



the *Ascension* of Jesus

Luke 24: 44-53



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Ascension Sunday | Confirmation Sunday | Mother's Day

May 12, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Diderik Buxtehude

Call to Worship

Ellen Sharp

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 would 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.

P: 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**

Almighty God: You accepted our Lord's sacrifice on the cross for our salvation; by Your infinite power You raised Him from death on the third day, clothing Him again with the flesh in which the disciples had known Him, so that they might recognize Him; and then You brought Him home, to rule with You in heaven until His final return to earth. We humbly confess that, while we know the story and even believe it, we do not allow it to make much difference in our lives. We still fail to value each other's lives. We still dread death as if we did not have His promise of life beyond this life. We still do not know how to respond rightly to the assurance of His ultimate return at the end of our time. Enable us today, O God, to reflect more deeply on the sacred story, that our discipleship may be enhanced and that our service to Him may become more useful and effective. In the name of the risen and ascended Savior we pray. 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 your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Service of Confirmation and Membership

Pastor Bill

Confirmands:

*Anna Brooke Goodwin
Charley Rose Goodwin
Evelyn Marie Goodwin
Kate Julia Goodwin
John Fox McCloud
Ariana Rain McGill
Mary Catherine McGill
Lorelai Yvaine Shay
Riley Paige Shay
Carlisle Blair Weston
Lilly Grace Wheeler
Sophie Elizabeth Wheeler*

New Members:

*Blythe Weston
Greg Weston*

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Alleluia! Sing To Jesus

Sondra Tucker

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne, Alleluia! His the triumph! His the victory alone; Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by His blood. Alleluia! Bread of heaven thou on earth our food, our stay! Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day; Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer plead for me; Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea. Alleluia! King Eternal, e'er the Lord of lords we own. Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth His footstool, heaven His throne. Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er; Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore." Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne. Alleluia! His the triumph! His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of holy Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by His blood.

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 93 (Festal Song)

#271

The Lord Almighty Reigns

The Lord Almighty reigns in majesty most bright,
appareled in omnipotence, and girded round with might.

The world established stands on its foundations broad;
Your throne is fixed, You reign supreme, the everlasting God.

The seas have lifted up their voice in majesty.
But God on high, supreme in might, is greater than the sea.

Your testimonies, Lord, in faithfulness excel.
And holy must Your servants be who in Your temple dwell.

† 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 day

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⁴⁷ 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 Word of the Lord! **P: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

What Happens Next?

✦ We Respond to God’s Word ✦

† **Hymn of Response**

#462

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

*Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God’s own holy Word. [Refrain]

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. [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

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: Organ Repair Fund*

† 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

#761 (1,4)

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace.
We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend.
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

So, God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life.
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase.
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

Closing Voluntary

Max Jackson

I Love To Tell The Story

Robert Powell

† **Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Mitch Hall*

Liturgist: *Ellen Sharp*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 81

General Offering: \$1,114.00

Backpacks: \$25.00

CAREs: \$20.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$90.00

Online Offering: \$925.00

Total Offering: \$2,174.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

▶ **Sunday, May 12**

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Congregational meeting and confirmands reception following morning worship

▶ **Monday, May 13**

Ministry Teams meeting, 5:30 p.m.

205 Planning meeting, 6:30 p.m.

▶ **Wednesday, May 15**

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

Bells Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

▶ **Thursday, May 16**

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.

Baby Bottle Blessings



There are baby bottles available in the Narthex to raise funds for *Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center*. The center provides free and confidential services to pregnant women in our area. Please help support this ministry by picking up a baby bottle in the Narthex, filling it with a donation, and **returning the bottle to the church office by Father's Day on Sunday, June 16.**

You are invited!

Join us for a Baby Shower for

Erik & Rachael Adkins

(son of Kris Adkins)

Sunday, May 19

following morning worship in the Narthex

Registered at Amazon

(Rachael Adkins & Erik Adkins)

We hope you can join us!



First Presbyterian Church
Ashland, Kentucky

Photo courtesy of Charlie Holbrook

You are Invited

TO JOIN US

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

10:50 a.m.

Anniversary Celebration

205 Years of Spreading God's Word

1819-2024

Luncheon to follow: BBQ & Fixings

RSVP: fpcaky.org by May 24



Happy
MOTHER'S DAY

to all mothers and women!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending May 9, 2024

Terry Cowles (Pastor Bill)
Amy Ferguson (Rebecca Ferguson)
Bob Miller (Cabell Huntington Hospital)

Week ending May 2, 2024

Haylee Adkins (Heather Shay)
Larry & Linda Barker (Don & Judy Lilly)
Don and Rebecca Ballard DiLoreto (Bettie George Frye)
John Edlin (Pastor Bill)
Jerry Hall (Geri Willis' brother)
Joe & Linda Iaccio (Don & Judy Lilly's brother-in-law)
Jane Justice

Week ending April 25, 2024

Joe Lane (Lee McCloud's father)
Baby Luna (Holli & Keith McClelland's foster daughter)
Wilma Potter
(Lois Jackson's sister and Pam & Roger Potter's sister-in-law)
Sharon Slusher (Steve Jackson's sister-in-law)

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

Ongoing: Gretchen Dillon; Charlie Holbrook; Kenny McGill, Derek Payne; Nancy Payne, Bonnie Pettijohn, Tim Shephard, Jan Winans, Kim Whitman, Ann Wiseman

The Lantern: Barry Barbour, Carolyn Graber

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins)
Cadet Katie Brown
(West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman)
Greg Weston (Kentucky National Guard)
Major 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*

2024	2025	2026
<i>Lee McCloud</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>
<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>
<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>
		*2nd term of service

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>TBD</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</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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