



Ascension, 1508-1519. Artist: Le Breton, Jacques ; Gaudin, Jean*

Service for the Lord's Day

June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Ruth Brown

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Circumdederunt me

Cristóbal de Morales
transcr. Nathaniel Brown

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

We gather, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

We listen, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

We watch and wait for the Word of God.

Opening Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

O God, you are the God of wholeness and peace. Your work of shalom is the hope and prayer of the world. But in our anxiety and fear, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies. But these walls which we hope will protect us only serve to shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with others. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Confessional Hymn

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us*

Declaration of Good News (responsive)

Since the resurrection of Jesus Christ, forgiveness of sins has been declared in the name of Christ. Death has been overcome and the love of God is victorious. Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Glory to God in the highest! Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace of Christ (responsive)

The peace of God is for all who wait for him in hope. The peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Children Are Welcome to Attend Children's Church at the Side Sanctuary Doors

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Holy God, we are thirsty for your good Word. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed, open our hearts to hear what you have to say to us. Fill us with the light of your love that, having heard, we will be ready to live more faithfully and love more deeply. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalm 97

The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.

All worshippers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him. Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O God.

For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

The LORD loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Anthem

I Will Sing a Sunday Song

Pepper Choplin

Gospel Reading

John 17:20-26

‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

Sermon

That We May Be One

Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 504

We Come as Guests Invited

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

excerpt from Colossians 1

[Jesus Christ] is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Wir gläuben all' an einen Gott, verse 1

Samuel Scheidt

All Stand

Doxology

DOXOLOGY

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

God of all peoples and God of all places, we present these offerings, that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them we offer our varied ministries, that each of us may be a part of your answer to the cries of the world.
Amen.

All Sit

Sealing the Word in the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Life up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...Therefore, we join our voices with the saints and all creation to proclaim your praise...

SANCTUS

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*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Communion Anthem

Softly and Tenderly

W. L. Thompson/arr. Rene Clausen

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Moment of Silence

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

All Stand

Closing Hymn 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

Postlude

Vita sanctorum decus angelorum, verse 5

Samuel Scheidt

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*Notes: Stained-glass composition by J. Le Breton (glass studio of Gaudin, Paris), 1933.

Building: Cathédrale d'Amiens

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Announcements

USHERS: Polen and Thomison families

COMMUNION SERVERS: Fred Kernahan, Mike Kanan, and Larry Warden

COMMUNION PREPARERS AND CLEANUP: Sandy Franklin

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE Blake Miller, Keelin Murrell, Mack Overfelt, Jeremiah Simpson and Johnna Smith

LAY READER: Larry Warden

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Laura Parkerson

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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY JUN 8: Acts 2:1–21 or Genesis 11:1–9; Psalm 104:24–34, 35b; Romans 8:14–17 or Acts 2:1–21 John 14:8–17 [25–27]

TODAY

DEACONS OF THE WEEK this week will be Fred Kernohan and Evan Goad. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will meet today at 9:15 a.m. It will conclude an hour later in time for 10:30 a.m. church service.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will **NOT** meet during the summer months. They will resume after Labor Day.

COMING UP:

LIVING WATERS CLASS Want another way to experience growth in our resurrection life? Join Pastor Kyle in a special Bible Study on Wednesdays Jun 4. Living Water: Watershed Moments in the Scriptures will explore key passages in the Bible that help shape our central Christian understanding and life in Christ. You may choose to come at either 10:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING will be Thursday, June 5 at 12:00 p.m. at the Lost River Cave, in the meeting room, here in Bowling Green. The guest speaker will be Joanna Whelan from Mayfield, Kentucky. Joanna is the Moderator of PW Western Kentucky Presbytery in The Synod of Living Waters!

For lunch, boxed lunches from Heavenly Ham will be available for purchase for \$11 each. You will have a choice of a ham or turkey box. Bottled water and tea will be served during lunch. If you plan to attend, please contact Donna Meredith at 270-791-9888 or by email at donnawmeredith53@gmail.com or Robin in the church office at 270-843-4707 or by email at officeasst24@bgpres.org.

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION You are cordially invited to the New Member Reception on June 8 at 11:30 a.m. We welcome all members to come and celebrate our newest members. We look forward to seeing you there.

SUGGESTED OFFICER NOMINATIONS 2025 This is a friendly reminder to turn in your Officer Nomination Form with your suggested candidates for Deacons and Elders by June 8. Officer Nomination Forms are available outside the office in the lobby.

OTHER NEWS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be June 8-11 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. The theme is Wild Wonder. Children will be invited to delight in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all living things by immersing them in the wonders of the created world. A registration form is now available online for participants. Please scan the QR code to visit link:



If you are interested in volunteering for the 2025 Vacation Bible School, please scan the QR code to visit the link to sign up:



ART EXHIBIT We are pleased to announce a new exhibit of watercolors by seven local artists: Misha Ambrosia, Betsy Patel, Delare Rowe, Chandra Carter, Margaret Ann King, Sylvi Alexander, and Belinda Settlemoir. Soft or bold, always vibrant, watercolor produces stunning artworks with an ethereal quality. The church exhibit space in the fellowship hall is greatly appreciated by artists and our privilege to enjoy. The art will be on display in the Fellowship Hall from May 23-Jul 17. Everyone is welcomed to come and enjoy this Exhibit.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES will **NOT** meet during the Summer months but will reconvene in September. The Tuesday Evening Circle will meet in June but **NOT** July (this is the only Circle that will reconvene in August).

SATURDAY MEALS On June 15, we need the following volunteers to participate in the Saturday Meals at First Baptist Church:

- 11 Volunteers to deliver meals. Arrive at 8:30 a.m.
- 5 Volunteers to set up and sort donated foodstuffs 6:30 a.m.
- 4 Kitchen volunteers to assist with packaging the meal 8:15 a.m.

We are usually finished with deliveries and clean up by 9:45 a.m. Please contact Susan Thomison at Susan.thomison1@gmail.com or call 270-791-6950 if you would like to volunteer.

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR JUNE/JULY A signup page is online for lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve one Sunday, please scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. Thank you!



NEWSLETTER FOLDERS/SEALERS A signup page is online for upcoming months for Newsletter folders/sealers. If you are willing to volunteer to help in the office with this task, scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date, contact Robin by phone at 270-843-4707, or email at info@bgpres.org.



WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by the minister, officers, and congregation.

Clerk of Session: Debbie Trickey **Treasurer:** Steve Moore

Elders: Class of 2025- Karol Kirby Ahmed, Buzz English, Pamela Napier, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; Class of 2026- Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan; Class of 2027-Sam Evans, Nathan Love, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden
Deacons: Class of 2025- Barbara Brindle, Teri Polen, Ernie Small, Dan Stelling, Fred Trickey; Class of 2026- Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan

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Calendar

Sunday, Jun 1

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Children's Music
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, Jun 2

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love
11:00 a.m. Personnel Meeting

Tuesday, Jun 3

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
11:00 a.m. Special Care
5:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, Jun 4

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
10:30 a.m. Living Waters Class
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
5:30 p.m. Living Waters Class

Thursday, Jun 5

7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Group

Friday, Jun 6

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group

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