



Breakfast on the Beach, late 20th century. Artist: Koenig, Peter*

Service for the Lord's Day

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Ruth Brown

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Christ der ist erstanden

Arnold von Bruck
(transcr. Nathaniel Brown)

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

The Lord who calls us to worship today is the same Jesus who refused the temptation to worship the evil one. Rather than receive the glorious kingdoms of this world, he endured the shame of the cross, and today is Lord of lords and King of kings.

Now are gathered in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, glory and power. Praise to the Lamb who sits on the throne!

With the saints of all ages we join in singing...

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

Opening Hymn 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

O Lord our God, we believe that Jesus has risen from the dead to reign at your right hand. We praise your mercy and power. We know that your throne is surrounded by the voices of many angels and that you are worshiped by the multitudes of the heavenly host, but we so often fail to join in their "amen." We do not fall down and worship you as we know we should. We are distracted by our activities and plans, by our hopes and prayers, by our mourning, and our doubts. Show yourself to us anew and give us the faith to cast our nets in other waters. Strengthen us to worship you alone as the one on the throne, even when we are in the depths of the pit.

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)

The Lord's anger is but for a moment. God's favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Passing of the Peace of Christ (responsive)

Christ in his resurrection reigns in mercy and love. The Peace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ 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)

In the reading and hearing of your Word, O God, let us hear your voice come to us in the mystery of your resurrection that our eyes may see your works and know your ways. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!" You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Anthem

You Are Lord

Pepper Choplin

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-17

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

Sermon

Circling Back

Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 828

More Love to Thee, O Christ

MORE LOVE TO THEE

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from the *Confession of 1967*, edited.

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to people, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Feed My Sheep

Phil Johnson/Dallas Holm

Wayne Pope, guitar/vocal and Beth Pope, vocal

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, you have filled our nets to bursting. Empower us to use these gifts for the care and nurture of your creation, and to follow you wherever you call us to go. 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 Music 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

A Moment of Silence

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

LINSTEAD

Anonymous (*Die Lüneburger Orgeltabulatur*)

Building: Parish of St. Edward

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Announcements

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LAY READER: Kelly Goad

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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY MAY 11: Acts 9:36–43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9–17; John 10:22–30

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Nancy Carwell. 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 meet at 12:00 p.m. today at India Oven, 1755 Scottsville Road on Sunday. If you have eaten at India Oven, you know there is lots of variety and the food is delicious. If you are concerned about spices, you will be fine because you can order mild, medium, or hot. We hope you can join us! We will not meet on Mother's Day.

COMING UP:

SIXTH ANNUAL GIVEAWAY Cecelia Memorial will be taking donations for the upcoming 6th Annual Giveaway!! They will be accepting anything from clothing to household items to toys. The date for the event will be May 10 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Thank you for your help in advance.

2025 STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE Our church has been invited to participate and receive donations for our food pantry, from the Postal Service food drive. We need 5 (or more) volunteers on May 10th at 2pm at the US Post Office on Scottsville Rd. to help sort, and transport donations to the church that afternoon. Please call Frederica Kernohan 270-991-7904 or the church office, if you have some time to assist on May 10 at 2:00 p.m.

YOUTH SUNDAY/MOTHER'S DAY Our Youth will be leading service on Sunday, May 11. They will be honoring all mothers with a special token of love. Plan to join the Youth in honoring these special women of our church.

FELLOWSHIP PICNIC Plan to join us on Sunday, May 18 for our Fellowship Picnic. There will be plenty of food, fun, and fellowship. More information will be available at a later date.

2025 ANNUAL CPR/DEFIBRILLATOR COURSE sponsored by the Christian Education Committee, and taught by the Friends and Family Outreach Department of the College of Health and Human Services at WKU. The course will be held on Wednesday, May 21 in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served at 8:15 a.m. and the course will begin at 9:00 a.m. It will last approximately 2 hours. No experience necessary and repeat students welcome. Last year's course received rave reviews from attendees. Sign-up sheets will be placed on the landing table so we can make appropriate plans. This is an important skill for our church members to have, from teens to seniors. We look forward to your attendance.

OTHER NEWS

ART EXHIBIT We are pleased to exhibit *RHYTHM AND SHAPE: The Art of Laurin Notheisen*. Lauren Notheisen's art will be on display in the Fellowship Hall from March 28-May 22. Everyone is welcomed to come and enjoy this Spring Exhibit.

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:



FLOWER CALENDAR Worship Ministry reminds the congregation that members are encouraged to place floral offerings in the Sanctuary for the enhancement of Sunday Services. Flowers may be purchased and placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings, to honor or memorialize friends and loved ones. Call the church office to arrange for a date and a bulletin notation, if you wish to participate.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Sunday Morning Circle meets the second Sunday in each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Ladies' Parlor. Circle 9 meets the second Monday in each month at 12:00 noon at a member's home; Tuesday Evening Circle meets the second Tuesday in each month at 7:00 p.m. at Diane Simmons' home; Wednesday Morning Circle meets the second Wednesday in each month at 9:30 a.m. in the 10th Street Parlor. An exact location for Circle 9 meetings will be provided on the church bulletin's calendar and in the 60-second email.

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR MAY/JUNE 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
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Calendar

Sunday, May 4

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
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating
 out Group
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, May 5

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

Tuesday, May 6

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

Wednesday, May 7

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 8

7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Group

Friday, May 9

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

Saturday, May 10

9:00 a.m. Cecelia Memorial Spring
 Giveaway
2:00 p.m. 2025 Stamp Out Hunger
 Food Drive

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