

# Service of Worship

*August 13th, 2023*

*11th Sunday after Pentecost*



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 & Announcements

Prelude

“On Eagle’s Wings”

by Michael Joncas  
arr. Lloyd Larson

Call to Worship

Donna Baxter

L: O Give thanks to the Lord, call on God’s name!

**P: Make known God’s deeds among all the people.**

L: Sing praises to God, tell of God’s wonderful works!

**P: Seek your God and their strength, seek God’s presence continually.**

L: Remember the wonderful work your Sovereign has done.

**All: And the Holy One will remember our Covenant forever. AMEN.**

\*Opening Hymn

“How Firm A Foundation”  
(v. 1, 3, 5)

Hymn #463

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**We have sinned in acts that are counter to your word and example and by inaction when you called us to follow you. Holy one, we have witnessed your grace, mercy, and provision, yet it is still difficult for us to lean into faith and trust. We look to our own resources and knowledge and they are insufficient and we despair. May we focus on you, and listen to you—the eternal source of our sustenance, provision, protection, and help. Help us to place as much energy and trust in our future as we place in our history. May we know your presence and keep our eyes always upon you. Amen.**

\*Assurance of God’s Love and Forgiveness

Hymn #240, refrain

Friends, see, hear and know that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**“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

“The Lord’s Prayer”

by Albert Hay Malotte

*Cathy Newman*

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**

Special Music

“O Sing Unto the Lord”

by Michael Bedford

*Chancel Choir*

Time with Our Children

Backpack Blessing

Prayer for Illumination

“Spirit of the Living God”

Hymn #288

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-23

Pew Bible pg. 16

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“First Pray, then do the things...”

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow

Hymn

“Change My Heart, O God”

Hymn #695

### **We Respond to God’s Word**

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.**

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

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Hymn #729

\*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

“Toccata in G Major”

by Théodore Dubois

### WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Donna Baxter

Acolyte: Elsie Wen

\*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, students, teachers and school personnel going back to school

### **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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