

# 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

PRELUDE

*"He's Everything to Me"*

Ralph Carmicheal

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gerry Baker

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

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

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

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

L: 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"*

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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

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\*HYMN

*"There Is a Balm in Gilead"*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*"Sometime Soon"*

John W. Peterson

DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN

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John 17:11