

Service of Worship

March 17th, 2024

5th Sunday in Lent



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow, Interim Pastor

Dave Zeng, Music Director

Christina Seal, Organist/Pianist

We Gather Together

Fanfare

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Kristin Campbell

*Call to Worship

Lois Rogers

L: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;

P: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

L: You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.

P: Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

L: Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us.

P: Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your salvation.

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

“Jesus Loves Me”
(v. 1 & 2, repeat)

Hymn #188

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to “me and mine”. Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

*Assurance of God’s Love and Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn #166

**“Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.”**

The Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you,

And also, with you.

Call for the Offering

Special Music

“Amazing Grace”
Dave & Christina

arr. James Curnow

Doxology

Hymn #608

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God, whom we adore.”

Prayer of Dedication

We Proclaim God’s Word

Time with our Children

Pastor Amy & Gracie

Prayer for Illumination

Hymn #288 sung twice

“Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me, Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.”

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:15-24

Pew Bible pg.77

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

Sermon

“A Rope, A Fan, or An Elephant?”

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow

We Respond to God’s Word

Hymn of Response

“Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”

Hymn #174

Affirmation of Faith

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That we are not our own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because we belong to him, Christ, by the Holy Spirit, assures us of eternal life and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for God.

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

“Woman in the Night”

Hymn #161

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Hymn #70

**“What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.”**

Postlude

“Gigue on St. Theodulph”

Alessandro Sisti

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Lois Rogers

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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To the Glory of God and in honor of

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