



**“ I am sending
the promise of my
Father upon you.
But stay in the city
until you are clothed
with power from
on high. ”**

LUKE 24:49, ESV



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Seventh Sunday of Easter | Ascension Sunday

May 10, 2026

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

I Love To Tell The Story

Robert Powell

† Call to Worship

Ryan Whitman

L: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David.

P: He endured that we might live with Him. He died that we might reign with Him.

L: Most gracious God: On this day, when we celebrate Your Son's return to You in glory, we offer humble and joyous thanks for what He did for us and for all who will respond to His claim.

P: With His disciples, we behold with awestruck wonder His triumphant ascension, hailing Him as a prophet, priest and king.

L: He was faithful to You from first to last, even at the price of a horrible death.

All: Keep us faithful with His help -- in our worship, our witness, our service. In His name, we pray. Amen.

† Hymn of Praise

#268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.

His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that we would like the road map of our life laid out before us. We want to know where we are going. Any unexpected twists and turns disconcert us. When we hear You calling us to a task we do not want to do or a road we do not want to take, we argue and construct reasons why we cannot. Forgive the rationalizations we present to You as reasons, the resistance that is most often grounded in fear and unbelief. Forgive our reliance on ourselves and our lack of trust in You, the willfulness that turns away from Your will for our lives and the refusal to hear and believe Your assurance of the journey. Forgive us all that is past, and free us to a new and living faith in You, through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

† Response

#245 (3)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

✠ We Listen to God's Word ✠

Children's Message

John Ferguson

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Hail Thee, Festival Day

Ralph Vaughn Williams | arr. H H Hopson

Hail thee, festival day, the day that is hallowed forever;
Day when the Lord arose, breaking the bonds of death.
See how the beauty of earth, reborn, blossoms forth from the winter.

See how it speaks of life, God's new life to the world.
He who was nailed to the cross is Lord of all creation.
All things created on earth sing to the glory of God.
God is the Lord of all life, God's word is assured to the nations.
Death has no more its sting, life forever is won.
Let all the earth sing for joy; today the Lord has triumphed.
Nations give ear and be glad, Christ is alive, sing for joy!

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson: Acts 1:6–11 (NRSV)

So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, is this the time when You will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by His own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When He had said this, as they were watching, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While He was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven."

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

Psalm 47 (tune: Nettleton)

Clap Your Hands, O Faithful People!

Clap your hands, O faithful people!

Shout to God a song of praise!

The Most High our land has ransomed and will reign as Lord always!

Great the majesty around us, sure the paths our feet have trod;

We are claimed as sons and daughters, children of a gracious God.

With a shout and blast of trumpet, God ascends to reign above,

Clothed in robes of righteous judgment,

crowned with all redeeming love!

Fill the world with glad rejoicing;

heaven shall sing, and earth reply!

Let the nations rise in wonder all God's works to glorify!

† **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.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ 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.”⁵⁰ Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up His hands, he blessed them.⁵¹ While He was blessing them, He withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.⁵² And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

Responding to the Ascension of Christ

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest.
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. [Refrain}

† **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 | Lord's Prayer (sins)

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: Peace Offering

† **Doxology**

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

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **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!

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

John Bennett

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Jan Holbrook*

Liturgist: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 89

General Offering: \$3,347.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$22.00

Organ Repair Fund: \$20.00

Online Offering: \$635.00

Total Offering: \$4,024.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

↪ SUNDAY, MAY 17

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.

Congregational Meeting, Noon

↪ MONDAY, MAY 18

Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

↪ TUESDAY, MAY 19

Tai Chi, 5 p.m. | Dance Fitness Class, 5 p.m.

↪ WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans
Handbell Rehearsal, 6 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

↪ THURSDAY, MAY 21:

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.
Dames + Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

↪ SATURDAY, MAY 23

Dance Fitness Class, 9:30 a.m. | Tai Chi, 11 a.m.

▶ Congregational Meeting

We will conduct our Congregational Meeting today following morning worship. We will be affirming nominations of Elders and the new Nominations Committee. This is for all members of the congregation.



▶ Thinking About Church Membership?



Pastor Bill will be offering membership classes for those interested in joining the church. The classes will meet for approximately one hour immediately following Worship, and lunch will be provided. The dates are tentatively set for

May 24 & 31 and June 7. If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor Bill know as soon as possible by texting him at 606.547.1802 or emailing pastor@fpcaky.org.

► Baby Bottle Blessings



We encourage you to participate in our collection for the ***Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center***. Please pick up a baby bottle today and fill it with your donations of coins, cash, or a check. These bottles are a meaningful way to support the center's

mission and are due back to the church on or by **Father's Day, June 21**. Thank you for your generosity and your continued support of this important ministry.

6th Annual **JUNETEENTH** in Ashland

AFRICAN-AMERICAN FREEDOM DAY

6 - 9 p.m.
Friday, June 19th
Broadway Square
Downtown Ashland



- **Live Band**
- **Live Choir Performance**
- **Food Trucks**
- **T-Shirts**
- **Face Painting & Kids Activities**

Ashland for Change • C.B. Nuckolls Community Center & Black History Museum
Christ Temple Church • Christ Center Ministries
Ashland Community & Technical College

Puzzle!

In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verse given for help.



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| Joash (2 Kings 11:2) | A _____ |
| Obed (Matthew 1:5) | B _____ |
| Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24) | _____ C _____ |
| John the disciple (Matthew 4:21) | _____ D _____ |
| John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) | __ E _____ |
| Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6) | G _____ |
| Jezreel (Hosea 1:4) | H _____ |
| Esau (Genesis 25:28) | I _____ |
| David (1 Samuel 16:19) | J _____ |
| Jacob (Genesis 25:28) | _____ K ____ |
| Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20) | __ L _____ |
| Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22) | M _____ |
| Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20) | _____ N _____ |
| Jesse (Matthew 1:5) | O _____ |
| Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22) | _____ P _____ |
| Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24) | R _____ |
| Isaac (Genesis 21:3) | S _____ |
| John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) | _____ T ____ |
| Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1) | _____ U ____ |
| Solomon (1 Kings 2:1) | _____ V ____ |
| Jesus (Matthew 1:18) | _____ Y _____ |
| James (Matthew 4:21) | Z _____ |

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending May 14, 2026

Don Lilly

Week ending May 7, 2026

Kena Broomall (Kelly & Mark Hanni's daughter)

Frank Johnson (Jennifer Johnson's father)

Logan Jones (Andrew & Donna Jones' son)

Teri Runyon (Kelly Hanni)

Scott Sanderson

Lorelai Shay

Week ending April 30, 2026

Matt Dillon

Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Bruce Roe (Max & Lois Jackson's brother-in-law)

Anonymous (Barb Payne's friend)

Ongoing:

<i>Pastor Bill</i>	<i>Derek Payne</i>
<i>Christina Akers (Heather Whitman's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Nancy Payne</i>
<i>Christina Columber (Greg & Geri Willis)</i>	<i>Bonnie Pettijohn</i>
<i>Bill Gesling</i>	<i>Tim Shepard</i>
<i>Charlie Holbrook</i>	<i>Jan Winans</i>
<i>Khyler Kingery (Ashton Wheeler)</i>	<i>Ann Wiseman</i>
<i>Angie Lewis</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); Cadet Katie Brown (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: *Rev. William Pollack*
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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