

Service for the Lord's Day

11:00 am

The Gathering

Fanfare
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 10)
One: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
All: God's steadfast love endures forever.
One: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?
All: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.
One: Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.
All: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.
One: And let all the people say, Amen.
All: Praise the Lord!

*Opening Hymn	“Here in This Place”	Hymn #401
Scripture	Matthew 15:21-28	Pew Bible, pg. 17

Call to Confession
*Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, you call us again and again to seek your kingdom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Still, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way. Lord, forgive our sin. Turn us from our preoccupation with our own lives and turn us to your ways of grace, mercy, love and service. May we heed your invitation to be part of your kingdom and strive, through the power of your Holy Spirit, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response	“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”	Hymn #839, v. 1
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“Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. ”

*Greeting in Christ’s Name

The Word

Time with Our Children Prayer for Illumination Scripture	Mark 7: 24-30	Pew Bible, pg. 42
Sermon	“2 Ends Of the Table”	Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

Hymn	“Just as I Am, without One Plea”	Hymn #442
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*Affirmation of Faith, from A Declaration of Faith
We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

Call for the Offering
Offertory

*Doxology

Hymn #582

**“Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.”**

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

The Sending

*Closing Hymn

“What a Friend We Have In Jesus”

Hymn #465

*Benediction

*Benediction Response “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” Hymn #299, v. 1

**“You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad Christ’s wonderful name. The name all victorious of Jesus extol,
whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.”**

Postlude

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

Liturgist: Cheryl Boettger

Acolyte:

All hymns from Glory to God unless noted

Attribution: Rev. Phillip Gladden and Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Service of Worship

October 11th, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson, Pastor

Mika Komuro, Pianist

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