

# Service of Worship

*April 28th, 2024*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*



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 and Announcements

Prelude

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Daniel Light

\*Call to Worship

Tom Hills

One: We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,

**All: for we are the church of Jesus Christ!**

One: We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,

**All: opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!**

\*Opening Hymn

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Hymn #664

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. Amen.**

\*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Hymn #240, Chorus

**“Alleluia Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Praise to His name.”**

Greeting in Christ's Name

In this Easter Season we greet each other with the ancient call and response:

**Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!**

Call for the Offering

Offertory/Special Music

“Vocalise”

by Carlos Pedrell

*Trumpet & Piano*

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:1-22

Pew Bible pg. 127

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

Sermon

“Altered Among Our Enemies”

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow

## **We Respond to God's Word**

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;**

**that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;**

**that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.**

Hymn of Response

“Amazing Grace”

Hymn #649

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

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

Hymn #727

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

Hymn #231 v. 3

**“Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change  
All whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.  
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been:  
Evidence of transformation in which God is know and seen.”**

Postlude

“Postlude in C Major”

Arthur Foote

#### WORSHIP NOTES

Acolyte: Young Family

Liturgist: Tom Hills

\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

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

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