

# Service of Worship

*March 10th, 2024*  
*4th Sunday in Lent*



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

Cheryl Boettger

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**P: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

L: One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek:

**P: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

L: to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

**P: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.**

L: Wait of the Lord;

**P: be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

\*Opening Hymn

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

Hymn #410

\*Call to Repentance

\*Prayer of Repentance and Centering on the Way of Christ

Holy God, Hear us as we join in prayer seeking to shed ourselves of worldly ways to follow your son Jesus more closely.

**May we be at peace within ourselves so that we may be at peace with others.**

**May we accept that we are profoundly loved, so that we may accept that others are profoundly loved.**

**May we practice courage in the face of fear. Remind us that true love drives out fear.**

**Make us aware of the source of all being that is common to us all and to all living creatures here on your earth.**

**Fill us with the presence of great compassion, your Holy Spirit, that we may show compassion toward ourselves and all living beings.**

**May we realize that we are all nourished from the same source of life, and may we live so that others are not deprived of air, food, water, shelter, or the chance to live.**

**Guide us so that we ourselves cease to be a cause and source of suffering to one another.**

**With humility let us pray for the establishment of peace in our hearts and on earth. Holy one, work in us and with us to make it so. Amen.**

\*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Hymn #166

**“Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,  
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.”**

The Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you,

**And also, with you.**

Call for the Offering

Special Music

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*Mika, Erika & Dave*

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

**We Proclaim God’s Word**

Time with our Children

Pastor Amy & Gracie

Prayer for Illumination

Hymn #288 sung twice

**“Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me, Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.”**

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:7-14

Pew Bible pg.77

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“What Kind of Tea?”

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow

*Adam Hayden, Kids4Peace*

**We Respond to God’s Word**

Hymn of Response

“Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table”

Hymn #186

Affirmation of Faith

**God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes our natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. God wills that God’s purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ, and all evil be banished from God’s creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.**

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

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Hymn #422

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

Hymn #70

**“What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?  
To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.”**

Postlude

Mika Komuro

WORSHIP NOTES

Acolyte: Abel Dawn

Liturgist: Cheryl Boettger

\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

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

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