

Service of Worship

November 9th, 2025

22nd Sunday after Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson, Pastor
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Fanfare
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

The Gathering

*Call to Worship

One: The God who is greater than we will ever understand, is humbled to become one of us.

All: The God who is more loving that our hearts dare imagine, gives us more grace than we ever realize.

One: The God who is wiser than we will ever know, teaches us all we need to become God's children.

*Opening Hymn

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

Hymn #337

Scripture lesson

2 Corinthians 9:6-13

Pew Bible, pg. 183

Reflection Questions:

Is it harder to give joyfully of your time, your talent, or your resources? Why?

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

We are so easily confused by what the world tells us, Watching God, that we forget the stories of faith we heard as children. We are so fearful of tomorrow, we are not aware of your Spirit with us today. We are so busy wondering 'what if?' or 'suppose?'- we cannot hear the promises you whisper to us.

So once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us. You know our hearts so well- touch them with your grace. You see our deepest fears- heal them with your peace. You hear our secret longings- speak to them of your hope. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Assurance of God's Love

We will sing our thanks through all eternity.

Great is God and greatly to be praised! Amen.

*Responsorial Hymn

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Hymn #465 v. 1

"What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!"

*Greeting in Christ's Name

May the Peace of Christ Be With You. **And also with you.**
Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The Word

Time with the Children
Prayer for Illumination

Sally Reusch

Scripture Reading

Genesis 28:10-22

Pew Bible, pg. 25

Sermon

“Do You Have An If, Then Faith?”
Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

Affirmation of Faith

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate men from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the Church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of men. His service to men commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming the church sees the promise of God's renewal of man's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

*Hymn

“Take My Life”

Hymn #697

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

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

Hymn #721

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Hymn #765

“May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.”

Postlude

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Barb Deering

Acolyte: Vank Russman Family

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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