



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2020

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Even from a place of exile, from a position of despair, we trust, O God, in your power: to return and restore us, to enliven and empower us, to soothe and to save us. You can turn a desert into Eden, sorrow into joy, and silence into singing. The heavens may vanish above and the earth dissolve underneath, but your salvation is forever. We wait for you, O God, attentive and hopeful, for with you, deliverance is always possible. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Meditation on "Kingsfold"

English Folk Song

CALL TO WORSHIP

Source of Blessings, we need strength. Our lives are in turmoil, our hearts heavy.

Help us to cope with this modern plague. We are worried for our families, we are concerned for our communities, our world is on the brink.

Source of Mercy, we need community. We give thanks for the gifts we have often taken for granted.

Help us connect within our homes, our families, with friends and our community. May we share deeply with those with whom we agree and those with whom we disagree, that together we might seek to agree with you, O God.

Source of Healing, quell our anxiety. You are our rock and our redeemer.

Give us insight to act in loving ways to keep our communities safe.

Source of Life, throughout history your people have faced plagues, forced expulsions, slavery, exile, and extermination.

You have walked with us through valleys of risk, vulnerability, fear, and loss.

Source of Hope, sustain us now. We need courage as we wander this desert wilderness.

Be ever-present with those who are vulnerable, scared, lonely, isolated, and those who risk for the sake of others.

Source of love, we see the light of redemption just beyond the horizon.

May we virtually join hands and march together toward a world in which your Will is done.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Let the faithful sing for joy!

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 13 “The Mighty God with Power Speaks”

The Mighty God with power speaks, and all the world obeys; from dawn until the setting sun, God’s wonder earth displays. The perfect beauty all around from Zion’s height shines forth; and stars across the firmament so brightly beam their worth.

God comes not with a silent form, but riding on the winds; before God’s face, the raging storm its blast of thunder sends. All hail the Judge, in bold array, whose promise is to bless; who sees our sins, yet also feels our thirst for righteousness.

The heavens declare your justice, Lord, as endless as the sky; against the taunts of disbelief, our God will testify.

Receive my heartfelt gift of thanks, as honor to your might; refresh my faith with each new day; protect me through the night.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

With sorrowful hearts, we come before you, O God, to confess what you already know— we have failed to keep your laws. We have pursued our dreams and desires and chosen our selfish will over your Will and your Way shown to us in Jesus. Forgive us, Redeeming God, send down your fire to refine our hearts. Cleanse us and our society from our faults. Forgive us for ignoring your voice and the voices of those in need. Forgive our apathy, our lethargy, our indifference to those who cry out. Cleanse the meditations of all our hearts that are unacceptable in your sight; refine us by the flame of your Spirit that we would be restored to live in its light.

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

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We praise God, who created and is creating everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God.

We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen one, full of grace and truth, who turns the other cheek, goes the second mile, brings healing with his touch, and teaches us both with words and example to live for God's glory.

In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we are drawn together as the body of Christ in the world, the beginning of a new creation. We acknowledge that we live and work between the time of Christ's death and resurrection and the time to come when God's Kingdom is fully realized.

In this time, we are a pilgrim people, always on the way towards the promised goal; on the way, Christ feeds us with Word and Sacrament, and we have the gift of the Spirit in order that we may not lose the way. We will live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will. Together with all the people of God, we will serve the world for which Christ died and await God's Kingdom with expectant hope.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Romans 8:1-8

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the

righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

"On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

"This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

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

“Into the Unknown”

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

African American

Spiritual

“When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land”

Becky Hutchins, soprano soloist

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. Amen.

HYMN – No. 43

“You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord”

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord, “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God’s hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. *Refrain.*

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *Refrain.*

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in D

Tartini

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
Jackie Hall, Liturgist
Doug Barr, 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 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 (June 14th) via Zoom. If you don't have the link, please email Doug at doug@farmingtonpres.org.

Monday Morning Bible Study Mondays, June 1 – July 6, at 9am Rev. Rebecca will lead a study of Walter Brueggemann'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.

Stated Session Meeting Session will meet via Zoom on Monday, June 15th at 6pm. If you would like to attend, the Meeting ID is 884 884 8925 and the Password is Session.

Worship on Wednesdays Wednesday evenings in June from 5-5:30pm, bring your lawn 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.

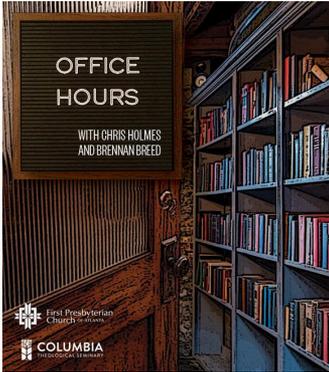
Wednesday Night Dinners Scott and Becky Hutchins (Firehutch Fine Foods) are now catering to-go orders for dinner to be picked up on Wednesday evenings at the

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 We will not meet this Thursday. Thank you!

Saturday Morning Small Group Each Saturday morning at 10am, Ann Erickson and Jinney Hart will lead this group in discussion and study. As worship focuses on the Exodus, they are studying Steven Parrish's volume in the Six Themes Everyone Should Know series on Exodus. If you are interested in joining this "virtual/telephone" study, please let Rev. Rebecca, Ann, or Jinney know.

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 31st 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...remember to pray for our leaders; the leaders of our nation, community, and our church and school. Difficult decisions are constantly having to be reviewed and made. May our leaders feel our prayers and support.

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, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, 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: Balmoral Presbyterian Church and Bethel Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN.

Sympathy...to the family and friends of Jennifer Cottam, co-worker of Jackie Hall.

Congratulations...to Sara Millar on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Violet Willow Millar on June 9th.

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