

# The Worship of God

11:00 a.m.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter      Liturgical Color: White      May 8, 2022

## Baccalaureate and Mothers Day

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE      "Processional Prelude"      Pianist

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"      No. 140

### GRADUATING SENIOR RECOGNITION AND BLESSING

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God of truth and knowledge,  
by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth.  
Bless our graduates as they celebrate this special time.  
We thank you for those who taught them and raised them in the faith,  
and supported them along the way.  
Walk with these graduates as they leave and move forward in life.  
Take away any anxiety and worry they may have,  
and replace it with a sense of purpose and peace.  
Strengthen their many talents and skills,  
instill in them a confidence in the future you plan,  
where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people.  
We pray for blessings upon our graduates,  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      *The Apostles' Creed*      No. 881  
*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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

\*GLORIA PATRI      No. 70  
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

#### PASTORAL PRAYER / 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

#### WORSHIP AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY      "Children of the Heavenly Father"      Pianist

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE      *The Doxology*      No. 95  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
That, as the Scriptures are read  
And your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

\*SCRIPTURE READING      John 10: 22-30

ANTHEM      "Faithfulness"      Chancel Choir

SERMON      Rev. Thomas Toole

#### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN      "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"      No. 128

#### BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE  
*\*Please stand as you are able*  
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*May your graduation  
be the beginning of  
many more wonderful  
achievements in your life.*

*Congratulations*





*Together with their families*

**LAUREN PAIGE HAMILTON**

*and*

**JOSHUA LUKE CONLEE**

invite you to their wedding  
saturday, the fourteenth of may  
two thousand twenty-two  
six o'clock in the evening

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
New Albany, MS

*reception to follow*  
OAKS COUNTRY CLUB

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*On this Mother's Day, we are again requesting an offering for The Sunday Fund, a benevolence fund created to meet the financial burdens of elders who live on Methodist Senior Service campuses across Mississippi. This is your opportunity to assist these elders because these Sunday Fund recipients have depleted their financial resources and many have no family or other support available to meet these overwhelming financial and emotional obstacles.*

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