

Service of Worship

May 7th, 2023

5th 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

“My home town”

S. Okana

Call to Worship

One: We have been walking, Lord,

**All: on roads of uncertainty and fear, on roads of exhaustion and doubt,
On winding roads that have led us here.**

One: Join us on our journey, Lord.

**All: By your presence, refresh our spirits, set our hearts ablaze,
and give us new direction!**

*Opening Hymn

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”
(v. 1, 2, & 4)

Hymn #396

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Jesus, Teacher, we confess today our outright foolishness. We have been foolish to doubt your promises. Foolish to withhold love from neighbor. Foolish to chase riches, prestige and power. Foolish to waste your gifts and spoil your creation. Foolish to divide your children from each other. Foolish to think hope is lost. Wise us up again. Open our hearts to your presence in our lives, in our neighbors, in the world. In your grace, help us grab onto our millionth second chance, and forge a new road from here on. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Hymn #240

Hear the good news! New life is not only possible; it has drawn near to us in Jesus.
The promise is for us, and for all the children of God.

**By the grace of God, the glory of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit,
we are forgiven and we are free! 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.

We Proclaim God's Word

Special Music

“God Is So Good”
Chancel Choir

arr. Douglas Wagner

Time with Our Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Luke 24:9-35

Pew Bible pg. 90

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

Sermon

“There Ought to Be a Warning”

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow

Hymn of Response

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

Hymn #500

We Respond to God's Word

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Welcome & Invitation

Words of Institution: The Communion Story

Communion of the People

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.

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”
Mika Komuro and Dave Zeng

Doxology

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**“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

