

JUNE 2025 WORSHIP GUIDE

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This booklet contains the outline for each worship service during the month of May 2025.

As of the time of going to print, Sunday worship is in person, online and broadcast on the radio (you can listen in your car on FM 87.9, in the church parking lot). If you are not able to attend in person, you can watch online on our website and YouTube channel. Even if we are not worshiping in the same building, we are still one body, one family, we are brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Look up the scriptures referenced in the following pages; pray the words, and claim the promises for you and your family.

Dear Church Family,

As we step into the month of June, the warmth of summer begins to embrace us with longer days, vibrant colors, and the reminder that God is always at work - in nature and in our lives. Just as gardens flourish under the sun and with steady care, so too does our faith when we remain rooted in Christ.

June is often a month of transitions: students graduate, families travel, and we find ourselves in a rhythm shift. In these changing moments, I encourage you to stay anchored in God's Word and be steadfast in prayer. Let this season not be a break from spiritual growth, but an opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Lord.

Colossians 2: 6-7 reminds us, "so then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith.... and overflowing with thankfulness." Let's make this our guiding verse for the month. Whether you're on the go or enjoying moments of stillness, seek Him in all you do.

In the coming weeks, we'll have VBS and annual conference in Roanoke-along with other opportunities to connect, serve and grow together. I pray each of us finds fresh ways to bear fruit for the Kingdom in this season.

I pray June brings you peace, joy, and a renewed sense of purpose.

With love in Christ - Pastor Jonathan

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June 1

Scriptures to read and meditate on: Acts 16:16-34; Ps 97; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

Call To Worship

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm

Prayer of Confession

Ascended Lord, in you we see awesome power. You triumph over death and bring forth new life. You stand over all earthly powers. You are the head of the church. Yet, we often fail to acknowledge this power in our lives. Forgive our hesitance to call upon you. Forgive our tendency to rely upon ourselves. Forgive our reluctance to acknowledge your power. Speak your words of power again. May your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord Almighty, you are the supreme ruler of the Earth! You can make nations bow down to your will. You shine your luminescent light on the righteous and spread gladness of heart to those who are good. You have the omnipotent power to move majestic mountains and to calm the stormy seas. You rescue us from wickedness when we praise and worship your works. We acknowledge the strength of your spirit in our lives by giving these tithes and offerings. May you enrich these gifts with your blessing. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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June 8 - Pentecost

Scriptures to read and meditate on: Acts 2:1-21; Ps 104:24-34, 35b; Rom 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

Call To Worship

Come, Holy Spirit—ignite our hearts with your fire! Blow through this place like a mighty wind, and awaken our souls. We gather as God's children, drawn by the Spirit, called to worship, called to witness. We are not alone—God's Spirit is with us, speaking every language of love and grace. Let us worship God with joy, celebrating the gift of the Spirit poured out on all people. Come, Holy Spirit—make us your temple, alive with your power, united in your love!

Prayer of Confession

Spirit of the Living God, you come like wind and fire, awakening hearts and stirring lives—but we confess how often we block your movement. We have silenced your voice with fear, resisted your power with pride, and limited your work through our complacency.

You call us to speak truth, to embody love, to live as your children in unity and peace—but we turn inward, hesitant and divided. Forgive us, O God. Pour out your Spirit upon us again. Renew our hearts, rekindle our faith, and send us out with courage and joy, that we may truly live as your people—filled, led, and transformed by your Spirit.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, we thank you for the gift of your Spirit, poured out at Pentecost and still moving among us. You speak in every tongue and stir every heart. You claim us as your children and send us to share your love. As we bring our gifts, we offer ourselves—our time, our talents, and our treasures. Use them and us to share your love and truth with the world. By your Spirit, empower us to be bold in faith, generous in love, and joyful in service. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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## June 15

**Scriptures to read and meditate on -** Prov 8:1-4, 22-31; Ps 8; Rom 5:1-5; John 14:8-17, 25-27

### Call To Worship

Jesus said, “The Spirit will guide you into all truth.” We come seeking the truth of the Triune God. The Spirit speaks what he hears from the Son, and the Son reveals the glory of the Father. We come and worship the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—one God, now and forever!

### Prayer of Confession

Holy and Triune God, You alone dwell in perfect relationship. One God in three persons, united in love, seeking always what is whole and good. You call us into that divine communion, yet we confess our relationships fall short. We are incomplete without you. Too often we are selfish, anxious, resentful, and unkind. We carry the weight of our brokenness and feel the sting of our shame. We have allowed sin to separate us—from you and from each other. Forgive us, Lord. Restore us by your mercy. Draw us close and bind us together in your grace. Stir in us a longing for peace and a hunger for wholeness. Teach us to live with gratitude and to offer grace as freely as it's been given. We pray in the love of God our Father, in the saving name of Jesus Christ the Son, and by the power of your Holy Spirit.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mighty God, who is both one and three, we praise you as God above us, God beside us, and God within us. Thank you for this Holy Mystery where you have given yourself to us. We bring our gifts to you in worship and gratitude as our Creator and Provider of all good things. We acknowledge that our relationship with you in all three persons begins and ends on your side of the equation: beginning with your devotion and not our own, beginning with your wisdom and not our own. We come into relationship resting on your grace-filled love and not our intermittent efforts to be faithful in our love for you. Bless these gifts we give and bless the transformational impact they might have. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

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**June 22**

**Scriptures to read and meditate on** 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Ps 42; Gal 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

## **Call To Worship**

Come, people of God, let us gather in the presence of the One who crosses stormy seas to reach the lost. We come to worship Jesus, who breaks every chain and sets captives free! He meets us in the tombs of despair; in places we thought beyond hope. He speaks with power, and even the forces of darkness must obey. Once outcast, now clothed in grace. Once tormented, now in our right minds. Once silent, now sent to tell the world. We come, like the healed man, to sit at Jesus' feet and to proclaim what God has done for us! Let us worship the Lord who restores, redeems, and sends us in peace!

## **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, We confess that we often live among the tombs—bound by fear, shame, and the voices that lie to us. We confess the times we have turned away from those who suffer, afraid of what we do not understand, choosing safety over compassion, distance over love. We have hidden our brokenness and resisted Your healing touch. We have asked You to leave instead of welcoming Your transforming power. Forgive us, Lord. Speak again Your word of authority over the chaos within and around us. Clothe us in Your mercy. Restore us to our right minds. Send us to tell the world how much You have done for us, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Gracious and mighty God, we thank You that there is no place You will not go, no soul too lost, no storm too wild for Your saving love. You meet us in our chaos and speak peace; You clothe us in dignity and restore us to community. As the man once possessed was sent to tell what You had done, so now we bring our offerings—gifts of gratitude, symbols of our restored lives—asking that You would use them to bring healing, hope, and wholeness to others. Bless these gifts and bless us, that our lives might proclaim Your mercy and power. We offer all this leaning not on our own strength, but leaning on the everlasting arms of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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June 29

Scriptures to read and meditate on 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Ps 77:1-2, 11-20; Gal 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Call To Worship

I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD; I will remember your wonders of old. I will meditate on all your work, and reflect on your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God? You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples. With your strong arm you redeemed your people. Let us praise the Lord and sing of the story of God's redeeming love.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we promised to follow you. And yet, so many other things pull at our time and attention. We will follow you as soon as our to do list is tackled, our house is clean enough for company, and we've cared for our family. The fruit of our faith becomes spoiled and rotten. Forgive us God, for not putting you first in our lives. As we strive to do the work of your Kingdom, may we never look back to what could have been. May we never be sidetracked from your path, because of what we think we must do, before fully committing to you. Empower us to tell your story of redeeming love, by what we do, and by what we say.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, we have been summoned to follow your Son, yet at times it seems our attention is everywhere except on Him. We look forward with worry, we look back with guilt, and far too often we become stuck in the middle. We hoard our resources for a "rainy day" forgetting that the rain comes from you, as a blessing, not a problem. Help us to give generously, with our eyes focused on Christ, and hands on the plow, so that your harvest might be bountiful as we follow where you lead us. Bless what we offer for your Kingdom's goal. We give you all the thanks, praise, and glory as we turn and follow you. Through Christ who calls us, the Spirit who guides us, and God who loves us. Amen.

Psalm 8 Word Search

Just for fun, or use as a teaching aide with your younger family members.

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Find the **42 bold** words or phrases in Psalm 8

O Lord, our **Sovereign**,
how **majestic** is your name in **all the earth**!
You have **set your glory** above the **heavens**.

Out of the **mouths** of **babes** and **infants**
you have **founded** a **bulwark** because of **your foes**,
to **silence** the **enemy** and the **avenger**.

When I look at **your heavens**,
the **work** of **your fingers**,
the moon and **the stars** that you have **established**;
what are humans that you are **mindful** of them,
mortals that you **care for them**?

Yet you have **made them** a little **lower than God**
and **crowned** them with **glory and honor**.

You have **given** them **dominion** over
the **works** of **your hands**;
you have put **all things** under **their feet**,
all **sheep** and **oxen**,
and also the **beasts of the field**,
the **birds of the air**, and the **fish of the sea**,
whatever passes along the **paths of the seas**.

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is **your name** in all the earth!

Verona Food Pantry

This list is a guide line, any item you can give is welcomed.
Drop off at the office before the end of the month.

January - cereal and instant oatmeal cups
February - peanut butter and jelly jars
March - canned milk and dry milk powder
April - Mac n Cheese
May - canned meats and fish
June - canned fruit, fruit snacks and fruit cups
July - canned or boxed soup and soup cups
August - cereal bars / granola bars
September - peanut butter
October - canned pasta and pasta cups
November - anything thanksgiving
December - paper goods and personal hygiene items

In addition to the above list we are collecting Kleenex, Lysol wipes and hand sanitizer for the teachers and kids at AR Ware Elementary.

The following list was shared by a food bank volunteer.

There are some excellent suggestions if you are ever unsure what to give, or if you see these items on sale. Fresh items should be taken directly to the food pantry.

1. Everyone donates Kraft Mac & Cheese in the box, but it needs milk & butter which is hard to get from food banks.
2. Boxed Milk is a treasure. Kids need it for cereal, which they get a lot of.
3. Everyone donates pasta sauce & spaghetti noodles.
4. Canned Foods should be Pop Tops OR donate Can Openers.
5. Oil is a luxury needed for Rice a Roni which they get a lot of.
6. Spices, Salt & Pepper are a real gift.
7. Tea bags & Coffee are caring gifts.
8. Sugar & Flour are treats.
9. Important are fresh produce donated by farmers & grocery stores.
10. Seeds are great in spring & summer because growing can be easy for some.
11. Rarely is there fresh meat.
12. Tuna & Crackers make a good lunch.
13. Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
14. They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but NEED sandwich bread.
15. Butter or Margarine are good.
16. Eggs are a commodity!
17. Cake mix & Frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
18. Dishwashing Detergent is very expensive & is always appreciated.
19. Feminine hygiene products are a luxury & women will cry over them.
20. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.