

Order of Worship
Sunday, June 1, 2025
Central Presbyterian Church
Bristol, VA

* All who are able are asked to stand. CCLI #1230512

Gathering for Worship

Chiming of the Hour
Prelude *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Martin
Welcome and Announcements
Introit *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* Lemmel

* Call to Worship (Responsive Reading) from Psalm 67
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

* Hymn #366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

* Call to Confession
* Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Lord, You know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our
darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We
dare not hope for anything new, for so many times we have been
disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are. We are
not unlike the disciples who wondered what was happening and
who feared what might happen. Lord, come to us in our
darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy.
Open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory.

Give us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign.
Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love.
For we ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen. (Silence)

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

* Passing of the Peace
I * 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

Hearing the Word

Children’s Message
Sermon Breaking Free Rev. Ann Aichinger
Scripture Acts 16:16-34

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith (Unison) 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

Recognition of Graduates

Lauren Eckley graduated from UT (Knoxville) with a degree in Prelaw
and will be attending UT (Knoxville) Law School in the fall.
Morgan Hale graduated from Tennessee College of Applied
Technology with an LPN degree and will be working at Bristol
Regional Medical Center, Bristol, TN
Anya Mashkin graduated from Belgorod-Dnestrovsky Pedagogical
College -Associate Degree with a specialty as a preschool teacher
and speech therapist.
Josie Russell graduated from Western Governor’s University. Master
Arts in Teaching, Special Education. Hopes to get job as a Reading
Intervention Teacher at a local elementary school.
Maddy Wilson graduated from UT (Knoxville) with a degree in
Marketing.

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 *If I Can Help Somebody* Androzzo
Timothy Landis, Soloist

* 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

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution
Receiving of the Bread and Cup
Receive the body of Christ given for you. **Remember Jesus.**
Receive the cup of salvation. **Remember Jesus.**
Communion Music *Communion Medley* Thygerson
Prayer after Communion

Sending Out

* Hymn #451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*
Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast 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!

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