

Order of Worship
Sunday, June 9, 2024
Central Presbyterian Church
Bristol, VA

- * All who are able are asked to stand. CCLI #1230512
Please silence your cell phones.

Pre-worship music

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| <i>In the Garden</i> | Held |
| <i>His Eye Is On the Sparrow</i> | Held |
| <i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i> | Hustad |

Gathering for Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *Arioso* Haan

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* Lemmel

- * Call to Worship: (Responsively)
This place for us is Holy Ground.
This is the place where we sing songs of praise to the Lord.
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Where we hear the stories of faith that call us to respond to Christ's love.
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God calls us here, in whispering winds and in burning flames.
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God meets us in our vulnerability, and invites us to meet him and one another in this space.
Let us worship the Lord.

- * Opening Hymn #465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.**

- * Call to Confession

- * Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Almighty and Merciful God, we have sinned and strayed from Your ways. We have too often followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have failed to obey Your Holy Word. We often do not even know how to pray. Grant us wisdom that we might share boldly the concerns of our lives, and also to listen for your answers. Have mercy upon us, O Lord and restore us to your salvation. We ask in the name of Christ who taught us how to live in love with you and one another. Amen,
(Silence)

- * Assurance of Pardon
...friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

- * Passing of the Peace

- * Gloria Patri Hymn #582
*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

Hearing the Word

Children's Message

Anthem *Prayer of St. Francis* Pote

Sermon ReEvangelism: Boldness in Prayer Ann Aichinger
Scripture Acts 3:1-10; Matthew 6:7-15

- * Affirmation of Faith (Unison) from A Brief Statement of Faith
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.

Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People and 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.

Call to Offering

Offertory *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Hustad

- * Doxology - tune is #609
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

- * Prayer of Dedication

Sending Out

- * Hymn #451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou has for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see. Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere. Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

- * Charge and Benediction
* Response *Go Now in Peace* Besig
* Postlude *Passacaglia* Young

Help Wanted: Nursery Worker

We are looking for nursery staff that would be willing to serve on Sunday mornings, 8:45-11:15 a.m. and care for our youngest children. During the school year, this includes also Wednesday nights and special services throughout the year. If you know of someone who might be interested, please let Kim Profitt or Ann Aichinger know.

