

*Serving Today*

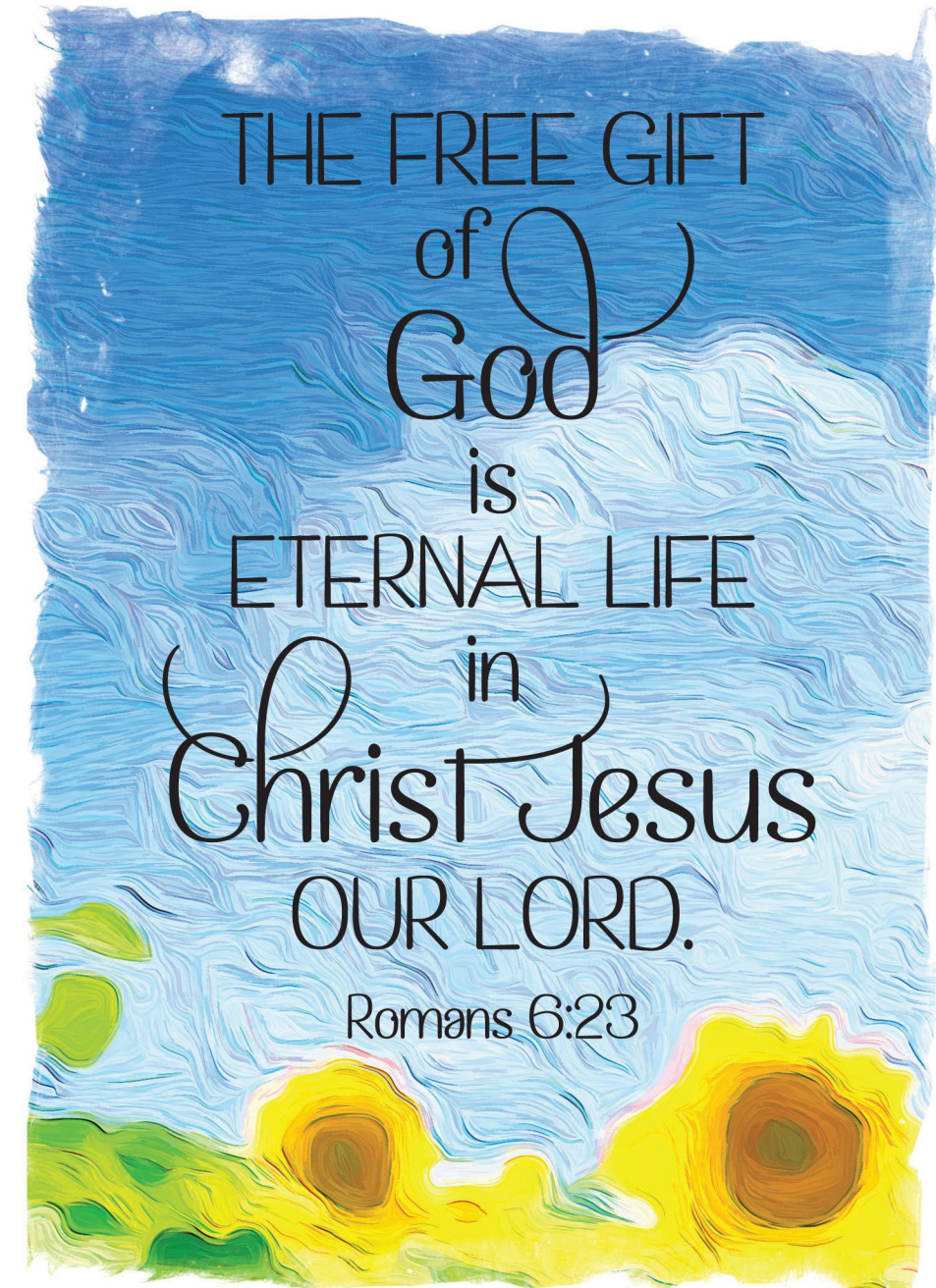
**LITURGISTS:** Stewart Baggett - Chapel  
Russ Pearson - Sanctuary  
**SOUND:** Gary Hallen  
**WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY:** Youth Group Members  
**GREETERS & USHERS:** Madelyn Baggett - Chapel  
**GREETERS & USHERS:** Barbara Foust and Florence Godat - Sanctuary  
**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:** Russ Pearson  
**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Tonya McInturff

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
and are presented by Gary and Catherine Tucker  
in loving memory of Bee Rigby on her 114th birthday  
and in celebration of our Nation's 246th birthday  
on Monday, July 4, 2022.  
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# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

*Seeking to see the face of Christ...  
Striving to be the hands of Christ*



*Service of the Lord's Day*  
July 3, 2022  
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

(8:45)

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

arr. John Carter

(11:00)

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

arr. Marianne Kim

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From shore to shore -

**People: God's praise be sung.**

Leader: From mountains high to valleys low --

**People: Let the echo of praise resound.**

Leader: From the mouths of children and the prayers of the saints --

**People: Let thanksgiving abound.**

Leader: For great is our God

**People: And greatly to be praised.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 333

“How Our Hearts with Joy Abound”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, as we celebrate our nation's birth, it is with grateful hearts that we recall our ancestors and those who've defended our freedom. We ask your guidance as we learn how to live together as a nation made up of people of many different nationalities. We are blessed with an amazing array of beautiful lands: awesome redwoods, our coastlines, majestic mountains, and vast plains. Help us protect them so that future generations will come to enjoy their beauty. Lord, may we never take our freedom for granted. There are people in the world who don't share the luxuries of freedom that we consider basic rights, such as speech and religion. May we ever remember, though, our most precious freedom: "For freedom, Christ has set us free."**

*(silent prayer)*

KYRIE

***Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.***

D. Johnson

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 609

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Romans 13:1-7*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

GOSPEL READING

*Luke 20:20-26*

SERMON

“Our Declaration of Dependence”

Mike Shelton

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.**

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*COMMUNION HYMN NO. 526

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“Ave Verum”

W.A. Mozart, Text: M. Davis

PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

“For the Life That You Have Given”

NO. 717

***For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known.  
With these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own.  
Here we offer, Lord, our praises, heart and mind and strength we bring;  
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.***

(11:00)

“We Shall Overcome”

arr. L. Larson

*Tammie Davis, contralto; Mark Davis, baritone*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Use these gifts, O God, to testify to your great love for the world revealed in Jesus Christ. May they serve as signs of hope to those who are suffering, fearful or discouraged. In Jesus' name, we pray.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 697

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE

“America the Beautiful”

arr. Tedd Smith

\*Those who are able please stand