



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings
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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord God, we come to worship you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. When we look around, we see you: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, in the eyes of another. When we listen, we hear you: in the words of children, the rush of the wind, the music of life, the babbling of a stream, the rhythm of a heartbeat. When we cry, you cry with us. When we rejoice, you rejoice with us. When we gather, you are with us. As we gather to worship, may you be glorified. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Canticle on "O for a World" Alice Jordan Broadman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Spirit of life abundant, we gather together to worship,
At computer screens, smart phones, televisions, we gather to be Christ's body in the world.
Some on Sunday morning, others in the afternoon or later in the week,
From our living rooms or porches, from our cars and our work, we gather as we are able,
Ready to hear your Word, to be of service to each other and to the world,
Ready to be your community of grace and hope.
We are apart, but we are together,
United by the Holy Spirit in love and discipleship and devoted to living together as brothers and sisters in the family of God.

“O for a World”

**O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.**

**We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.**

**O for a world preparing for God’s glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will
cease.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus, you laid down your will for God’s Will even when
it led you to suffering and the cross. We pray for your Will to
be done now and your Kingdom to come, but honestly, we
often have our own plans and agendas. We have turned away
from pain and suffering and refused to hear the cries of the
poor, the hungry, and the oppressed. We prefer to be
powerful rather than humble. And all too often, we choose
riches over righteousness.**

**Forgive us, God of steadfast love, and shine your face on us.
Transform our minds so that we have the same mind as
Christ. Transform our hearts so that we have the same
humility as Christ. Transform our lives so that your light
shines in us.**

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI – No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**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. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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.

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

As a mother hen gathers her chicks, so the Lord gathers and protects his children. As a mother will not forsake her nursing child, even more will the Lord remember those who call on him.

We thank you, mothering God.

Holy Spirit, You are everywhere the Lord and Giver of life. We praise You for the gift of mothers, through whom You give us life.

We thank You for their willingness to nurture life, for their trust in You to guide them through the labor of childbirth, the uncertainties of youth, the letting go of young adulthood.

We thank you for all those women, who did not give us birth but through whom You give us abundant life.

We thank you for adoptive and foster moms; aunts, grandmothers, and sisters; teachers, social workers, mentors, supervisors, and friends who share wisdom.

We ask your tender mercies on all those whose mothers now sing with the heavenly chorus; on those mothers who have buried sons and daughters.

Grant them your peace, which passes understanding, and the grace to trust their loved ones to your never-ending care.

We pray for mothers and daughters who are separated from one another by distance or differences; for those mothers who struggle to provide for their families; and for those whose longing for motherhood goes unfulfilled.

Grant them sufficient trust in your grace, and wake in us compassion for the welfare of all.

We thank you, Lord, for all the women who have taught us something of Your tender love and fierce care.

We pray that our lives might reflect your love and theirs, in all things giving honor to Jesus Christ – your son and the son of Mary. Amen.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9

The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:12-30

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.

But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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SERMON

“God Works in You”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Tom Bryant

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we bow before you in thanksgiving to offer these gifts as our testimony to your glory and as our commitment to live as your disciples. Bless our gifts to your

work in the world and to your reign here on earth for the sake of Jesus the Christ, who was dead and behold is alive forevermore. Amen.

HYMN – No. 286 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

**Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude in G Major

Cramer

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor

Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Tom Bryant, Accompanist

Chris Luter, Liturgist

Rebecca Hutchins, Rebecca and Chris Luter,

Olivia Mittag, Pat Sherman, and Tucker Williams, Choir

FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THE CHRIST

We hope that you have sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit in this place and find here a place that feels like home. If you are interested in more information about the life of our congregation or in becoming a member, please speak with our pastor, Rev. Rebecca Luter. You may reach her by email at rluter@farmingtonpres.org or by phone in the church office, 901-754-2794.

New members are received by the Session in one of three ways: Profession of Faith for those who have not previously joined a church, Transfer of Membership for those who are moving their membership from another congregation, or Reaffirmation of Faith for those who have been inactive for some time in church or who wish to rededicate themselves to Christ and his ministry in the world through the church.

Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

A Message from Session While we are not able to worship together, the church is still carrying out the work and mission of God in the world. And, while we are not gathering on Sunday, the expenses of the church continue. If you have kept your pledge current, thank you. If you are able to bring your pledge current or make an offering at this time, your gift is critical. If you are not able to give in this time, we understand. You can make your offering through the website, using a checking account, at www.farmingtonpres.org or mail your offering to Farmington Presbyterian Church, 8245 Farmington Boulevard, Germantown, TN 38139.

Youth Group will meet at 2pm this afternoon (May 10th) via Zoom. If you don't have the link, please email Doug at doug@farmingtonpres.org.

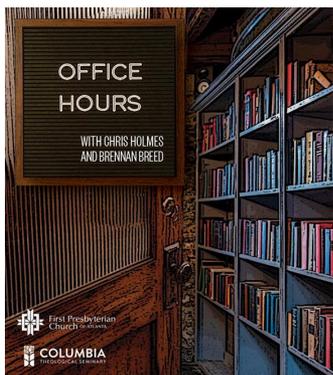
Rev. Rebecca's Zoom Bible Study will meet at 9am Monday morning to discuss the resurrection from Paul's point of view. Go to Zoom.com (or download the app), the meeting ID is 864-2083-7859 and the Password is 466493. No preparation needed – you don't even have to leave home!

Carillon Concerts Each Wednesday evening of May at 7pm you are invited to the church parking lot to hear the bells ring in honor of our healthcare and frontline workers. Please remember to remain inside your cars.

FPDS Summer Camp opens Monday, May 11th with reduced class sizes, masks, additional cleaning procedures, and social distancing. We are thankful to be able to serve our community as parents return to work.

Unless you are a staff member or a student, you will not be admitted into the building. Members are strongly encouraged not to enter the building even if they have keys. It is important that we ensure that all

surfaces that have been touched are clean. If you would like to meet with Rev. Rebecca, please call and make an appointment to meet off campus.



Office Hours: a Pop-Up Online Bible Study This is a great opportunity to hear from some of the foremost Biblical scholars on Paul’s letter to the Philippians in a relaxed, conversational setting. Offered through Columbia Theological Seminary, you are welcome to the free, hour-long conversation livestreamed to Facebook every **Sunday morning from 9:30AM to 10:30AM EST through May 17th**. To join this study, please join the Facebook group, “Office Hours Bible Study” here: <https://bit.ly/CTSofficehours>.

If you are not on facebook, you can still enjoy the videos on our [youtube channel](#). Videos will be posted after the Facebook livestreams. Participants who want a deeper experience may also register at <https://www.ctsnet.edu/connect/alumni/> to receive free access to course material, complete with syllabus, downloadable readings, and audio-video links for further study.

This week... there will be no meetings or gatherings at Farmington Presbyterian. Please practice social distancing and remain healthy.

This week at Farmington...FPDS staff returned to prepare for reopening the Day School. It was a joy to see one another and know that in just a few days the hallways of Farmington will ring once again with the joyful sounds of children laughing, playing, and learning.

Remember in Prayer... Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Essential workers and all affected by Covid-19; the Junn Family in Asia; Jack Arendt, Mary Lou Barrentine, Paul Bourassa, Dorothy Chambers, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, Jennifer Cottam, D.J. Davis, Lisa Dick, Jane Egan, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Adrian Heinz, Gary Hutchins, Rick Jacobs, Eric Jones, Joe Knittig, Ashley and Kevin Lewis, Jane and David Mayo, Lori Millar, Beverly Ryan, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Nancy Smith, William Stevens, Susan St. John, Suzanne Thomas, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, TN.

Sympathy...to the family and friends of Laura Ann Berry, daughter of Ray Bendall, and to the family and friends of Willard Williams, father of Willa Bohannon.

