

Service of Worship

April 12th, 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson, Pastor
Rick Marquardt, Guest Organist/Pianist

Fanfare

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

“Morning in the Garden”

Roger C. Wilson

The Gathering

*Call to Worship

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen! The whole creation rejoices; the birds sing from every tree.

All: **Alleluia! Christ is in our midst! Babies babble with sounds of joy; words cannot express our overflowing hearts.**

One: Alleluia! Christ is our light forever! Breathing peace on us in these moments; surrounding us with grace and hope.

*Opening Hymn

“In The Bulb There Is a Flower”

Hymn #250

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Hear the echoes of our locked hearts, Path of Life. We cross the borders into temptation and never seem to find our way back. We multiply the sorrows of others by our hurtful words and the harmful deeds we do. We see the ones you would give us to serve, but believe we do not have the abilities to care for them. Have mercy on us, God whose Breath gives us life. Walk through the closed doors of our worries and doubts to stand in our midst, offering us that grace which can heal us, that hope which can enliven us, and that faith which enables us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Assurance of God's Love

It is God's great mercy through the resurrection of Jesus which gives us that hope which lives within us.

Thanks be to God for this precious gift by which we are able to believe and rejoice in our inheritance. Amen.

*Responsorial Hymn

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Hymn #215 v. 1

“What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!”

Greeting in Christ's Name

Brothers and sisters in Christ we are one forgiven family. Let us continue to worship God in thanksgiving as we greet those who join us in prayer and praise.

As we have been welcomed by God, we now seek to welcome those among us. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

(Friends, while still maintaining the safety of the peace sign, let us take a holy moment of active greeting. Move to the 3 pews around you, sharing God's peace with God's people before returning to your seats)

The Word

Time with the Children
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Pew Bible, pg. 90

Sermon

“I Can See Clearly Now”

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

*Hymn

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Hymn #451

*Affirmation of Faith from Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Call for the Offering

Offertory

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

HYFRYDOL/Arr: John Carter

*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

“Be Thou My Vision”

Hymn #450

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“O Jesus, I have Promised”

Hymn #724 v. 4

“O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be. And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend,”

Postlude

“O Lamm Gottes inschuldig”
(Lamb of God, pure and holy)

Johann Pachelbel

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Phil Foster

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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Join the Church Team to help end hunger locally!

We are forming a Team to walk or run in the 2026 Freestore Foodbank 5K on Memorial Day, May 25th. Donations for our team will go to Brighton Center. Go to the link below or use the QR code to join our Team or donate to our Team. Either way, you will help to alleviate hunger here in our own area.

<https://give.freestorefoodbank.org/team/818912>

