses 1 & 4)

# THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty Father, we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others.

We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused that makes it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, and the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

# THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? *—Isaiah* 43: 18-19

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.** 

THE FIRST READING: John 13: 31-35 (NT p. 108)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSON: Acts 11: 1-18 (*NT p. 130*)

THE SERMON: "Gentiles Welcomed Here!"

# \*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 OFFERING & THE OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY

THE DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER WITH OUR LORD'S PRAYER

HONORING OUR GRADUATES: RHS Class of 2022 | Hannah Horton & Reed Scott

**\*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE** 

HYMNAL #438

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (Verse 1)

THE CHARGE, BENEDICTION, & BLESSING OF THE MEAL

\*THE POSTLUDE

# 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.

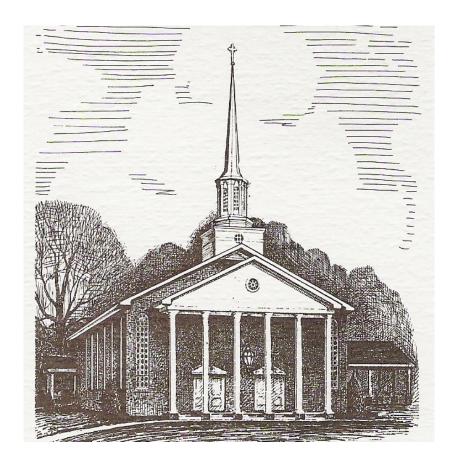
We are so glad you are here.

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

RPC Staff Rev. Dr. Jody Hill | Pastor Jennifer Huddleston | Choir Director Lynn Hill | Administrator & Pianist

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# PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Gerald Hill, Steele Moreland, Carolyn Bryant, Frank Gay, Wade & Courtney Simpson and their infant son, Thomas Simpson, Lori Chapman, Janie Hopper, Jack Pham, Karl Gaillard, Teresa Sharp, Keena Glenn Strong, James & Diane Hendricks, Ticer Brown, Keith Cox, Sandra Love, Sue Gossett, Jimmy Gaillard, Gail Allensworth, Ali Rae Barkley, Jamie Wall, Calvin Austin, Bradley Childs, Leah & Miles Harrell.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO....** The family of Linda Burks The family of Sondra Baird Roddy (MTS)

**Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents** Laron Shannon, Jean Ketchum, Carolyn Caviness, Johnny Cappleman,

Billie Pickens, Jimmy & Judy Hines Hopper.

**RPC Weekly Financial Update** RPC Weekly 2022 Budget: \$2,710.97 Offering Received 5/8/22: \$1,312.05

# May Nursery Volunteers

(10:30 Worship Service) May 15: Sally Permenter May 22: Grace-Anne Brown May 29: We need a Volunteer!

PLEASE NOTE: Updated Address for Rev. Jody & Monya Hill: 290 CR 343 Falkner, MS 38629

May Mission Focus | Together For Tippah | Goal \$500.00 Total Collected as of 5/8/22: \$375.00

RPC has volunteered to be a "drop-off" site for the Together For Tippah Shoe Drive. If you would like to participate, please bring your donation by the RPC office during regular work hours or to Sunday worship service! Today, May 15 | Please join us at our Potluck Luncheon honoring our RHS Seniors, & ALSO welcoming our Westminister members! Our FIRST "church-wide get-together" since 2020! We are very excited! Meet us at the Gregg Center after worship!



#### Sunday June 5th | 5:00 pm1

The Young Adults are invited to "The Gathering" at Kenny & Lynn Hill's home. Meal at 5 pm, study & discussion will follow. Please make plans to join us!





RPC YOUNG ADULTS | SUNDAY JUNE 5 @ 5:00 PM



Congratulations, Hannah & Reed!

Please join us in celebrating Hannah Horton & Reed Scott, Our RHS Seniors | Class of 2022

Sunday, May 15, 2022 10:30 am Worship Service & Luncheon immediately following worship. RHS Senior, Hannah Horton, was a member of the RHS Band, and served as Drum Major for 2 years. She also played softball 1 year, and was a member of the backstage crew for the RHS Enrichment play. Other high school honors include: Senior Homecoming Maid, National Honors Society, Mississippi Scholar. Hannah is also the Salutatorian for the RHS Class of 2022. She will be attending Mississippi State University in the fall, and plans on pursuing a degree in Occupational Therapy. She is very honored to have been awarded the following scholarships to assist her in furthering her education at MSU: Freshman Academic Excellence Scholarship, Colvard Future Leader scholarship, Old Main Scholarship, Salutatorian Scholarship, and the Tippah County Endowed Scholarship.

RHS Senior, Reed Scott, will be graduating on May 20 from Ripley High School as a distinguished scholar with a 4.0 GPA and was inducted as a member of the national Honor Society. Reed was a member of the RHS baseball team for four years, where he received the "Most Improved" award as a freshman, and was selected to the All-Division teams his junior and senior year. He has also been selected to play in the NEMCABB All-star game in may 2022. Reed was nominated as the male student-athlete to represent RHS for the Lindy Callahan Scholarship. Reed plans to attend the University of Mississippi in the fall and will major in Biological Science. He will also serve as a manager for the Rebel football team. He then plans to further his education in medical school to become an anesthesiologist.