

Service of Worship

August 25th, 2024

14th Sunday after Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Stan Webster, Guest Pastor
Christina Seal, Organist/Pianist

Fanfare
Welcome and Announcements
Prelude

The Gathering

*Call to Worship

Donna Baxter

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

People: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Leader: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

People: As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

Leader: They go from strength to strength;

People: the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

*Opening Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymn #475

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. And now, dear Lord, hear the prayers deep within the silence of our hearts...

*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Hymn #48

**“Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.
Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of Life.”**

Greeting 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

Sermon Series: Strange Scriptures, Loving God

Scripture Reading

John 6:56-69

Pew Bible pg 98

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

Sermon

“This Teaching is Difficult”

Rev. Dr. Stan Webster

Hymn of Response

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Hymn #353

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Response to Grace

Call for the offering

Offertory

“Lord, From Your Hand”
Women’s Choir

Fettke & Greer

Doxology

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God, whom we adore.”

Hymn #608

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

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Hymn #630

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Hymn #62

**“Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.”**

Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Donna Baxter

Acolyte: Nolan Hughes

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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