



*This is my body which is given for you,
do this in remembrance of me.*

Kilmarnock Baptist Church

Welcome to Worship!

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Order of Worship

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

Preparation

Today is a special day in the life of Kilmarnock Baptist Church. As we meet one another for the first time and consider how and whether God might be calling us to serve the Kilmarnock community together, let us pray for God's wisdom as we discern God's will.

– Kevin Crowder

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Arr: Gayden Sikes

Choral Call to Worship

Spirit of the Living God

IVERSON

Welcome and Announcements

Bob Gray

*Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.*

Scripture Reading

1 John 5: 1 - 6

Judy Kelley

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Pastor's Prayer

Kevin Crowder

Offertory Hymn * 61 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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*Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.*

*We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.*

*Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, early let us turn to Thee;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, early let us turn to Thee.*

*Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our beings fill:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.*

Offertory Prayer Kevin Crowder

Offertory *Barceuse* Chester Nordman

Doxology

Choral Anthem *In Remembrance* Ragan Courtney

Sermon Text John 15: 9 – 17 Kevin Crowder

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Sermon *“The Unexpected Move of God”* Kevin Crowder

Communion

The Bread

The Cup

Prayer

Kevin Crowder

*Have you been to the cross where the Lord Jesus suffered?
Have you been to Calvary? Have you been to the place,
Of redemption for sinners? Have you been to Calvary?
It was there on Calvary; God's dear Son lay down His life for you.
While there's time don't delay; place your faith in Christ Jesus.
Turn your eyes now to Calvary.*

*You can search you can buy and try ev'rything man-made,
But it cannot satisfy; it is Christ, only Christ,
Who gives life more abundant and He calls from Calvary.
It was there on Calvary; God's dear Son lay down His life for you.
While there's time don't delay; place your faith in Christ Jesus.
Turn your eyes now to Calvary.*

*While the Spirit's clear voice, can be heard softly pleading,
Give your life to Jesus now. Trusting faith is the way,
To have life everlasting, and He calls from Calvary
It was there on Calvary; God's dear Son lay down His life for you.
While there's time don't delay; place your faith in Christ Jesus.
Turn your eyes now to Calvary.*

Benediction

Kevin Crowder

Postlude

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

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 you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in May, please contact Mary French Hutt at (804) 577-3616.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Fellowship times to ‘*get-to-know*’ Kevin Crowder – TODAY- at 9:30 am, and again after worship, with light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall
Personnel Committee Meeting – Monday, May 6th at 1:00 pm
Website Group – Wednesday, May 8th and May 22nd at 10:00 am
Prayer Shawl Knitting – Wednesday, May 8th and May 22nd at 10:30 am
Choir Practice – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Men’s Bible Study – Thursdays at 9:30 am

WHAT’S NEXT:

The ascension of Christ is a pivotal moment in Christian history. No longer would humankind be privy to Jesus’ physical presence. But that does not indicate the Lord’s absence. Please join us next week for the sermon titled, “*Preparing for Takeoff*”.



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“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives.”

- Colossians 1:9 (NIV)