

# Service of Worship

*September 3rd, 2023*

*14th 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

“God Will Make a Way”

by D. Moen

Call to Worship

Roger Neff

L: We gather hoping to see God,

**P: here in worship, we realize that we see God in one another.**

L: We can see God

**P: when we show one another honor,**

L: when we offer hospitality to strangers,

**P: when we live in harmony with one another,**

L: when we rejoice in hope.

**P: Let us worship the visible God amongst us.**

\*Opening Hymn

“Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord”

Hymn #389

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of love, you ask us to love one another from the center of who we are, you tell us to bless one another, you encourage us to do good. But we have not listened to your words, instead of loving we have practiced hatred, instead of blessing, we have perfected cursing, instead of doing good, we have sought to get even. Forgive us for giving up. Give us grace to try again, and encouragement to make your ways, our ways. We pray, we wait, and we hope. Amen.**

\*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Hymn #240, refrain

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

**“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

“The Gift of Love”  
*Chancel Choir*

arr. Hal Hopson

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

Matthew 16:21-28

Pew Bible pg. 18

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

Sermon

“Setting our Minds on Divine Things”

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow

Hymn

“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”

Hymn #506

### ***We Respond to God’s Word***

Invitation to Christ’s Table

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.**

Breaking of the Bread & Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

## *We Go Forth In God's Name*

Closing Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

Hymn #826

\*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

“O del mio amato ben...”

by S. Donaudy

### WORSHIP NOTES

\*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

**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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