

# Service of Worship

*September 1st, 2024*

*15th Sunday after Pentecost*



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

*Rev. Dr. Amy Snow, Interim Pastor*  
*Christina Seal, Organist/Pianist*

Fanfare

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“The Waves of Dawn”

Christopher Seal

**The Gathering**

\*Call to Worship

Roger Neff

Leader: Great is your faithfulness, our Heavenly Parent!

**People: You are consistent and unchanging in your love and compassion for us, your children.**

Leader: Every season, all the stars and planets in their celestial splendor,

**People: All of nature, the plants and animals all witness your great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

Leader: Great is your faithfulness, Great is your faithfulness!

**People: Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed your hand has provided,**

**All: Great is your faithfulness, O God, to all of us. Let us worship our gracious God!**

\*Opening Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Hymn #39

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Dear Lord, when we are tired, irritable or hangry, and we lack the bandwidth to respond as the people you would have us be, grant us the kindness and patience to respond well to others. When our implicit biases and our narrow mindedness keep us from seeing your face in all those we meet, open our eyes and our imaginations to see your image, our ears to hear a new perspective, and our hearts to respond in loving kindness. We confess that all too often we are reactive and make snap judgements, we focus on differences and that which divides, rather than that which we cherish and hold in common. Prince of Peace send your holy spirit to help us become the peacemakers you have called us to be. Help us to grow more in your likeness as we follow Jesus the Lord of life and the light of our lives. Amen.**

\*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Hymn #48

**“Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.  
Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of Life.”**

Greeting in Christ's Name

May the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## *The Word*

Time with our Children & Blessing of the Backpacks  
Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 7:24-30

Pew Bible pg 42

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Doggies and Stubborn Women”

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow

Hymn of Response

“We Come as Guests Invited”

Hymn #504

## *Response to Grace*

Call for the offering

Offertory

Doxology

Hymn #608

**“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God, whom we adore.”**

Prayer of Dedication

**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

### **Invitation to the table**

Come, all you who are loved by God, (that is, EVERYONE)

Come and be fed with the food that God gives freely; Come and quench your thirst from the waters of Life; Come, and let your spirits be filled again with the goodness of your Creator.

**Lord God, Giver of all good things, We hear Your invitation, we see Your gifts of life and grace. We have come, we have tasted and we know...God, You are good. And we believe that you are the Creator and Sustainer of all things. We believe that you are, the One who comes near, and comforts all people. We believe that you are, the One who gives life to every creature, and fills us with strength and love. Amen.**

**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.**

## Words of Institution and the Sharing of the Meal

### Prayer Following Communion

**God of World-Changing Love, we thank You for this meal, and for welcoming us to Your table. We remember that we are Your children, and that You have called us to share Your love with everyone we meet. Help us to receive Your life, walk in Your strength, and follow Your ways every moment of our lives. Amen.**

### *The Sending*

Closing Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Hymn #465

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

Hymn #62

**“Love the Lord your God with all your heart.  
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.  
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.  
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.”**

Postlude

“Postlude in G, Op. 134, no. 6”

Gustav Merkel

#### WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Roger Neff

Acolyte: Abel Dawn

\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

# All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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