

Service of Worship

June 23rd, 2024

5th Sunday after Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow, Interim Pastor

Dave Zeng, Music Director

Mika Komuro, Pianist

Fanfare

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Song of Farewell”

by Ernest Sands

The Gathering

*Call to Worship

Dave Agard

One: Welcome home, friends of Jesus, followers of the Way, family of God.

All: In the palm of God's hand, we are safe, secure, and beloved.

One: Welcome home, neighbors and weary travelers. This is a place where you belong.

All: Under this shelter of love and justice, we are protected from the storms of hate and winds of isolation.

One: All living things need shelter. We find safety, warmth, and peace when we come together in worship.

All: May the Spirit of God be home in our hearts as we worship under the wide wings of our Creator.

*Opening Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

Hymn #664

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of all shelter, You have given us everything we need to thrive on Earth, but we have not always used our blessings wisely. Instead of housing everyone, we have hoarded land and buildings, choosing profits and power over people. Instead of celebrating the rainforests—the oxygen-creating lungs of our planet—we have destroyed much of them and the home they provided for living beings. Instead of using sustainable materials, we have filled the oceans with plastic, choking out the habitats in the sea. Instead of considering our neighbors who live beside the rising waters of the seas, we have continued to pollute the skies and warm the climate. But we know when we repent, you are faithful to transform us into compassionate people who seek shelter for God's creatures. Call us back to generosity and increase our compassion for the lives around us. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #240, Chorus

“Alleluia Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Praise to His name.”

Greeting in Christ's Name

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The Word

Special Music

“Seek Ye First”
Chancel Choir

arr. Douglas Wagner

Time with our Children

Pastor Amy

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Mark 4:26-34

Pew Bible pg. 784

Pew Bible pg. 38

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Rooted in God’s Love”

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow

Response to Grace

Hymn of Response

“All Who Hunger Gather Gladly”

Hymn #509

Affirmation of Faith

One: Children of the Creator, friends of Jesus, and followers of the Way, come, let us affirm our understanding of every living thing’s needs.

All: Though creation is limited, and bound by space and time, we believe in a limitless, boundless God who knows our unique needs and cares for all.

One: We believe God calls all dwelling places good, from caves to coral, barns to bayous, apartments to aquifers.

All: Every living thing needs shelter. Shelter protects life!

One: We believe God causes the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cherish, to bring forth food from the earth.

All: Every living thing needs food. Food energizes life!

One: We believe God designed all life on earth to exist in precisely balanced cycles of precipitation and evaporation, growth and decay, death and resurrection.

All: Every living thing needs water. Water hydrates life!

One: We believe God’s breath hovered over the face of deep chaos. God created light, darkness, land, and life as they breathed out the words, “Let there be...”

All: Every living thing needs air. Air sustains life!

One: We believe in God’s holy community, the Trinity, three in one. We believe God designed us as cohabitants of this exquisite garden, for cooperation not conquest, for sustainability not selfishness.

All: Every living thing needs community. Community produces life! We believe in the magnificent design of Earth’s evolving resilience. May we honor and follow the example of God’s good creation.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“The Summons”

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

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.

Sending

Closing Hymn

“The Summons”

Hymn #726

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Hymn #19 v. 1

**“God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,
Alleluia, Alleluia, praise be to your name.”**

Postlude

“Praise the LORD, Sing Hallelujah”

by William Kirkpatrick

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Dave Agard

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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