### CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Princeton, Kentucky 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023 10:45 AM

**Gathering Around the Word** 

**CHIMES** 

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RECOGNITION OF 2023 GRADUATES** By Men's Group

"He's Everything to Me" **PRELUDE** Ralph Carmicheal

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gerry Baker

L: Come, believers and faithful ones, sing to God!

Praise God, who gave us hope with the promise of eternal love.

Praise God, who out of love for us sent Jesus Christ to live among us.

Praise God, who poured out the Holy Spirit upon us.

God reaches into our lives and empowers us to live as God's people.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, and find us in our wilderness. Lead us forth into the wonders of your love.

\*HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies" #667

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most loving God, you sent your Son Jesus to show us the depths of your goodness and mercy. Even though we say we know Him, we fail to claim His Spirit and follow His call. We often fear the sufferings of this world. We do not always trust that your Spirit is with us, loving and protecting us, even in death. Forgive us God, help us to truly know that we are yours no matter what may come. Hear our prayers O Lord, as we come to you in silence.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Friends, believe the good news.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

# **Proclaiming the Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gerry Baker

FIRST LESSON 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 (p.986) Gerry Baker The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Bebby Lewis** 

**ANTHEM** 

"Beautiful Savior"

Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON

John 17:1-11 (p.879)

Rev. Sharon Murray

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** 

"A Prayer For Us"

Rev. Sharon Murray

# Responding to the Word

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (the Apostles' Creed, p.35)

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.

\*GLORIA PATRI

#581

\*HYMN

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

#792

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"Sometime Soon"

John W. Peterson

DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

\*HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us" (verses 1-3)

#720

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** 

Rev. Sharon Murray

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#720

"Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all"

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**POSTLUDE** 

"My Lord Is Near Me All the Time"

Barbara Fowler Gaultney

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today 21<sup>st</sup> Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM

Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM

Morning Worship 10:45 AM

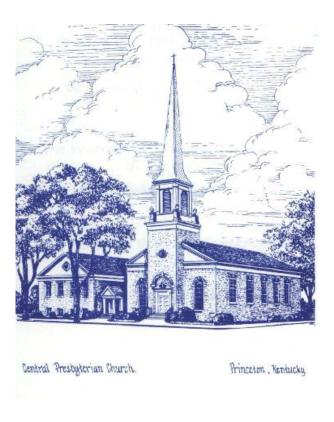
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM

Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 10:45 AM

We welcome our guest pastor, Rev. Sharon Murray, this morning. Welcome!

Congratulations to our Graduates!
Isabel Cook, Levin East, Katie Menser and Collin Teutsch.

# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

John 17:11

<sup>\*</sup>Will those who are able, please stand.

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