



By this
everyone will know

*that you are my disciples, if
you have love for one another.*

John 13:35, NRSV

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**



The ♥ of Ashland

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

5th Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Judy Fannin

Prelude

Max Jackson

In The Shadow of Your Wings (Psalm 57)

(Rosalie Bonighton)

Call to Worship

Judy Fannin

L: The Lord is risen!

P: He is risen indeed!

L: Grace be upon you all as you witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

P: We bring all that we are and lay it at your feet, O Christ.

L: The Lord's blessing is upon us: life forevermore.

P: Thanks be to God!

† **Hymn of Easter**

#238

Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where Thy body lay.

*Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through Thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above. [Refrain]

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Source of all life, we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. 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

If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments
(Thomas Tallis)

If ye love Me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and He shall send you another comforter, even the Spirit of Truth.

Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Lesson

Acts 11:1 – 18 (NRSV)

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet

coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely, I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 148

#17 (1,2,4)

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

Sing praise to God, you heavens! Sing praise, each shining light!

Sing, planets in your orbits; sing, stars all burning bright!

Sing praise, you winds and tempests, you driving rain and snow!

Sing, clouds that race and billow and shadow earth below!

Sing praise, O earth, sing praises! Sing praises, hill and plain,
you mountains thrusting skyward, you valleys ripe with grain!

Sing praise, each fragrant flower, your fairest hues display.

Sing praise, you trees of autumn in glowing, glad array!

Sing praises now, God's people, your gift of speech employ
to praise the Lord, your Maker, with thankfulness and joy!
Sing with the whole creation; a cosmic chorus raise:
"To God alone be glory and everlasting praise!"

The Gospel Lesson

John 13:31 – 35 (NRSV)

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now, I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another."

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P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Jimm Smedley

God's Glory in Jesus and Us

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#300 (1,2,3)

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

*Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love!*

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

[Refrain]

We will work with each other; we will work side by side:
We will work with each other; we will work side by side:
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: [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 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 – Clean Start

† **Doxology**

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

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#738 (1,2,4)

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

O Master, let me walk with Thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me Thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down
the future's broadening way;
in peace that only Thou canst give, with Thee,
O Master, let me live.

Closing Voluntary

Max Jackson

Voluntary in B Flat Major
(Maurice Greene)

† **Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *J.T. Norris*

Liturgist: *Judy Fannin*

Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 78

Offering: \$12,912.39

Backpack Ministry: \$225.00

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, May 15

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.

Congregational Meeting, Noon

Monday, May 16

Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17

Finance Committee, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18

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

Winchester Bells, 5:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Congregational Meeting

Please remember our yearly Congregational Meeting immediately following Morning Worship. We will receive and affirm the nominations for our new class of Elders along with the Nominations Committee for 2023.

Bead Sorting Postponed

Bead sorting has been postponed. A new date to be determined.

We Need Volunteers For VBS!



The CE committee is planning a one-day VBS on

Saturday, June 25 (DATE CHANGE) from

9:30 a.m.— 2:30 p.m. We are looking for

volunteers to transport the children back to Bible times through storytelling, music, bread making,

pottery, papyrus & pen craft activities. Other volunteers are needed for public relations, food manager, costume organizer and decorating. Please contact Lisa Stevens (571.9761) or Jane Justice (329.2423) to volunteer!



Schedule Your Photo Session Today!

It's time for a new Church Directory! The dates for the photography sessions are **May 23 and 24**. You may schedule your appointment today with the membership committee (located in the Narthex) OR you may schedule your appointment by following

the instructions below:

- ✧ Go to the Universal Church Directories website:
www.ucdir.com
- ✧ Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled "photography appointment scheduling login"
- ✧ Enter your church code: **ky378**
- ✧ Enter your church password: **photos**
- ✧ Click on the Enter button
- ✧ Click on the desired photography date
- ✧ Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
- ✧ Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- ✧ Enter your email address if a confirmation email is desired
- ✧ Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name
- ✧ If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)
- ✧ Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography appointment

SERMON NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

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)

Week ending May 6, 2022

Bonnie & Barry Barbour

Week ending April 29, 2022

Mike VanHoose (Cathy Wilson)

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:
Judy Fannin
Christian Education:
Lisa Stevens
Congregational Life:
Cathy Wilson

Finance: *Trish Hall*
Membership: *Breck Tarr*
Mission: *Cathy Wilson*
Personnel: *Jan Holbrook*
Worship: *Ryan Whitman*

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