



Kilmarnock Baptist Church

Welcome to Worship!

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

Order of Worship

Please quiet voices, hearts, and cell phones in preparation for worship.

Preparation

*May today be a 'loaves and fishes' sort of day for you...
full of the mercy, the grace, and the provision from our Lord.*

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude	<i>Communion with God</i>	Franklin Ritter
Choral Call to Worship	<i>He Is Lord</i>	arr. by Tom Fettke
Welcome and Announcements		Bob Gray
Invocation		Bob Gray
Hymn * 159	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i>	EASTER HYMN

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!
Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

Scripture Reading	Psalm 36: 5 - 9	Camille Grabb
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Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Prayers of the People	Rev. Mark Snipes
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*Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word.*

*Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, my All in all!*

*Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me.
Give me to eat and live with Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art love.*

*O send Thy Spirit now, Lord, now unto me,
That He may touch mine eyes and make me see.
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word,
And in Thy book revealed I see Thee, Lord.*

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Mark Snipes

Offertory

Near the Cross

Franklin Ritter

Doxology

Anthem

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

Sermon Text

Luke 9: 12 - 17

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The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place.’ But he said to them, ‘You give them something to eat.’ They said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, ‘Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.’ They did so and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Sermon

“Give Them Something to Eat!”

Rev. Mark Snipes

Lord’s Supper

The Bread

The Cup

Prayer

Rev. Mark Snipes

Invitation Hymn * † 613

The Servant Song

BEACH SPRING

We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you; speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant. Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
Brother, let me be your servant. Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping. When you laugh, I’ll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow ‘til we’ve seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we’ve known together of Christ’s love and agony.

Benediction

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Postlude

Christ the Lord Has Risen!

Tom Birchwood

Chimes



* If you are able, please stand.

† If you have decided to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ and/or join the Kilmarnock Baptist Church family, you may signal that by coming forward to meet the minister during the final hymn.



FLOWERS:

If anyone is interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary any Sunday in April, please contact Marty Sutherland at (804) 436-2073.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Coffee Hour & Fellowship – TODAY after worship, hosted by the Deacons
Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 33 – Monday, April 8th at 7:30 pm
WMU Meeting – Tuesday, April 9th at 10:30 am
Prayer Shawl Knitting – Wednesday, April 10th and 24th at 10:30 am
Choir Practice – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study – Thursdays at 9:30 am
Pastor Search Committee – Thursdays at 4:00 pm
Quarterly Business Meeting – Sunday, April 28th – Committee Chairs, please start preparing your reports and turn them in as soon as you can. Thanks

POT-LUCK LUNCH:

On Sunday, April 21st (in 2 weeks) after Worship Service, we will enjoy a Pot Luck Lunch and then participate in the last of Dave's four FOCUS group discussions. So please go through your recipes and bring some goodies for all to share, or just bring YOU!



WHAT'S NEXT:

They could see and touch his hands. They heard him speak. They were still in shock. Nothing made sense until someone made a sandwich. Join us next week for the sermon titled, "*Eating is Believing*".

COVER ARTWORK: "*Loaves and Fishes*", by Matt Philleo, living



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The Miracle of Five Loaves and Two Fishes – In the Bible

Jesus' miracle of multiplying the 5 barley loaves and 2 fish to feed more than 5,000 people is the only miracle of Jesus recorded in **all four** gospels. But there are foretellings of this in the Old Testament as well.

Elijah multiplied flour and oil to save a widow and her son from starvation. Elisha multiplied 20 barley loaves so as to feed 100, with some even left over. But in the Gospels, Jesus multiplies 5 barley loaves to feed over 5,000 people, with 12 baskets left over.

And there was Moses and the manna. What is the symbolic number associated with Moses? There are five books of Moses which are called the Torah or Pentateuch. No wonder Jesus starts with five barley loaves.

Barley is the first grain to be harvested in the Spring, and the feast of unleavened bread celebrates the first fruits of the barley harvest. Jesus performs his miracle as Passover approaches, and will go on later in John 6 to explain that he himself is the bread of life.

And the fish – a symbol of Christ. Two fish - the first coming and the second coming.

The miracle of the loaves points backwards to great events in the Old Testament to give us clues as to who Jesus really is. But it also points forward to the future, to what Jesus will do in the upper room on the night before he died, and will make present again in our taking of Communion in remembrance.

How many baskets of scraps are left over? Twelve, the number symbolizing God's people; twelve tribes, twelve patriarchs, and now twelve apostles, the patriarchs of the New Israel gathering up the remnants of a feast that will be the new covenant meal of God's new people, the celebration of their deliverance, the new food for the journey to the true promised land, Heaven.