



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 24, 2020**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings  
[www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org)  
Click "Worship with Us!"

**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**

Prelude on "My Country 'Tis of Thee" Harmonica Anglicana

**A LITANY FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the worlds common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 337 “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” Verses 1 & 4

**My country, ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims’ pride,  
From every mountainside let freedom ring.**

**Our fathers’ God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright with freedom’s holy light;  
Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.**

A LOOK THROUGH CHILDREN’S EYES

Madison Lewis

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 struggle with sacrificing our will. We often have our own plans and agendas. The effort seems too much, and our interest wanes. As a result, we have turned away from pain and suffering and refused to hear the cries of the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed.**

**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. Give us passion for your Will 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.**

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Exodus 23:1-9

“Do not spread false reports. Do not help a guilty person by being a malicious witness.

“Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd, and do not show favoritism to a poor person in a lawsuit.

“If you come across your enemy’s ox or donkey wandering off, be sure to return it. If you see the donkey of someone who hates you fallen down under its load, do not leave it there; be sure you help them with it.

“Do not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits. Have nothing to do with a false charge and do not put an innocent or honest person to death, for I will not acquit the guilty.

“Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see and twists the words of the innocent.

“Do not oppress a foreigner; you yourselves know how it feels to be foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:15-4:3

All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

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

“The Compliment of Imitation” 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 “Going Home”

American Folk Tune

### 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. 340 “This Is My Song”

**This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean; and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.**

**This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as**

**one. So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations: myself I give thee; let thy will be done.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fugue on “America”

Eugene Thayer

**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  
Roland Mittag, Liturgist  
Madison Lewis, Children's Moment  
Chancel Choir

**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](mailto: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

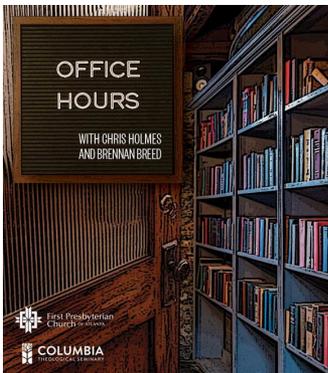
**A Message from Session** While we are not able to worship together, the church is still carrying out the work and mission of God in the world. And, while we are not gathering on Sunday, the expenses of the church continue. If you have kept your pledge current, thank you. If you are able to bring your 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](http://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 24<sup>th</sup>) via Zoom. If you don't have the link, please email Doug at [doug@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:doug@farmingtonpres.org).

**Wednesday Night Dinners** Scott and Becky Hutchins (Firehutch Fine Foods) are now catering to-go orders for dinner to be picked up on Wednesday evenings at the church at 5:30pm. They are donating 10% back to Farmington. If you would like to order, please contact them at [firehutch@gmail.com](mailto:firehutch@gmail.com).

**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.

**Praying the Psalms** This Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to a time of prayer using the prayer practice called Lectio Divina, which means "reading of Holy Scripture." We will read the Psalm assigned from the Daily Lectionary and share our prayer concerns. There is no preparation necessary. Sharing is voluntary; this is a way to be together and listen. Join us from 8:00-8:30am on Zoom. The meeting ID is 871-7741-1085 and the password is Prayer. All are welcome and wanted.



**An NEW Study on Job! Office Hours: a Pop-Up Online Bible Study** The first course on Philippians went so well that a new course is being planned to begin May 31<sup>st</sup> and focus on the book of Job. 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.

**FPDS Summer Camp** is open this week Tuesday-Friday. 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.

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

**This week at Farmington...**we honor the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and give thanks for their service. May we remember the cost of the freedoms we enjoy as we celebrate Memorial Day.

**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, Jim Steen, William Stevens, Susan St. John, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Pinecrest.

**Sympathies...**to the family and friends of Patty Peebles, mother of Lane Steen, passed away on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

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