

Service of Worship

October 19th, 2025

19th Sunday after Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson, Pastor
Spencer Zembrodt, Pianist

Fanfare
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

The Gathering

*Call to Worship Elizabeth Hughes
One: We lift up our eyes to the hills—from where will our help come?
All: Our help comes not from the hills, but from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
One: I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;
All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.
One: With endurance, expectation, and joy,
All: let us worship the living God!

*Opening Hymn “Here in This Place” Hymn #401

Scripture lesson Matthew 5:13-16 Pew Bible, pg. 4

Reflection Questions:

Do you find it difficult to keep your lamp lit?
What extinguishes your flame?
What tempts you to hide your faith?
What gives you the courage to share?

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of the covenant, you promise to write your law in our hearts, that we might be faithful people who know you and your will for us. Still we stray from your ways, we fail to tell the truth, we mirror the world around us more than the good news of the gospel, and we fail to acknowledge that you are our God. Forgive us, and by your Spirit renew us. Engrave your covenant upon us once more. Grant us courage and faith that we might begin again to live what it is we say we believe.

*Assurance of God's Love

Hear and believe this good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Responsorial Hymn “To God Be the Glory” Hymn #634, last 2 lines

**“O Come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory: great things he has done!”**

*Greeting in Christ's Name

May the Peace of Christ Be With You. **And also with you.**
Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The Word

Time with the Children
Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3

Pew Bible, pg. 50

Sermon

“Be the Bush: Don’t Let Your Faith Burn Out!”
Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

Affirmation of Faith

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace. The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

*Hymn

“How Majestic is Your Name”

Hymn #613

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. 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

“Live into Hope”

Hymn #772

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Hymn #749

**“Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the Kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.
We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.”**

Postlude

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Elizabeth Hughes

Acolyte: Nolan & William Hughes

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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