

Service of Worship

April 26th, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter



This
righteousness
is given through
faith *in*
Jesus Christ
to all who **BELIEVE.**
ROMANS 3:22, NIV

First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

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Fanfare

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

The Gathering

*Call to Worship

One: In the laughter of children, we hear the voice of the Gate of the Way, and find our way home.

All: In the lap of a parent, God's compassion cradles us in the still waters of love.

One: The Shepherd of our lives leads us through that door into life with him forever.

All: We are baptized with living waters which refresh us, restoring us to follow Jesus all our days.

One: The Holy Spirit, Keeper of truth is the Light which guides us through every shadowed moment.

All: The Breath of life stills our worries and fears, as we are lead to that peaceful place of God's heart.

*Opening Hymn

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Hymn #286

Scripture

James 2:14-26

Pew Bible pg. 230

Question to ponder...

What do you believe is the most important element of your life with God?

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

The wrong paths to foolish lives and repeated mistakes? We know all too well where they are, Gate of our lives. Stirring up the waters with trouble comes all too easy to us, we confess. And locking the doors of our hearts so we don't have to love others is second nature to us. Forgive us, our Goodness and Mercy. May our hearts overflow with hope for others, as you anoint us with healing oil. May we share from our abundance with all who hunger for life. May we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to the places of service and life with you forever.

*Assurance of Pardon

Our Comforter leads us to that place where God's Table is spread with forgiveness and overflowing with grace. Here, we are called to life and love.

We will live as God's people: forgiven to serve, blessed to share, loved so we might care. Thanks be to God. Amen.

This we know for certain— we are forgiven by our gracious God. This good news never ceases to astound us!

The promise is passed on to us, so we may share it with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

“God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God’s so good to me.”

Greeting in Christ’s Name

Brothers and sisters in Christ we are one forgiven family. Let us continue to worship God in thanksgiving as we greet those who join us in prayer and praise.

**As we have been welcomed by God, we now seek to welcome those among us.
May the peace of Christ be with you all.**

(Friends, while still maintaining the safety of the peace sign, let us take a holy moment of active greeting. Move to the 3 pews around you, sharing God’s peace with God’s people before returning to your seats)

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Romans 3:21-31

Pew Bible, pg. 154

Sermon

“Are You Working On It?”

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

*Hymn

“Let Us Build a House”

Hymn #301

*Affirmation of Faith from the Second Helvetic Confession

In all crises and trials of our life we call upon God alone, and do so by the mediation of our only mediator and intercessor, Jesus Christ. For we have explicitly commanded: “Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me” (Psalm 1:15). Moreover, we have a most generous promise from the Lord who said: “If you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you” (John 16:23), and: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). And since it is written: “How are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed?” (Romans 10:14), and since we do believe in God alone, we assuredly call upon God alone, and we do so through Christ alone. Amen.

*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.”

