



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 21, 2020**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Teach me your ways, Lord, that I may come down from my heights and be open to the same Spirit who moved over the face of the waters in the first day of creation and moves also over the chaos of this time to fashion a day like this, a world like ours, a life like mine.

Teach me your ways, Lord, that I may praise you for all the surprising, ingenious ways you bless me, and for all the wondrous gifts you give me, along with all the pain and joy I sustain.

Teach me your ways, Lord, that I may love your kindness and practice it toward the hungry of the world, the poor and sick, and oppressed, that I may learn the healing humility that comes from you.

Teach me your ways, Lord, so that my heart is flooded with your mercy—emptying it of what makes it firmly opposed to your ways, so that it beats more in rhythm with you and pounds greatly for your kingdom. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Prelude in e minor”

Chopin

CALL TO WORSHIP

**God, you know our hearts. You formed us in your image.**

Our love fails; we turn away. Yet, you love us steadfastly.

**Therefore, let us sing God's praises and proclaim God's glory.**

We stand in awe that God hears our cries and sustains us.

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 81 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

**Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God. God,  
whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode. On**

the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near. Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day, safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove. Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage? Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

#### 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 2 Peter 3:4-12a

The scoffers will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

#### SECOND READING

#### Exodus 16:2-15

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we

wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we that you should grumble against us?” Moses also said, “You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD.” Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

The LORD said to Moses, “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”

That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.”

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

“Ah, Remember the Fleshpots?”

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

### LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR FATHERS

On this day we recognize our fathers, step-fathers, and father-figures who have nurtured and guided us in our lives.

**We thank You, O God, for those who have been fathers to us.**

We honor our grandfathers, our uncles and brothers, and those who have demonstrated love and care to us in our lives.

**We thank You, O God, for those who have been like fathers to us.**

We appreciate our teachers, leaders and pastors, honoring those who have extended fatherly tenderness and love in our lives in our past and present.

**We thank You, O God, for those who have fulfilled a fatherly role in our lives.**

Loving Father, we remember how Jesus called out, “Abba,” to you, recognizing that you established the relationship of earthly parents and children to resemble our relationship with you. We ask that you guide and nurture new fathers and fathers-to-be. We seek your forgiveness for fathers who have fallen short, for models of fatherhood that were limiting rather than embracing, for that is not your model. You are our ever-loving Parent, Father of us all. Grant your wisdom to all fathers and fatherly figures to love their children as you have loved Your children.

**We thank You, O God, for fatherhood and for the blessing of parents in our lives.**

Loving Father, we pray with those who are mourning the loss of fathers today, those who wished to be fathers and were not, those who longed for fathers who were absent, and for those whose fathers were abusive. Ease their pain on this day, loving God. May they know your embrace, and that you are more than Father or Mother to us—you are the all-loving, all-caring Parent, Creator of heaven and earth, who created our in-most parts and knows our hearts.

**We thank You, O God, that you are always with us and that you will never leave us or forsake us.**

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “In The Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful” Jacques Berthier

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near

### 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. 370                    “This Is My Father’s World”

**This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father’s world. O, let me ne’er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father’s world. The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE            Postlude in Bb

Boëllmann

**Bold Type** – congregation in unison

Prayer of Preparation is adapted from Ted Loder’s “Teach Me Your Ways” in *Guerillas of Grace*.

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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

Liv Palmer, Liturgist

Charlie Smithers, 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 not meet this afternoon. Enjoy time with your dad!

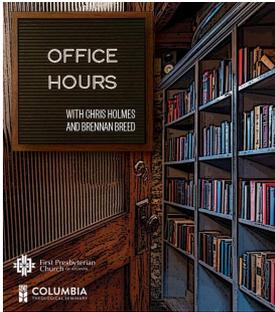
**Presbyterian Women** Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, Presbyterian Women will meet on Zoom to complete their study of the Ten Commandments with Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham. The meeting ID is 775 4742 9080 and the Password is Farmington. All women who are part of the Farmington family are encouraged to participate in Presbyterian Women.

**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](https://zoom.us) and enter the Meeting ID 869 8138 8088. The password is Bible.

**Worship on Wednesdays** Wednesday evenings from 5:15-5:45pm, 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](mailto:firehutch@gmail.com).

**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 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.

**Sunday Morning Seminary** Memphis Theological Seminary is offering free courses on Sunday mornings from 9-10am. Register to receive the Zoom link at [www.memphisseminary.edu](http://www.memphisseminary.edu). Past classes are also available to view on the site. The schedule is: Dr. Mitzi Minor on "The Gospel of Mark" June 7, 14, 21, & 28; Dr. Peter Gathje on "Christian Spirituality in a Time of Pandemic" July 5 & 12; Dr. Christopher Davis on "Worship in a Time of Pandemic" July 19 & 26; and Dr. Michael Turner on "Religion and the Civil War" August 2, 9, 16, & 23.

**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...**we encourage you to pray for the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the PC(USA). Rev. Rebecca Luter is the Teaching Elder Commissioner from the Presbytery of the Mid-South. Carrie Harris from Parkway Gardens United Presbyterian Church is our Ruling Elder Commissioner. The Assembly will be held virtually, beginning June 19<sup>th</sup> and concluding June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**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, William Stevens, Susan St. John, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: those who answer God's Call to service in the church.

**Sympathies...**to the family and friends of Jennifer Cottam, co-worker of Jackie Hall, to the family and friends of Jim Steen, husband of Lane and father of Josie and Will and to the family and friends of Rick Dosh, friend of Kirsten King.

**Congratulations...**to Sara Millar on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Violet Willow Millar on June 9<sup>th</sup> and to Jim and Linda Turner on the birth of their granddaughter, Gabriella Dawn on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

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