

Service of Worship

August 18th, 2024

13th Sunday after Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow, Interim Pastor
Christina Seal, Organist/Pianist

Fanfare
Welcome and Announcements
Prelude

The Gathering

*Call to Worship Lois Rogers
Leader: Jesus says, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."
People: Savior God, we come to you hungry and thirsty, grateful for the sustenance you provide.

*Opening Hymn "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun" Hymn #663

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession
Christ calls us to stand with the least and the last, but we cling to power and privilege. We fear worldly consequences for faithful action. We fail to follow where Christ leads, making excuses for ourselves, for our silence in the face of oppression, for our lack of action. Forgive us, God, and help us risk following where Christ calls. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness
In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

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

Sermon Series: Strange Scriptures, Loving God

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:12-14 & 20-25

Pew Bible pg 47

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

Sermon

“Don’t Be Hangry!”

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Hymn of Response

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

Hymn #36

Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Response to Grace

Call for the offering

Offertory

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.

The Sending

Closing Hymn

“The Mighty God with Power Speaks”

Hymn #13

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Hymn #62

**“Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.”**

Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Lois Rogers

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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