

Service of Worship

April 19th, 2026
3rd Sunday of Easter



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

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

Fanfare

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

Ringers in Harmony

The Gathering

*Call to Worship

One: Lift your voices to God.

All: We call on the One who promises to hear us.

One: In life, in death, in every moment, God deals graciously with us.

All: We rejoice in the One who saves us.

One: We will break the Bread of Life in thanksgiving to God.

All: We will lift up the Cup of salvation, drinking deeply from it.

*Opening Hymn

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Hymn #649

Scripture

Matthew 7:3-5

Pew Bible pg. 7

Question to ponder...

If we are promised forgiveness and grace, why are we quick to judge others and blinded by our own sin?

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

We cut you to the heart, Loving God, with the silly choices we make. We had hoped our lives would reflect your presence, but those around us can see how empty we are. We had hoped our words might bring healing, but they end up hurting those we love the most. We had hoped to find Jesus, but cannot see him in all those you send to us. Oh, how foolish we are to think we can go on without your mercy, Lord God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, you judge us impartially from the depths of your heart, so we may be born anew by your grace, to continue the journey into your future. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

This we know for certain-we are forgiven by our gracious God.

This good news never ceases to astound us!

This promise is passed on to us, so we may share it with everyone we meet.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Responsorial Hymn

“The Strife Is O’er”

Hymn #236 v. 4

“Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death’s dread sting thy servants free, that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!!”

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 1:16-25

Pew Bible, pg. 152

Sermon

"They Call It Grace"

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

*Hymn

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

Hymn #361

*Affirmation of Faith from the Brief Statement of faith, PCUSA

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

*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 “Loves Divine, All Loves Excelling” Hymn #366, v. 1-3

*Benediction

*Benediction Response “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Hymn #366 v. 4

“Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.”

Postlude

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Carol Winkler

Acolyte:

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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Join the Church Team to help end hunger locally!

We are forming a Team to walk or run in the 2026 Freestore Foodbank 5K on Memorial Day, May 25th. Donations for our team will go to Brighton Center. Go to the link below or use the QR code to join our Team or donate to our Team. Either way, you will help to alleviate hunger here in our own area.

<https://give.freestorefoodbank.org/team/818912>

