



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
**May 31, 2020**

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

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Renew us that we might see your vision and dream your dreams for us. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Refresh us that we might be passionately committed to doing your Will. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Burn and blow away all in us that is chaff and prepare us for new growth and fruitfulness. Come, Holy Spirit, come. We welcome you and rejoice in your presence. Amen.

**PRELUDE** "Etude in E Major"

Chopin

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. (Genesis 1: 1–2)

**The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, upon many waters. (Psalm 29: 3)**

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. (John 3: 8)

**The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!" (Psalm 29:9)**

When you send forth your Spirit all living things are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (from Psalm 104:30)

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)**

I baptize with you water; but one more powerful than I is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. (from Luke 3:16)

**The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. (Psalm 29: 7-8)**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

**All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2:1-4)**

May the Lord give strength to the people!

**May the Lord bless the people with peace! (Psalm 29:11)**

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 282 “Come Down, O Love Divine”

**Come down, O Love Divine; seek out this soul of mine, and visit it with your own ardor glowing. O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear, and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming. And let your glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling. For none can guess God's grace, till Love creates a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creating God, you formed us in your image with a hope and vision for our lives. Yet, we have failed to yield to the fire of your Spirit burning with passion within us. We have refused to see the vision glowing in the lives of those who look or act or sound different from us. We have chosen comfort over challenge, ease over sacrifice, familiarity over possibility, and status quo over opportunity to bring your vision ablaze.**

**Forgive us. Blow on the embers of your image in us and bring it ablaze in our lives.**

**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 God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**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 Joel 2:1, 12-13, 28-32

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming. It is close at hand—

“Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.”

Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

“I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke.”

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

#### SECOND READING Philippians 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from

me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

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

“Choose to Rejoice!”

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 ANTHEM

“God is Our Refuge and Strength”

Allen Pote

God is our refuge and strength, and very present help in time of trouble. Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam; We will not fear.

Come and behold the works of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.

He is in the midst of his people in all the earth. He is the Word, we are his hands; He will lead us. He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long.

He is the rain, we are the stones, He will cleanse us.

He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long. (Psalm 46)

#### 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

**Holy God, we rejoice in the gift of your Holy Spirit, that ignites the desire in our hearts to seek you, that draws us together to live as your hands and feet in the world, that fills us with compassion, grace, and love. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to your purposes in the world through Farmington's mission by the power of your Holy Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

HYMN – No. 300      “We Are One in the Spirit”      Verses 1, 2 & 4

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

#### BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      “Postlude on Down Ampney”      Vaughn Williams

**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  
Shelley Wann, Liturgist  
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.

**No Youth Group** this afternoon (May 31<sup>st</sup>). We are stringing together a video! Instructions are on the Farmington Presbyterian website.

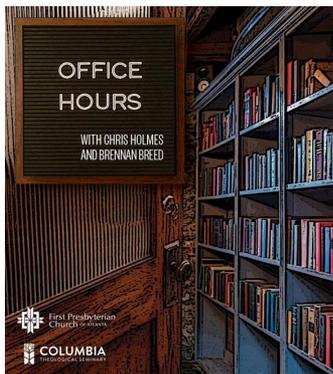
**Monday Morning Bible Study** Mondays, June 1 – July 6, at 9am Rev. Rebecca will lead a study of Walter Bruggemann’s Reality, Grief, Hope: Three Urgent Prophetic Tasks. Pointing out striking correlations between the catastrophe of 9/11 and the destruction of ancient Jerusalem, Brueggemann shows how the prophetic biblical response to that crisis was truth-telling in the face of ideology, grief in the face of denial, and hope in the face of despair. He argues that the same prophetic responses are urgently required from us in times of crisis. Go to zoom.com and enter the Meeting ID 869 8138 8088. The password is Bible.

**Worship on Wednesdays** Wednesday evenings in June from 5-5:30pm, bring your outdoor chair as we worship together outdoors. Come a bit early to get set up so that we are all social distancing and wear your mask. In response to current advice of the CDC, we will not be singing. We will be gathered, we will hear the Word of God, and we will respond in praise! If it is raining, we will not gather.

**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.

**Praying the Psalms** This Thursday, June 4<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/CTSoofficehours>. 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** 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 at Farmington...**thank you to all who submitted a picture and caption of appreciation for someone who has mentored you to the worship service on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The stories were powerful as we shared ways God has blessed us through the lives and teaching of others. May our prayer always be Christ-like examples.

**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, , Patti Simpkins, Nancy Smith, Jim Steen, William Stevens, Susan St. John, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Disability Concerns.

**Sympathy...**to the family and friends of Patty Peeples, mother of Lane Steen and to the family and friends of Jerry Harmon, uncle of Kristie Lively.