



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2020

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Come, Holy Spirit, source of life and grace, bind us together with all believers into the body of Christ in the world. Come, Holy Spirit, who inspired prophets and disciples, who engages us through the Word proclaimed, who claims and feeds us in the Sacraments, and calls us to ministry in the world, come and give us courage. Come, Holy Spirit, bind your church together and give us courage to remain in communication with God without ceasing, to witness to all that Christ is Lord and Savior, to listen and hear the voices of those who have long been silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Come, Holy Spirit, in our worship and in our daily tasks that we would serve you and live holy and joyful lives, watching for God's new heaven and new earth. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Tom Bryant

CALL TO WORSHIP

God created humankind in God's image.

Why did God create us?

That is a good question. The Westminster Catechism begins by asking "What is the chief and highest end of man?"

What is the answer?

The chief and highest end of man is to glorify God and fully to enjoy God forever.

What does that mean?

Our main purposes for living are to bring praise to God and to live in relationship with God. In Paul's letters to the churches at Corinth and Rome he wrote, "...whatever you do, do all to the glory of God," "For from God and through God and for God are all things. To God be the glory forever! Amen."

How do we enjoy God?

The Psalmist sings "Whom have I in heaven but you, God? And earth has nothing I desire besides you."

Then let us praise God and satisfy the longing of our souls by coming into God's presence to worship!

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 679 "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

**Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high."
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty King."
Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, uplift your voice; night and starts, in God rejoice!**

**Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold;
join with children's songs of praise; worship God through length of days.
From the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, holy, holy One, glory be to God alone!"**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creating God, we confess that we do not live up to your vision for us. We struggle to be transformed disciples. The demands of the world pull us away from your heart. Our culture values wealth and power, and we set our priorities in an effort to be seen and recognized as successful. We walk away from neighbors in need wrapped up in our own concerns. We go along with pride, arguing, and divisiveness. Yet you side with the weak, the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.

Our pursuits of the world's values have shaped us into people you never meant us to be. Forgive us and reshape us, Redeeming God. Reawaken us by your voice calling us to serve; revive us by your vision for creation; refresh us to boldly proclaim Jesus and Lord both in our words and our deeds.

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

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Becky Hutchins

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 51:1-6

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many. The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. “Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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

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SERMON “Back to Basics: Our Purpose Is Clear” 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 “Lord, You Give the Great Comission”
Tucker Williams, tenor

C.V. Taylor

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 give thanks for the abundance of your grace, your mercy, and your many blessings. Receive our gifts and our lives, too, which we offer in humble gratitude. Use them, and us, according to God’s Will so that God’s vision for humanity might come to fruition. We pray in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

HYMN – No. 733 “We All Are One in Mission” Verses 1 & 3

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God’s redeeming word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Andante Maestoso (from Concerto 1)

G.F. Handel

Bold Type – congregation in unison

The Prayer of Preparation is based on the portion of “A Brief Statement of Faith” pertaining to the Holy Spirit.

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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
Becky Hutchins, 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. We will be doing a lesson from Montreat@home. 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 August 5th 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 hutchinsathome@gmail.com.

Saturday Morning Small Group We are beginning a new study and invite you to join us! Each Saturday morning at 9am, Ann Erickson and Jinney Hart lead this group in discussion and study. 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... was the last week of FPDS Summer Camp. We are thankful for a fun, safe summer for both our children and staff!

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, 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, Gary Hutchins, Rick Jacobs, Eric Jones, Lori & Jimmy Kent, Joe Knittig, Ashley and Kevin Lewis, Carey & Louise Lovell, Catelyn Lovell, Carol Lovell, Jane and David Mayo, Lori Millar, Sandy Nordmark, Beverly Ryan, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Nancy Smith, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Charlie Stone, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Liberation Community Church, Memphis, TN.

Sympathies... to the family and friends of Vickie Schneider, FPDS employee, wife of Hal and grandmother of Holli and Abby McNeer, all FPDS employees, to the family and friends of Paul Bourassa, former Farmington Presbyterian member and elder, to the family and friends of Sylvia Taylor, mother of Laurinda Ingram, and to the family and friends of Sam Bush, family member of Laurinda Ingram.

Congratulations... to Anthony Jones and family on the birth of grandson, Anthony Isaiah Kelon Jones, Jr. on July 14th.

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