



Kilmarnock Baptist Church

Welcome to Worship!

The Ascension of the Lord

May 12, 2024

Order of Worship

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

Preparation:

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. – Dave Pepler

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

God Bless the Mothers

Donald Lee Moore

Choral Call to Worship

Spirit of the Living God

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Welcome and Announcements

Dave Pepler

Invocation

Dave Pepler

Hymn * 161

Crown Him With Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne,
Hark! how the heav'nly 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 thro' all eternity.*

*Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

*Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scepter sways,
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be pray'r and praise:
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet,
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown Him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:
Thy praise and glory shall not fail thro-out eternity.*

Scripture Reading

Luke 24: 44 - 53

Jennifer Riley

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.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 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, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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.’

The Ascension of Jesus

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Pastor's Prayer

Dave Pepler

Offertory Hymn * 533

He Lives

ACKLEY

*I serve a risen Savior. He's in the world today.
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer;
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.*

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.*

*In all the world around me, I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing will come at last.
He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.*

*Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.
He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.*

Offertory Prayer

Dave Pepler

Offertory

Reassurance

Chester Nordman

Doxology

Choral Anthem

Open My Eyes That I May See

SCOTT

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 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.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.’

Sermon

“Preparing for Takeoff”

Dave Pepler

Invitation Hymn * † 275

I Surrender All

SURRENDER

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;

I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

I surrender all, I surrender all;

All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly Thine;

Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit, truly know that Thou art mine.

I surrender all, I surrender all;

All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;

Fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessing fall on me.

I surrender all, I surrender all;

All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

Benediction

Dave Pepler

Postlude

At the Name of Jesus

Noel & Mountain

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:

The flowers this morning are given by Agnes Holloway, in memory of her friend, Dave Dencker, for his birthday on May 10th.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

WMU Meeting - Tuesday, May 14th at 10:00 am

Food Pantry – Wednesday, May 15th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Men’s Bible Study – Thursdays at 9:30 am

Coast Guard Class, Saturday, May 18th from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Beane Hall

The Cemetery Committee asks for volunteers to assist with Flags on Veterans’ graves at Woodlawn Cemetery for the Memorial Day Holiday. Flags will be placed Saturday, May 25th at 10:00am. They will be removing the Flags from the graves on Saturday, June 1st at 10:00am. Any help will be appreciated.

WHAT’S NEXT:

When the Holy Spirit decides to make an entrance, the best thing you can do is get out of the way. Then, join in the message that is being delivered. Please join us next week to hear the sermon titled, “*Are You Drunk?*”

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*“But you will receive power when
the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in
Jerusalem and in all Judea
and Samaria, and to the
end of the earth.” - Acts 1:8*

These are the final recorded words of Jesus before He ascended into Heaven –
the very last things He said to His disciples.

But we are not left alone –

*“Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age.”*

- Matthew 28:20



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