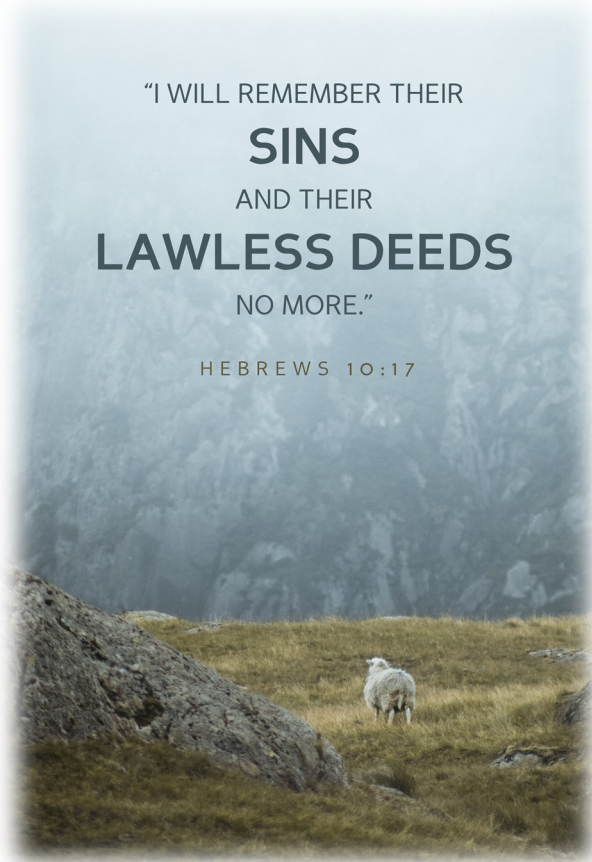


# Service of Worship

*May 3rd, 2026*  
*5th Sunday of Easter*



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

*Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson, Pastor*  
*Mika Komuro, Pianist*

Fanfare

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

**The Gathering**

\*Call to Worship, adapted from Glory to God #93

One: Lift up your heads, ye might gates!

**All: Behold! The Savior of the world is risen!**

One: Fling wide the portals of your hearts:

**All: Let us feel the presence of God's grace and love!**

One: O Holy spirit, lead us on in worship;

**All: Call us each by name, that we may give God glory.**

\*Opening Hymn

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Hymn #667

Scripture lesson

Galatians 2:11-21

Pew Bible, pg. 188

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world, you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love. But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold. You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves. Christ laid down his life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to the open gate of Christ's redeeming love that we may enter your Beloved Community and find restoration for our souls, reconciliation with our enemies and the glory of abiding with you forevermore. Amen.**

\*Assurance of God's Love

\*Responsorial Hymn

“Give Thanks”

Hymn #647

**“Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, “We are strong”; let the poor say, “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!” Give thanks. Give thanks.”**

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*

Time with the Children  
Prayer for Illumination  
Scripture Reading

Romans 5:20-6:14

Pew Bible, pg. 156

Sermon

“Unchained Not Unhinged”

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

## *Response to Grace*

\*Hymn

“Arise, Your Light Is Come”

Hymn #744

\*Affirmation of Faith from the Book of Common Worship

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. 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.”**

Prayer of Dedication

## **Liturgy for the celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

Hymn of Preparation

“I Come with Joy”

Hymn #515

### **Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts!

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you praise...

## Distribution of the Bread

*Please hold the bread so we may all partake as a family of God,  
signifying God's gift of Christ for us all.*

## The Cup

*You may take the cup as it is served,  
signifying Christ's blood shed for our individual redemption.*

## Prayer after Communion

### 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

“Come, Live in the Light!”

Hymn #749

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

“I’m Gonna Live so God Can Use Me”

Hymn #700, v. 1

**“I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!”**

## Postlude

**(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)**

## WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Paul Winkler

Acolyte: Vank Russman Family

\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

# All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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Please note the changes in Children's  
Sunday School for the next few  
weeks...

5/3: No Sunday School, Communion

5/10: No Sunday School,  
Confirmation

5/17: Regular Class

5/24: No Sunday School,  
Worship in the Park

Join the Adult Sunday School class as they finish The Unshakable Hope by Max Lucado. Class meets Sundays in the choir room from 9:30-10:30. Please come when you can, there is a new subject each week. Any questions, contact Sue Vank at 513-227-4004.

5/10: No Class

5/24: No Class

5/17: Chapter 12

5/31: Chapters 13 & 14