

Service of Worship

September 15th, 2024

17th Sunday after Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow, Interim Pastor
Spencer Zembrodt, Music Director
Christina Seal, Organist/Pianist

Fanfare

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Prelude

“Amazing Grace”

New Britain arr. C. Szczepanek

The Gathering

*Call to Worship

Donna Baxter

One: May we remember

All: That God Created.

One: May we remember

All: That God liberated.

One: May we remember

All: That God fed.

One: May we remember

All: That God is still creating, God is still liberating, And God is still feeding us.

One: Let this be our story.

All: Let this be where we begin.

One: Let us worship holy God.

*Opening Hymn

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Hymn #408

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, We admit to remembering the wrong things. We remember worldly lessons like, “Everyone for themselves,” “An eye for an eye,” and “All is fair in love and war.” And yet, we forget to forgive 70 times seven, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to live like the body of Christ. Why is it so hard to remember the right things? Release us from our muscle memory and re-center us in a new place, a fresh place, a space grounded in your love. Help us to receive your word anew, and to consider stewardship not with the world’s rules, but with your rules. Help us remember. With hope we pray, Amen.

*Assurance of God’s Love and Forgiveness

In the name of Jesus Christ, you 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
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading

Exodus 16:1-18
Luke 22:1-23

Pew Bible pg 62
Pew Bible pg. 86

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

Sermon “Remembering Our Story of Faith and Finances” Rev. Dr. Amy Snow

Response to Grace

Remember

One: The story of God calls us to remember—

Many: that creation was made good, and Sabbath is necessary.

One: The story of God calls us to remember—

Many: that we belong to one another, for we are bone of bone and flesh of flesh.

One: The story of God calls us to remember—

Many: that reconciliation between siblings is holy, and slavery of any kind is evil.

One: The story of God calls us to remember—

Many: that the wilderness is real, and that God will be with us—raining down manna and speaking in a still, small voice.

One: The story of God calls us to remember—

Many: that love looks like healing the sick, eating with the outcast, making room for the children, and seeing the unseen.

One: The story of God calls us to remember—

Many: because if we forget, we risk making God, love, and reconciliation small.

All: So as we remember, may we declare—we believe in a God who made all things good, who stands with the suffering, walks with us in the wilderness, sees the overlooked, loves with an untamed heart, and makes room for all at God’s table.

Hymn of Response

“We Praise You, O God”

Hymn #612

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.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen!

World without end, without end. Amen.

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

“Come! Live in the Light!”

Hymn #749

*Benediction

God sends us to cities and squares, corners and gates;

We go listening for the words of the prophets.

The Risen Christ goes before us to proclaim good news;

We follow, bearing witness to the lives around us.

The Spirit of Love accompanies into the playground of creation;

We join her in becoming the beloved community.

The Trinity holds us in all variety, complexity, and diversity of love.

In the embrace of their sacred dance, we reside with profound wisdom and deep understanding, loving as they love us.

*Benediction Response

Hymn #749

**“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

“Trumpet Tune VI”

Paul Fey

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Donna Baxter

Acolyte: Elsie Wen

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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