

# Service of Worship

*September 10th, 2023*

*15th Sunday after Pentecost*



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

*Rev. Dr. Amy Snow, Interim Pastor*  
*Dave Zeng, Music Director*  
*Christina Seal, Guest Organist/Pianist*

**We Gather Together**

Fanfare

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

“Cornerstone Medley”

arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

Dave Agard

L: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**P: This day is God's gift to us.**

L: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**P: God has graciously gathered us together in this place.**

L: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**P: God is good and faithful. God is worthy of our praise.**

\*Opening Hymn

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Hymn #394

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would want us to be. Amen.**

\*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Hymn #240, refrain

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

**“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.**

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” by Steven Scott  
*Chancel Choir*

Doxology  
**“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

### ***We Proclaim God’s Word***

Time with Our Children

Prayer for Illumination “Spirit of the Living God” Hymn #288

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:15-20 Pew Bible pg. 20

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

Sermon “Conflict in the CHURCH?!?” Rev. Dr. Amy Snow

Hymn “Kum ba Yah” Hymn #472

### ***We Respond to God’s Word***

Affirmation of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

## **We Go Forth In God's Name**

Closing Hymn

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Hymn #700

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

Hymn #744 verse 1

**“Arise, your light is come! The Spirit’s call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today”**

Postlude

“Postlude in F Major, Op. 28, No. 7”

by Christian Cappelan

### WORSHIP NOTES

Acolytes: Scarlett & Isaac Young

\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

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

**On the Prayer List This Week:** Linda B, Sally Reusch, Herb Hilgeman, Jane Reusch, Cindy Roth, Gary Shields

#### **Remember Our Members in Caring Facilities:**

The Barrington: Ann Deering, John Alexander, Barb Manyet

Carmel Manor: Jane Reusch

Hyde Park Health Center: Carol Warf

Highland Springs: Kathy Clixby

Inspirations: Corinne White

Providence Pavillion: Betsy Evans

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