

Service of Worship

September 17th, 2023

16th Sunday after Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow, Interim Pastor

Dave Zeng, Music Director

Mika Komuro, Pianist

We Gather Together

Fanfare

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Mika Komuro

Call to Worship

Barb Deering

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

P: **Bless God's holy name.**

L: God forgives, God heals.

P: **God transforms with steadfast love.**

All: **Bless God's holy name. Let us worship God.**

*Opening Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Hymn #1

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy god. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Hymn #240, refrain

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and restored to God's path of righteousness. Thanks to God! Amen.

**“Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His name.”**

The Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you,

And also, with you.

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

“Praise to the Lord”

by Joachim Neander

Chancel Choir

Doxology

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

Prayer of Dedication

We Proclaim God’s Word

Time with Our Children

Prayer for Illumination

“Spirit of the Living God”

Hymn #288

Scripture Reading

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Pew Bible pg. 20

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

Sermon

“Forgiveness, Can You Imagine?”

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow

Hymn

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

Hymn #754

We Respond to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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.

We Go Forth In God's Name

Closing Hymn

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Hymn #435

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Hymn #744 verse 1

**“Arise, your light is come! The Spirit’s call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today”**

Postlude

Mika Komuro

WORSHIP NOTES

Acolytes: Cadence Webster

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

On the Prayer List This Week: Linda B, Sally Reusch, Herb Hilgeman, Jane Reusch, Cindy Roth, Gary Shields

Remember Our Members in Caring Facilities:

The Barrington: Ann Deering, John Alexander, Barb Manyet

Carmel Manor: Jane Reusch

Hyde Park Health Center: Carol Warf

Highland Springs: Kathy Clixby

Inspirations: Corinne White

Providence Pavillion: Betsy Evans

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