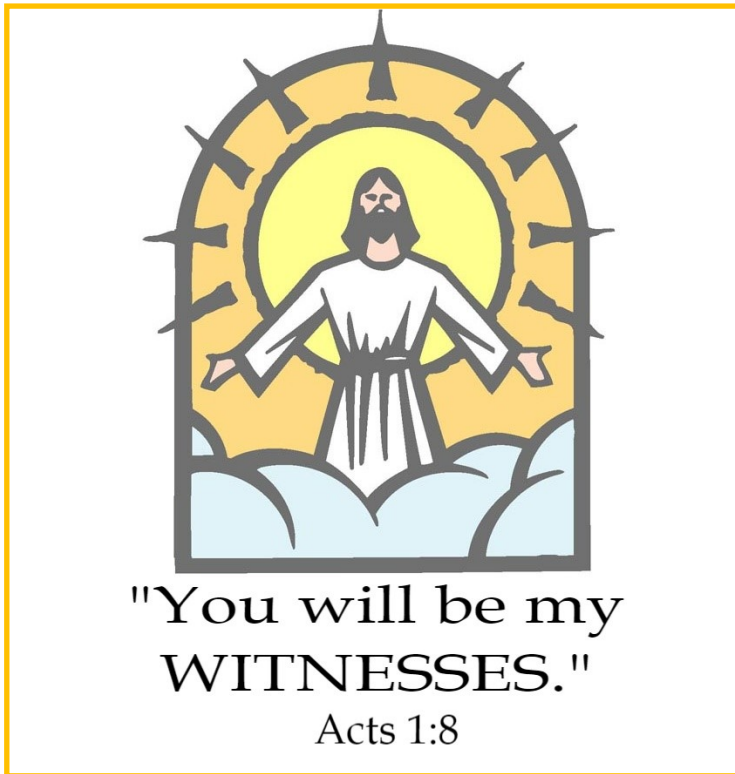


Service of Worship

May 21st, 2023
7th Sunday of Easter



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow, Interim Pastor
Dave Zeng, Music Director
Mika Komuro, Pianist

We Gather Together

Gathering Fanfare

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "God Will Make a Way" by Don Moen

Call to Worship Roger Neff

One: Sing to God.

All: Sing praises to God's name.

One: Sing to God O kingdoms of the earth.

All: Sing praises to the Lord.

All: Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn "God Welcomes All" Hymn #399
(three times)

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that too often we have our head in the clouds. We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it would be instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality. At times, we find it difficult to claim the power you have given us. Surely you have others more capable to be your witnesses? And so, we continue to gaze heavenwards. Jolt us out of our complacency, O God. Remind us to get a move on. Remind us we have work to do with you. Give us your energy, courage, and vision to be your witnesses to the end of the earth.

*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness Hymn #240, refrain

One: We are God's people

All: Created, Loved and forgiven.

One: The God of all grace has called us by name.

All: God will restore, support, strengthen and establish us.

One: It is good news to celebrate.

All: We are forgiven!

"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.

We Proclaim God's Word

Special Music

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
Chancel Choir

arr. Zeng

Time with Our Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

John 17:1-11
Acts 1:6-14

Pew Bible pg. 111
Pew Bible pg. 118

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

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow

Hymn of Response

“How Firm A Foundation”
(v. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

Hymn #463

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

“We All Are One in Mission”
Mika Komuro

Doxology

#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

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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

*Sending Hymn

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Hymn #662

*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

“Joy Has Dawned”

by Getty & Townend

WORSHIP NOTES

Acolyte: Brekken Tester

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise