

Service of Worship

September 24th, 2023

17th 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

Minute for Mission

Prelude

Mika Komuro

Call to Worship

Susan Nurre

L: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

P: One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts, O God

L: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

All: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us worship our God!

*Opening Hymn

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

Hymn #41

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, forgive us when we grumble and complain against your goodness as the Israelites did in the desert, as the elder brother did to his father in the parable of the prodigal son, as the workers in the field did to the landowner who paid a day's labor as promised. We judge and weigh *your* gifts according to *our* standards. We often question your fairness instead of receiving your grace with thanksgiving and joy or celebrating with others who are recipients of grace. Help us to see your world through your eyes and with your spirit of generosity and grace, that we may welcome the chance to serve side by side with all creating the beloved community on earth as it is in heaven. Forgive us, Lord, in your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Hymn #240, refrain

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;

It is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!

“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

Mika Komuro

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

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Pew Bible pg. 21

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

Sermon

“Infuriating Grace”

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow

Hymn

“Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord”

Hymn #477

We Respond to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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 people 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!”. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Hymn #649

*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

Mika Komuro

WORSHIP NOTES

Acolytes: Laura B. Messmer

*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, Gary Shields, Elsie Zeng & Family

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

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