

The Gathering

Fanfare
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

*Call to Worship

All: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

*Opening Hymn “When Morning Gilds the Skies” Hymn #667

Scripture Acts 4:32-37 Pew Bible, pg. 121

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God, we confess to you this day that we are often clouded by selfish ambition. We know what we should do and often go the other way down the road. We see others in need and we think – someone else can handle that. We want to help but let our own voices get in the way – “You are too busy.” “What do you know?” “One person can’t change the world.” Forgive us, Lord, for failing You and Your people. Grant us clearer insight to the needs of the world and our ability to make a difference through You. Amen.

*Assurance of God’s Love

*Responsorial Hymn “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” Hymn #240 refrain

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.”**

*Greeting in Christ’s Name

The Word

Time with Our Children
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Numbers 27:12-23 Pew Bible, pg. 146

Sermon “Best Supporting Actor!” Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

*Hymn “See Ye First” Hymn #175

*Affirmation of Faith from The Confession of 1967 (inclusive language ed.)
The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides men and women in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries.
The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God’s purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.
Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

Call for the Offering
Offertory
*Doxology “Now Thanks We All Our God” Hymn #643 v. 3

“All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.”

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Sending

*Closing Hymn

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Hymn #792

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

Hymn #269 v. 3

**"Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears; your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!"**

Postlude

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

Liturgist: Cheryl Boettger

All hymns from Glory to God unless noted

Attribution: Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Carrico Jr., Rev. Jenny Carlson and Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson



Flower
Dedication

The flowers today are given by

Jan Jolley

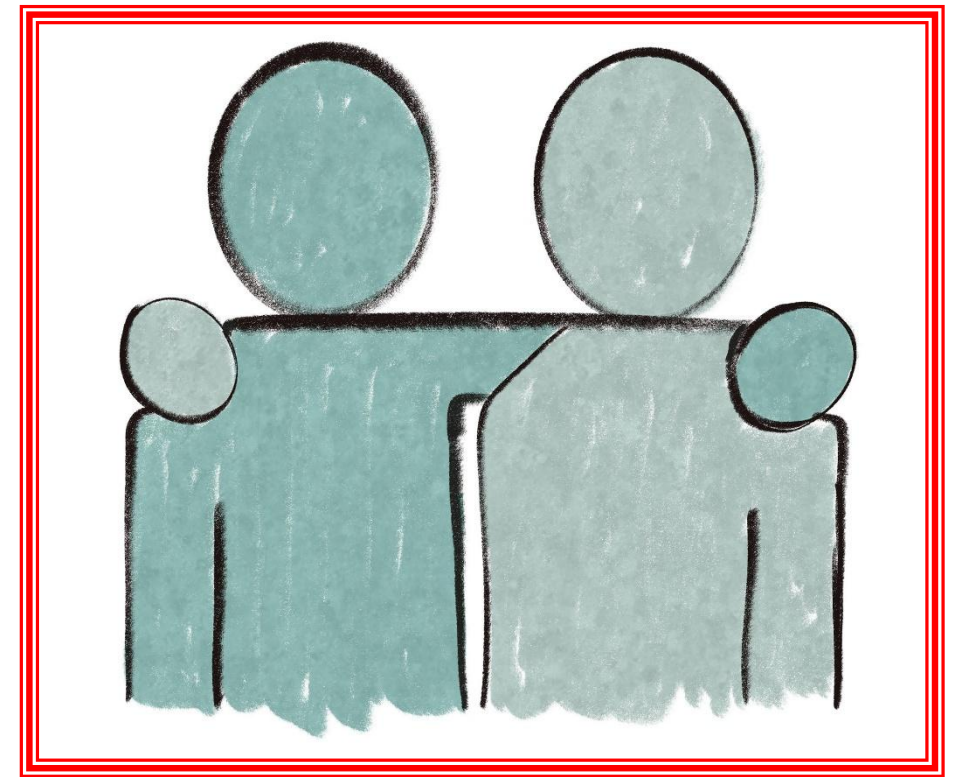
In memory of

David Jolley

Service of Worship

August 23rd, 2026

13th Sunday after Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson, Pastor

Mika Komuro, Pianist