



*Ascension  
of the  
Lord*

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**



*The ♥ of Ashland*

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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Ascension Sunday  
Senior Recognition Sunday

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May 29, 2022

10:50 a.m.

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## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**Recognition of Our Graduating Seniors**

*Lisa Stevens*

**Prelude**

*Winchester Bells*

*Beside Quiet Waters*

(Dan Edwards)

*Allegretto (from Quartet in F)*

(Franz Josef Haydn; Arr. Michael Bedford)

**Call to Worship**

*Christopher Conley*

L: We gather today to remember the Ascension of Jesus!

**P: Our gaze is upward as we watch Him ascend!**

L: We gather today to remember His promise spoken.

**P: Because I go away the promise of the Father will come.**

**All: We celebrate this day as we experience the promise in fullness. Amen.**

† **Hymn of Ascension**

#263

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;

bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. In Jesus name, Amen!**

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#581

*Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen!

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

**Children's Message**

*Lisa Stevens*

**Anthem**

*Chancel Choir*

*Happy In The Lord – 19th Century Revival Song*  
(Arr. Alice Parker)

Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone, he whom I place my hopes upon.

His tracks I see, and I'll pursue the narrow way, till him I view.

We'll cross the river of Jordan, Happy, O happy!

We'll cross the river of Jordan, happy in the Lord.

This is the way I long have sought,  
and mourned because I found it not;

Till late I heard my Savior say:

"Come hither, soul, for I'm the way."

Lo, glad I come; and thou, dear Lamb,  
shall take me to thee as I am!

I'll tell to all poor sinners round; what a dear Savior I have found!

**Prayer for Illumination**

*Jennifer Dillon*

## **The Old Testament Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1 – 15 (NRSV)**

*Jennifer Dillon, Christopher Conley*

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So, they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup> The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” <sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So, they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup> The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” <sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So, the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground. <sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” <sup>10</sup> He responded, “You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” <sup>11</sup> As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. <sup>13</sup> He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup> He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah? Where is he?” He struck the water again,

and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over. <sup>15</sup> When the company of prophets who were at Jericho saw him at a distance, they declared, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." They came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

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

**Psalm 2** (Tune: Ebenezer)

#758

*Why Do Nations Rage Together?*

Why do nations rage together; why in vain do they conspire?  
Rulers of earth's vast dominions light the skies with martyrs' fire.

Truth mistaken, God forsaken, banes of righteousness arise;  
Yet shall they reap sore displeasure sure defeat before God's eyes.

To the children of the promise God shall give the throne this day.

With a scepter forged of iron, they shall dash their foes as clay.

Faith revealing, humbly kneeling,  
quench the fire and sheathe the sword.

For God's wrath is quickly kindled; blest are they who serve the Lord.

**The Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:44 – 53 (NRSV)**

Then He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about Me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

<sup>45</sup> Then He opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what My Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup> Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up His hands, He blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While He was blessing them, He withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

**Sermon**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

***A Promise We Can Count On***

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#258

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*

A hymn of glory let us sing!

New songs throughout the world shall ring:

Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.

The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand,  
And with His followers they see their Lord ascend in majesty.

To all, the shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?  
This is the Savior" thus they say, "This is His glorious triumph day."

"You see Him now, ascending high up to the portals of the sky.  
Hereafter you shall Jesus see returning in great majesty."

O risen Christ, ascended Lord all praise to you let earth accord.  
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit 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 to the dead. 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 living 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**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Offering Acknowledgement**

*Special Offering: Carpet Fund*

† **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:  
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#269

*Lead On, O King Eternal!*

Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest Your tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation Your grace has made us strong,  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;  
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning where'er Your face appears;  
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.

The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

**Closing Voluntary**

*Max Jackson*

*The Church's One Foundation*  
(Robert Hobby)

† **Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

**SERVING TODAY**

Head Usher: *J.T. Norris*

Liturgists: *Christopher Conley, Jennifer Dillon, Lisa Stevens*

Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

**LAST WEEK'S RECAP**

Attendance: 80

Offering: \$2,599.00

CAREs: \$50.00

## THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, May 29

Poage Class: *Men of the Bible*, 9:30 a.m.

Armchair Theologians: *Mysteries of the Messiah*, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Senior Recognition Fellowship, Noon

### Wednesday, June 1

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

Winchester Bells, 5:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

### Saturday, June 4

VBS, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### Church Office Closed

The church office is closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Remember those who've given their lives for our freedom.

### Men's Lunch Bunch Outing



The Men's Lunch Bunch is planning a **Saturday, June 18** (time to be determined) trip to Portsmouth for lunch, and then on to the Ohio Serpent Mound for the annual summer solstice event. Archaeologists Dr. Matt

Davidson from Winchester, and Dwight Cropper from South Portsmouth have agreed to accompany or join us. A program featuring the chiefs of the two Shawnee Tribes and Dr. Brad Lepper, the head Ohio archaeologist will be presented at the covered pavilion at the serpent site. The debate continues as to when and by whom the serpent was built; hopefully there will be a good debate, and we can decide the question! If you would like the packet of information on the serpent (whether you plan to go or not), please contact Charlie Holbrook at [kyrower@yahoo.com](mailto:kyrower@yahoo.com) or 606.316.0063.



**Christopher Loren Conley**, the son of LuAnne and David Conley, graduated with very high honors from Russell High School. He was a member of the National Beta Club, and the Archery Team. He was a member of the Russell STLP Robotics Team, and the Raiders VEX Robotics Team. He is an Eagle Scout and was inducted in the Order of the Arrow, an Honorary Service Society, within the Scouts. He will be attending the University of Kentucky in the Fall pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering.

**Jennifer Lynn Dillon**, the daughter of Gretchen and Gary Dillon, graduated from Boyd County High School. She was a member of the National Beta Club and Key Club. She was named a distinguished leader and was a member of the Varsity Swim Team, All State Choir, and the Boyd County High School Choir. She plans to attend Morehead State University. She is undecided about her major but is considering criminal justice.

*Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.  
Proverbs 16:3*

## SERMON NOTES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Week ending May 27, 2022

Bonnie & Barry Barbour  
Emily Mea (online request)  
Jim Wiseman

### Week ending May 20, 2022

Cray Stephenson (Geri Willis' son-in-law)  
Mike VanHoose (Cathy Wilson)

### Week ending May 13, 2022

Pastor Bill  
Steve Corbitt (Pastor Bill & Nanette)  
Jean Fraley (Bettie George Frye)  
Family of Taylor Hollin (Jan Holbrook's uncle)  
Frank Kiser, Jr. (Paula Kiser's son)  
Stephanie (online request by Jeff)

*Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.*

**Ongoing:** Derek Payne, Nancy Payne, Pollyanne Sager, Janet Winans, Ann Wiseman

**Morning Pointe:** Carolyn Graber

**Military:** Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, Dayton, OH, Son of Kris Adkins), Major Scott A. Brown (Husband of Mary Whitman Brown)  
Major Chris Potter (USAF, Germany, Nephew of Max & Lois Jackson, Bruce & Cindy Roe, and Roger & Pam Potter)  
Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, Don & Judy Lily's Niece)

## STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*  
Choirmaster, Organist: *Max Jackson*  
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*  
Custodian: *Glen Thomas*  
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

## SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Jan Holbrook*  
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Cathy Wilson*  
Treasurer: *Greg Willis*

2022	2023	2024
<i>Jan Holbrook*</i>	<i>Judy Fannin</i>	<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>
<i>Lisa Stevens*</i>	<i>Mitch Hall</i>	<i>J.T. Norris</i>
<i>Jim Wiseman</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman</i>	<i>Breck Tarr</i>
		*2nd term of service

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Building & Grounds: <i>Judy Fannin</i>	Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lisa Stevens</i>	Membership: <i>Breck Tarr</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Mission: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>
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