

The **RICH MAN**
had very many flocks and herds;
but the **POOR MAN**
had nothing but one little ewe lamb ...



2 Samuel 12:2-3, NRSV



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Jimm Smedley

Prelude

Max Jackson

Jesus, My Joy

Johann G Walther

† **Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 51)

Jimmy Hall

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love.

P: According to Your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin!

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

L: Let me hear *joy* and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.

All: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit. Come Holy Spirit, come!

† **Hymn of Repentance**

#418 (1,2,3)

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;

see, on the portals He's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

*Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!*

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, we suffer. We suffer from this nature of sin that corrupts even our best attempts to please You. We suffer from brokenness that plagues us with self-centeredness and fear. We inflict suffering on others by our thoughtless and judgmental attitudes. We suffer from discontentment, from comparisons to others, from the worship of false gods. We run after every new and empty promise -- promises of security, ease, meaning or intimacy -- but it is all in vain, for only in You will we find true rest and peace. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our idolatry, our refusal to give up lordship of our lives, our forgetfulness of Your grace and faithfulness. Continue to call us back, and we thank You for never giving up on us.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#441 (1)

Hear the Good News of Salvation

Hear the good news of salvation:

Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy!

Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love you ! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 12:1-7 (NRSV)

¹ and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.” ⁵Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity.”⁷ Nathan said to David, “You are the man!

L: The Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God!**

† **The Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 21:12-17 (NRSV) *Rev. Jimm Smedley*

Then Jesus entered the temple^[c] and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it a den of robbers.” ¹⁴The blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He cured them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that He did and heard the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry ¹⁶and said to Him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?’” ¹⁷He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ! **P: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Jimm Smedley

Enough

✠ We Respond to God's Word ✠

† Hymn of Response

#515 (1,4,5)

I Come With Joy

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one!

† Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer | The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: CARES

† Doxology

#606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

† Prayer of Dedication

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#546 (1,2)

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;

let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O, refresh us, o, refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for the gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound;
ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.

† **Postlude**

Allegretto

Matthew Camidge

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Kelly Hanni*

Liturgist: *Jimmy Hall*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 91

General Offering: \$1,616.35

CAReS: \$100.00

Peacemaking Offering: \$22.00

T Shirts: \$252.00

Online Offering: \$ 405.00

Total Offering: \$ 2,395.35

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

↪ SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.
Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.
Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

↪ TUESDAY, JUNE 30

Tai Chi, 5 p.m.

↪ WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

↪ THURSDAY, JULY 2

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.

↪ SATURDAY, JULY 4

Happy 250th Birthday, America!
Tai Chi, 11 a.m.



2026 Ashland Blazer Youth Service Center Back to School Drive
July 5 – August 2

High School Daily School Life:

Underwear (all sizes), male or female, Men's Shoes sizes 13, 14, 15, Personal hygiene items; Feminine products, Clothing XL–3 XL

High School Food Pantry:

Pop tarts, Instant Oatmeal, Cereal bars, Granola bars, Mac n cheese, Knorr's fiesta sides rice, Spaghetti noodles, Canned pasta sauce, Peanut butter Cheez-its, Peanut butter or cheese sandwich crackers, Gripz Trail mix, Canned tuna, Canned chicken Soup (w/beef, chicken or potatoes), Chef Boy R Dee, Ramen Noodles, Packaged cookies

High School Classroom Needs:

Loose life paper, Pencils, Spiral Notebooks, Pens, Post-its, Three-Ring Binders, Graph paper, High lighters, Index Cards, White out, Plasticfolders, Colored Pencils



*She's tying
the Knot*

join us for a

Bridal Shower

honoring

Mycah Jo Miller

SAT | JULY 25 | 2026

at 11 o'clock for brunch

first presbyterian church

1600 winchester avenue, ashland, ky 41101

rsvp to kelly @ 606.923.7826

Puzzle!

HOW'S THE WEATHER?

Use the code below to fill in these forecasts in places where Jesus traveled:

CODE:

A = ☺	D = ☼	H = ❄	M = ☆	P = ◆	T = ■	W = ☒
B = ♠	E = ✦	I = ✨	N = ↑	R = ●	U = □	Y = 🌬
C = ☼	G = ✨	L = ★	O = ↓	S = ○	V = ☒	Z = 🌬

Mt. Hermon ○ ↑ ↓ ☒

Jericho ❄ ↓ ■

Jerusalem ☆ ✨ ★ ❄

Dead Sea Area ■ ● ↓ ◆ ✨ ☼ ☺ ★ ❄ ✦ ☺ ■

Sea of Galilee ✨ □ ○ ■ 🌬 ☒ ✨ ↑ ❄ ○

Mediterranean Coast ♠ ● ✦ ✦ 🌬 🌬



PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending June 25, 2026

Family of Pastor Bill
Heather Shay

Week ending June 18, 2026

Sandra Goldberg (David Murphy)
Steve Jackson
Family of Linda Jones (Andrew Jones' mother)

Week ending June 11, 2026

Kena Broomall (Kelly & Mark Hanni's daughter)
Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)
Kate Hanni
Fetima McGill
Bruce Roe (Max & Lois Jackson's brother-in-law)
Family of Skip Saunders

Ongoing:

<i>Christina Akers (Heather Whitman's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Derek Payne</i>
<i>Christina Columber (Greg & Geri Willis)</i>	<i>Nancy Payne</i>
<i>Bill Gesling</i>	<i>Bonnie Pettijohn</i>
<i>Charlie Holbrook</i>	<i>Tim Shepard</i>
<i>Khyler Kingery (Ashton Wheeler)</i>	<i>Jan Winans</i>
<i>Angie Lewis</i>	<i>Ann Wiseman</i>

Boyd Nursing and Rehabilitation: Kenny McGill, Sr.

Kingsbrook Care Center: Barry Barbour

The Lantern: Betty Jean Phipps

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins);
Lieutenant Katie Brown (recent graduate West Point,
granddaughter of Mike Whitman); Christian Brown (US Air Force,
grandson of Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Army National Guard);
Lieutenant Colonel Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don &
Judy Lilly)

STAFF

Minister: *Vacant*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2026	2027	2028
<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>	<i>Teresa Cassity</i>
<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni *</i>
<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>	<i>Donna Jones</i>
<i>*2nd term of service</i>		

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Teresa Cassity</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Donna Jones</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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