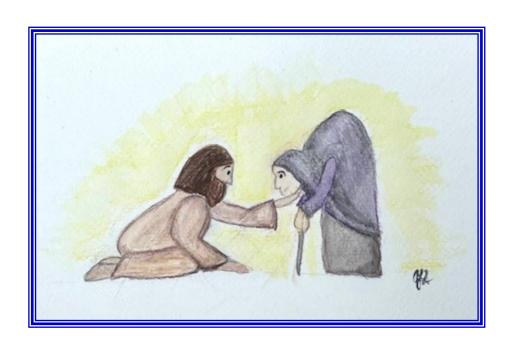
Service of Worship

August 24th, 2025 11th Sunday of Pentecost Proper 16



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow, Interim Pastor Míka Komuro, Pianist Fanfare Welcome & Announcements Prelude

The Gathering

*Call to Worship- from Psalm 139

Dave Agard

One: You knit me together in my mother's womb.

All: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

One: Wonderful are your works that I know very well.

All: My frame was not hidden from you when I was being made in secret, intricately

woven in the depths of the earth.

One: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

All: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! One: I try to count them-they are more than the sand!

All: I come to the end-I am still with you.

*Opening Hymn

"Here in This Place"

Hymn #401

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Embodied God, we confess that we have rent mind from matter, been deceived into viewing our bodies as tools for productivity as opposed to sacred beings worthy of love and honor. In our spiritualities, we have exalted the invisible over the physical. In our daily routines, we have not cared for our bodies well. And that neglect has rippled out toward the bodies of others in our midst. Forgive us, God, and restore in us a sacred attunement to our whole selves—minds, blood, breath, the hands that grip these pages. With divine help, may we never abandon ourselves again. (time for silent prayer) Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Responsorial Hymn

"As a Child Rests"

Hymn #474

"As a child rests in its mothers arms so will I rest in You. As a child rests in its mothers arms so will I rest in You. (2x)"

Greetings in Christ's Name

May the Peace of Christ Be With You. And also with you.

The Word

Time with Our Children Prayer for Illumination Scripture Lesson

Luke 13:10-17

Pew bible, pg. 76

Sermon

"Finding Freedom Face to Face"

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow

Response to Grace

Affirmation of Faith

In life and 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. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

Hymn #795

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 it the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end, Amen. 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

"Let All Things Now Living"

Hymn #37

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Come! Live in the Light!" Hymn #749

"Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;

we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God."

Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Dave Agard
*All are invited to stand in body or spirit
All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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