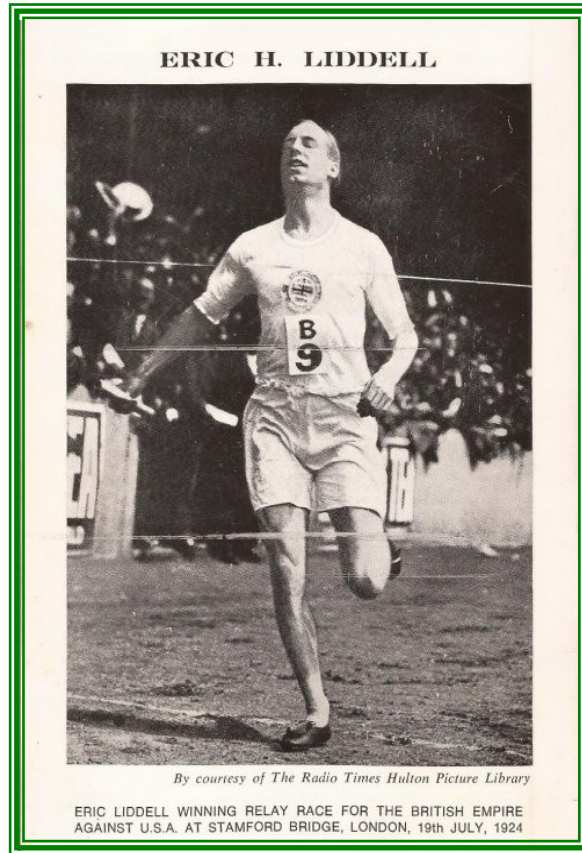


Service of Worship

August 17th, 2025

10th Sunday of Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

David Corfman, Guest Speaker

Mika Komuro, Pianist

Fanfare
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

The Gathering

*Call to Worship

Roger Neff

One: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

All: Stir up your might and come to save us!

One: You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

All: You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

One: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches;

All: It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the river.

One: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see.

All: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*Opening Hymn

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit“

Hymn #408

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Ever-loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust your love. You call us to step forward in radical faith, but we cling to what is familiar, comfortable and non-controversial. You are eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to discern your presence in the signs of the times. Forgive us, O God. By your grace, give us courage to stand for what is right and good and to risk love and justice even when it is unpopular. Teach us faithfulness and perseverance for the journey ahead. (time for silent prayer) In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of God’s Love

Proclaim the good news with me:

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

Responsorial Hymn

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

Hymn #591

**“Halle, halle, halle-lu-u-jah-
Halle, halle, halle-lu-u-jah-
Halle, halle, halle-lu-lu-jah-
Hallelujah, Halle-lu-jah! (2x)”**

Greetings in Christ's Name

May the Peace of Christ Be With You. **And also with you.**

The Word

Time with Our Children

Whitney Dolph

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Pew bible, pg. 226

Sermon

"Passing the Baton"

David Corfman

Response to Grace

Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Hymn

"Guide My Feet"

Hymn #741

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

Hymn #609

**"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

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 Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Hymn #377

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Come! Live in the Light!”

Hymn #749

“Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

**We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.”**

Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Roger Neff

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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