

Service of Worship

May 25th, 2025

6th Sunday of Easter



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow, Interim Pastor

Spencer Zembrodt, Music Director

Joe Rogers, Organist/Pianist

Fanfare
Welcome & Announcements
Minute for Mission
Prelude

The Gathering

*Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 67*)

Barb Deering

One: May God be gracious to us; May God bless us.

All: We gather in worship, knowing God is here.

One: May God's face shine upon us.

**All: May God call us into the joyful work of creating peace.
Let us worship our God in praise.**

*Opening Hymn

"Come Sing O Church in Joy!"

Hymn #305

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of the city, you call us to come to you in the world, but we disobey you. We choose power and profit over the acts of love that you exemplify for us again and again. We are content to work within systems that oppress instead of working to change things. We forget that everything comes from you, and that we are just stewards of what you have given. We seek our mountain tops instead of being among your people. Forgive us Lord, for the times that we forget your call to fully follow your example in the world. Embolden us to live fully in your call: to love our neighbor. (*a time of silent prayer and confession*) Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Friends, know and believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks Be to God! Amen.

Responsorial Hymn

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Hymn #240

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

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Revelation 21:10-22:5

Pew bible, pg. 259

Sermon

“The City of Light”

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow

Response to Grace

Affirmation of Faith (*excerpts from the Confession of Belhar*)

We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain, We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; have one God and Father, are filled with on Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope and together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.

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.

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

Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Hymn #307

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

When you hear the phrase 'Peace be with you', please respond; 'and also with you'

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

“Christ, Be Our Light”

Hymn #314

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

Hymn #231

**“Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change
All whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen. Christ is present making us what he has been—
Evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.”**

Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Barb Deering

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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- Showing God's Love
- Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Serving the Needs of others