



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2020

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord our God, you are the first and last, the origin and priority and meaning of our lives. Speak to us anew of your laws and steadfast love; speak to our hearts and minds and lives. Shape our worship, our congregation, our families, and our nation to live to your glory in accordance with your Will. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Simple Gifts/We Gather Together" Tom Bryant

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship God, who is Creator and Liberator.

God brought the Israelites out of captivity in Egypt and delivered them from the oppression of slavery.

We gather to worship God, who is Guide and Guardian.

God gave laws to establish boundaries for relationships, with God and one another.

We gather to worship God, who is Steadfast Love.

God commands us to love and worship only the Lord our God and to do so with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbor in the same way we love ourselves.

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 336 "We Gather Together" Verses 1&2

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

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.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Rachel Barr

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

And God spoke all these words:

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

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

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SERMON “Life in Community”

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 “America the Beautiful”

Samuel A. Ward

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. 693 “Though I May Speak”

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Hornpipe (from the Water Music)

G.F. Handel

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

Kirsten King, Liturgist

Rachel 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 this afternoon at 2pm on Zoom. Meeting ID: 77088458374 Password: farmyo.

Monday Morning Bible Study Mondays at 9am Rev. Rebecca leads 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.

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.

Holy Communion will be served this week at the July 8th Worship on Wednesday Service. Please bring your own bread and juice to receive the Sacrament in a safe manner.

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 5:45pm. They are donating 10% back to Farmington. If you would like to order, please contact them at firehutch@gmail.com.

Thursday Morning Zoom Prayer Begin your day from 8-8:15am with a psalm, sharing prayer concerns, and a time of prayer led by Rev. Rebecca. All are invited to go to www.zoom.com, create an account, and enter Meeting ID 871 7741 1085 and the Password is Prayer.

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.

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. 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 wish everyone a happy and safe 4th of July celebration. We are thankful for our freedom and all who have sacrificed to establish and protect it.

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, Bo Bradham, Kenny Buckner, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, D.J. Davis, Lisa Dick, Jane Egan, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Jinney Hart, Adrian Heinz, Gary Hutchins, Rick Jacobs, Eric Jones, Joe Knittig, Ashley and Kevin Lewis, Carol Lovell, Jane and David Mayo, Lori Millar, Sandy Nordmark, Beverly Ryan, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Nancy Smith, William Stevens, Susan St. John, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Buntyn Church, Memphis, TN.

Sympathy... to the family and friends of Rick Dosh, friend of Kirsten King.

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