

The Gathering

Fanfare
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

*Call to Worship
One: Why do you come to this place?
All: We seek the path of righteousness and truth.
One: Do you come ready to hear and learn giving attention to God’s Word?
All: We come with open hearts and minds seeking to learn from the one whose authority is founded on God’s love.
One: Friends, lend your ears and open your hearts because this is God’s house, built by love and sustained by hope, where God seeks to align our work and witness.

*Opening Hymn “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather” Hymn # 311

Scripture Nehemiah 10:31-39 Pew Bible, pg. 439

Call to Confession
*Prayer of Confession
Eternal God, we come before you aware that you know the truth of our hearts before we can utter a word. You know when our good intentions exceed our capacity for gospel living. You know when we embrace the good news of liberation with our lips but don’t change our actions. We imprison ourselves with the assumption that you will judge us as mercilessly as we often judge ourselves and one another. Forgive our shortcomings and the times we have failed to live the words we say. Restore us in the confidence of people who have heard good news and remind us that even when we arrive late, there is still work to be done. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon
*Hymn of Response “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” Hymn #438, v.2

**“Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands.
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone.
Thou must save, and thou alone.”**

*Greeting in Christ’s Name

The Word

Time with Our Children
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Romans 16:1-2 Pew Bible, pg. 164
 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Pew Bible, pg. 183

Sermon “Activate & Serve” Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

*Hymn “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” Hymn #744

*Affirmation of Faith, The Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

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

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Hymn #462

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Though I May Speak ”

Hymn #693, v. 3

“Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.”

Postlude

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

Liturgist: Barb Deering

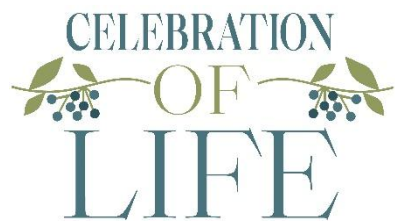
Acolyte: Vank Russman Family

All hymns from Glory to God unless noted

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If you would like to order flowers for Sunday morning, please contact Emily Detmer-Goebel at detmergoebel@nku.edu or text/call at 859-429-1838



Service for Sally Reusch

Monday, October 5th

6:00pm at the church

Please wear bright colors!

Service of Worship

September 27th, 2026

18th Sunday after Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson, Pastor

Mika Komuro, Pianist