

# Service of Worship

*April 20th, 2025*

*Easter Sunday*



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

*Rev. Dr. Amy Snow, Interim Pastor*

*Spencer Zembrodt, Music Director*

*Mika Komuro, Pianist*

Fanfare

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prelude

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

Hymn #231

## **The Gathering**

\*Call to Worship

Sally Reusch

One: Christ is Risen!

**All: He is Risen indeed.**

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**All: He is Risen Indeed!!!**

**All: Come, Let us worship Him**

\*Opening Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Hymn #232

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**You call us to hope, Savior God, but we despair. You call us to work for peace, but we doubt its power. You call us to community, but we judge and shun. Transform us, Holy One, by the joy of this Easter morning. Let us celebrate this day as a new beginning and a new life. Help us to embrace the power of possibility in the Risen Christ. *(a time of silent prayer and confession)* Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hope in God's promise because  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.**

Responsorial Hymn

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”  
(V. 1, 2, 4)

Hymn #240

Greeting in Christ's Name

Christ is Risen! **He is Risen Indeed!**

Special Music

“The Time for Singing Has Come”  
*Chancel Choir*

by Natalie Sleeth

## *The Word*

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson	Luke 24:1-12	Pew bible, pg. 90
Sermon	“Christ is RISEN!”	Rev. Dr. Amy L. Snow

## *Response to Grace*

Affirmation of Faith

**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.**

Hymn	“Lift High the Cross” (v. 1, 3, 4)	Hymn #826
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Call for the offering

Offertory	“Come Sing Unto the Lord” <i>Chancel Choir</i>	by Joseph M. Martin
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*Doxology		Hymn #582
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**“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

**Now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me. I bow before you and shall celebrate with immigrants and strangers in our community the bounty of all you have given to me and my household. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Today's Prayers of the People are structured as responsive petitioning prayers.  
As you hear the words: 'In your mercy', please respond with: **Resurrect us, O God.***

**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 Is Alive"  
(v. 1, 4, 5)

Hymn #246

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

"Hallelujah Chorus!"

George Frideric Handel

***All those who would like to join in the chorus, please come to the front of the sanctuary!***

Postlude

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

Acolyte: Young Family

Liturgist: Sally Reusch

\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

# All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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