

Service of Worship

May 17th, 2026
7th Sunday of Easter



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

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

Fanfare

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Ringers in Harmony

The Gathering

*Call to Worship from Psalm 68:7-10, 32

All: O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

*Opening Hymn

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Hymn #35

Scripture

Romans 10:5-13

Pew Bible pg. 160

*Call to Confession

*Prayer for Forgiveness

Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The Bible tells us of your steadfast mercy. You even pray for us. Yet we live holding on to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, and make us again as you would have us be. We make all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

One: We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

All: Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

One: Believe the promise of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Responsorial Hymn

“Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”

Hymn #458

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid and I think I’ve lost my way, still you’re right beside me. Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.”

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 10:14-21

Pew Bible, pg. 160

Sermon

“Share the News”

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

*Hymn

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Hymn #462

*Affirmation of Faith, Faith Statement from Graeme Carelock, Evie Hughes, Reese Winkler

We believe and trust in God Almighty, creator of all. We trust in the plans that are laid out for us. God will love us no matter what, even when we trip and stumble...And we will!

We believe in the forgiveness of sins for which Jesus died. Jesus was God's only son. He was human and walked among the people, teaching, showing people how to live and helping people to find God. He set examples for us to follow. Jesus asks us to care for the sick, stand-up for those who cannot stand up for themselves, and help the vulnerable and outcasts.

The Holy Spirit is always with us. We are never alone. The Holy Spirit guides us on our path and helps us in times of darkness and in times of greatness.

We trust in our church family to help guide us on our journey of faith. The community gathers together for worship, rejoicing in God's love and his presence in our lives. Together, we can answer God's call to serve others and to grow stronger in our faith. May the grace of God be with us all.

*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

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.

The Sending

*Closing Hymn

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Hymn #203

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

Hymn #269, v. 2

“Lead on, O King eternal, till sin’s fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords’ loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.”

Postlude

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Roger Neff

Acolyte: Nolan & William Hughes

*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...

5/17: 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.

5/17: Chapter 12

5/24: No Class

5/31: Chapters 13 & 14