

Service of Worship

May 10th, 2026
6th Sunday of Easter



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson, Pastor
Mika Komuro, Pianist

Fanfare

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Happy Mother's Day!

The Gathering

*Call to Worship

One: Come to worship, people of God, with praises on your lips.

All: We glorify the One who holds our hands when we slip.

One: Come into the presence of the One who calls us into this sacred space.

All: Where the doors to grace are thrown open so all may enter.

One: Come and hear the stories of the One who loves you.

All: We will tell of the joy and of the love, of the peace and of the hope which is ours.

*Opening Hymn

“God Is Here”

Hymn #409

Scripture

Romans 8:18-30

Pew Bible pg. 158

Question to ponder...

How have you seen God working all things together in your life?

*Call to Confession

*Prayer for Forgiveness

We admit, Knowing God, that from plastic cards to websites, from handheld devices to stock options, we are surrounded by a variety of gods who demand our worship. We can all too easily believe that work is our life, that wealth is the reason for our being, and that success is the very air we breathe. Forgive us, God of mercy. You are not found in a computer chip, but in the child who holds our hand. You are not a chatbot note, but the Word that can transform our very lives. You are not a disembodied, constantly recalculating voice, but the One who calls us to life, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Despite everything we do, God loves us. This grace is why we can dare to hope.

We will witness to this hope in every word we speak to every person we meet. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Responsorial Hymn

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Hymn #630 v. 4

“Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!”

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

Romans 8:31-39

Pew Bible, pg. 158

Sermon

“Unstoppable”

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

*Hymn

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

Hymn #488

Reception of Confirmands by Affirmation of Faith

*Affirmation of Faith, Faith Statement from Graeme Carelock, Evie Hughes, Reese Winkler

We believe and trust in God Almighty, creator of all. We trust in the plans that are laid out for us. God will love us no matter what, even when we trip and stumble...And we will!

We believe in the forgiveness of sins for which Jesus died. Jesus was God's only son. He was human and walked among the people, teaching, showing people how to live and helping people to find God. He set examples for us to follow. Jesus asks us to care for the sick, stand-up for those who cannot stand up for themselves, and help the vulnerable and outcasts.

The Holy Spirit is always with us. We are never alone. The Holy Spirit guides us on our path and helps us in times of darkness and in times of greatness.

We trust in our church family to help guide us on our journey of faith. The community gathers together for worship, rejoicing in God's love and his presence in our lives. Together, we can answer God's call to serve others and to grow stronger in our faith. May the grace of God be with us all.

*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

“Standing on the Promises”

Hymn #838

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“How Great Thou Art”

Hymn #625, v. 4

**“When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim,
“My God, how great thou art!” Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art!” How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!”**

Postlude

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Carol Winkler

Acolyte: Brekken Tester

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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Please note the changes in Children's
Sunday School for the next few
weeks...

5/17: Regular Class

5/24: No Sunday School,
Worship in the Park

Join the Adult Sunday School class as they finish The Unshakable Hope by Max Lucado. Class meets Sundays in the choir room from 9:30-10:30. Please come when you can, there is a new subject each week. Any questions, contact Sue Vank at 513-227-4004.

5/10: No Class

5/24: No Class

5/17: Chapter 12

5/31: Chapters 13 & 14