



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2020

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God, our refuge and our strength, our help in times of trouble, at times it seems that the very ground on which we walk is shifting. Yet, you are unchanged. Though the nations roar, and society is in tumult, you have saved us and gathered us and dwell in our midst. Therefore, we shall not be shaken. Through Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your tabernacle and by your presence you cause us to stand upright and unafraid. You are the Lord our God. You shall be exalted in your people. You shall be exalted in all the earth. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Spirit of the Living God"

Tom Bryant

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship the Lord our God this day,

We come to worship the One who names each of us beloved child.

Here in these moments together, may we recognize God dwelling with us and in us.

We come to worship the One who promised never to leave us alone, Jesus the Christ.

Here in this time of worship, may we come to better know the God of glory and grace, we would understand the One who calls us to faith.

We come to worship the One who calls us to faith and calms our fears with peace and hope, the Spirit of the Living God.

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 291 “Spirit of Gentleness” Verses 2 & 4

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand; and you goaded your people with a law and a land. When they were confounded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain.*

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes; from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams. Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain.*

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

Erin Webb

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Ephesians 2:19-22

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING Exodus 24:12-25:9

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until

we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

The LORD said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give. These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather; acacia wood; olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece. Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.” Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

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Thanks be to God!

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

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SERMON “A Dwelling Place for God” 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 “Sanctuary”

Thompson/Scruggs

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. 716

Verses 1 & 2

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Finale (from Sonata 1-abridged)

Felix Mendelssohn

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
Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham, Liturgist
Erin Webb, 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.

Rev. Rebecca Luter will be on vacation June 11-18th. If you need immediate assistance, please use her cell phone (901-674-8000).

Monday Morning Bible Study will meet next Monday, July 20th. 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 will not meet this week. We will meet again Wednesday, July 22nd. 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 5:45pm. They are donating 10% back to Farmington. If you would like to order, please contact them at firehutch@gmail.com.

Thursday Morning Zoom Prayer will meet again next on Thursday, July 23rd. 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 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 are thankful to Paul King, who has volunteered to assist Doug in filming worship services. If you would like to be liturgist, but you are concerned about the technical aspects of it, Paul has volunteered to come to your home to set up and film (in masks and socially distanced). Please let Jackie Hall know if you are interested in being liturgist.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Essential workers and all affected by Covid-19; the Junn Family in Asia; Jack Arendt, Destiny Lovell Avila, 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, Carey & Louise Lovell, Catelyn Lovell, Jane and David Mayo, Lori Millar, Sandy Nordmark, Beverly Ryan, Vickie Schneider, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Nancy Smith, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John,

Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Church Leaders, Office Personnel, and all Support Staff.

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