



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 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 Prayer (from Gothic Suite)

Léon Boëllmann

CALL TO WORSHIP

Worthy of praise from every mouth,

Worthy of confession from every tongue,

Worthy of worship from every creature,

Is your glorious name, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

For you created the world in your grace,

And by your compassion you saved the world.

To your majesty, O God, ten thousand times ten thousand bow down and adore,

singing and praising without ceasing, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts;

heaven and earth are full of your praises.

Hosanna in the highest.

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might: thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight. All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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 as 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

**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 at 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.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalms 147:1-11

Praise the LORD.

How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting
to praise him!

The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. He
heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines
the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our
Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.
The LORD sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the LORD with grateful praise; make music to our God on
the harp.

He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and
makes grass grow on the hills. He provides food for the cattle and
for the young ravens when they call. His pleasure is not in the
strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of the
warrior; the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their
hope in his unfailling love.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

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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

Rev. Rebecca Luter

“Back to Basics: Faith Formed by Worship”

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 “In the Lord, I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

Berthier

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. 826 “Lift High the Cross” Verses 3 & 4

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally. Refrain.

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory. Refrain.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Allegro Maestoso (from the Water Music) 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

Melissa Still, Liturgist

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 on Zoom. High School students meet at 2pm and Middle School at 3pm. 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 from 5:15-5:45pm, bring your lawn chair and your mask as we worship together in the backyard. Come a bit early to get set up so that we are all social distancing. 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 hutchinsathome@gmail.com.

Saturday Morning Small Group We are beginning a new study and invite you to join us! Each Saturday morning at 10am, 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. Currently Dr. Michael Turner is teaching on "Religion and the Civil War" August 2, 9, 16, & 23. Past classes are also available to view on the site.

FPDS is open! 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.** 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.

Presbyterian Women All women are encouraged to attend as we begin our new year of study. Kirsten King will present Lesson 1 of Horizon's Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers on Lament. Sunday, August 23 at 2:00 PM on Zoom. The Meeting ID is 850 044 6554 with Passcode: fuVU3G

This week at Farmington...our Presbytery held our first-ever Zoom Presbytery meeting. Sandy Wann and Doug Barr served as your Ruling Elder Commissioners. Nominating Committee is accepting nominations of elders for the following committees and commissions at the Presbytery level: Communications, Missions, Education and Leadership, Commission on Ministry, Finance, Trustees, Overtures and Amendments, Personnel, Permanent Judicial Commission, Pinecrest Board, UKirk Campus Ministry Board, and Nominating Committee. Nominations are due by August 20th. If you would like to nominate someone with gifts in one or more of these areas (including yourself), please let Rev. Rebecca know so that we can submit our slate of nominees.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Essential workers and all affected by Covid-19; the Junn Family in Asia; Jack Arendt, Re Baritella, Mary Lou Barrentine, Kenny Buckner, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, D.J. Davis, Lisa Dick, Jane Egan, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Gary Hutchins, Eric Jones, Lori & Jimmy Kent, Joe Knittig, Ashley and Kevin Lewis, Jane and David Mayo, Lori Millar, Beverly Ryan, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Charlie Stone, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Shady Grove Church, Memphis, TN.

Sympathies...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.

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