

Service of Worship

April 5th, 2026



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

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

Fanfare

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

The Gathering

*Call to Worship

One: Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

All: **Hosanna! Hosanna!**

One: Celebrate this day of days!

All: **Hosanna! Hosanna! Let all creation be amazed! Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is Risen.**

*Opening Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Hymn #232

Scripture lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Pew Bible, pg. 129

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our death-dealing sins, our habits that demean and degrade, or addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Love

This is the day of resurrection and new life. This is the day God offers us steadfast hope and love which will never end.

We will sing and dance on this day! We will rejoice and give thanks to the God who saves us. Amen.

*Responsorial Hymn

“To God Be the Glory”

Hymn #634 v. 1

“To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!”

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

John 20:1-18

Pew Bible, pg. 114

Sermon

“Rise and Shine!”

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

*Hymn

“The Day of Resurrection!”

Hymn #233

*Affirmation of Faith from the Book of Common Worship

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

*Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

Hymn #608

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

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Christ's Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you praise...

Hymn of Response

“Thine Is the Glory”

Hymn #238, v. 3

“No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.”

Distribution of the Bread

*Please hold the bread so we may all partake as a family of God,
signifying God’s gift of Christ for us all.*

The Cup

*You may take the cup as it is served,
signifying Christ’s blood shed for our individual redemption.*

Prayer after Communion

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

“Lift High the Cross”

Hymn #826

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Hallelujah Chorus!”

George Frideric Handel

All those who would like to join in the chorus, please come to the front of the sanctuary

Postlude

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Dave Agard

Acolyte: Brekken Tester

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise