



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2020

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Brethren We Have Met to Worship" Holy Manna

CALL TO WORSHIP

The word of God comes to us, just as it came to Jonah:

Go! Despite your fears, despite your history, go.

Go and speak the truth of God. Go and speak love.

Love your neighbor and your enemy. Forgive as you have been forgiven.

And as you do, remember that I am with you always, even to the end of the world.

Let us celebrate the presence of our loving God.

Rejoice! The neighborhood of God's Kingdom is near.

Let us receive grace upon grace overflowing from the fullness of God.

HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 396

Verses 1, 2 & 4

"Brethren We Have Met to Worship"

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God. Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down. Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sister aided him. Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard

with sin? Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found. Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too. Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new. Christ will call us home to heaven, at his table we'll sit down. Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Covenant and Promise, we want to be a people of peace, reconciliation, and healing of the spirit, yet we know we often fall short of what you would have us to be. Be patient with us. You call us to reflect your grace and generosity, yet we know we often fail to live up to our call as disciples. Help us see your image in each person we meet with fresh eyes.

You blessed each person with skills, talents, and opportunities to minister, yet we know we often fall short of what you would have us do. Be patient with us. You call us to reflect your love and sacrifice, yet we know we often fail to live up to our call as disciples. Help us use our gifts for service and ministry in our congregation, our neighborhood, our city...and wherever we have opportunity.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us to be joyfully obedient disciples, transforming the world around us to match your vision of life abundant.

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 belong to God, maker of all that is and all that is to come, abundant provider of all things, who loves all people. It is God alone who gives life, who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing.

We follow Christ, who loved and served humbly, healed the broken and included the outcast, chose to suffer rather than harm, gave his life for our redemption, and was raised by God to new life.

In his teaching and healing, his death and resurrection, and in his presence with us in all circumstances, he reveals God to us. Christ calls us to serve him for the sake of proclaiming God's grace and grants his spirit to us to guide, heal, and empower us.

We live by that Holy Spirit, flowing through us, uniting us for the sake of the healing of the world. As members of the church, the Body of Christ, we devote ourselves to lives of love, rejoicing in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Jonah 2:1-10

From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. He said:

“In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry. You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the sea, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. I said, ‘I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.’ The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, LORD my God, brought my life up from the pit. When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. “Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them. But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’”

And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them. You may be sure that such people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned.

As soon as I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, because I have decided to winter there. Do everything you can to help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way and see that they have everything they need. Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.

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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THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Doug Barr

SERMON

Rev. Rebecca Luter

Please, Won't You Be My Neighbor?

The Yellow Light

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 “As the Deer”

Nystrom

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

God of Power and Glory, we come to your altar this morning, offering our gifts and praying for your presence in a world that is hurting and divided. Much of what we see is chaos, confusion, and anxiety – a world that desperately needs to glimpse your presence and your glory. Help us to be people who restore relationships. Use us and our offerings to be a window into your love and compassion for our neighbors and the world. Amen.

HYMN – No. 203

Verses 1 & 4

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

**Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain.***

**Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others’ feet; this
is the way we should live like you. *Refrain.***

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Toccata”

Krebs

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
Laurinda Ingram, Liturgist
Doug 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 on Zoom. High School students meet at 2pm and Middle School at 3:10pm. Meeting ID: 77088458374 Password: farmyo.

Monday Morning Bible Study is tomorrow at 9am. Rev. Rebecca will lead the study of Chapter 1 of William Barclay's Discovering Jesus. Books are available on pcusastore.com or amazon.com. 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.

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 studying Matthew's Gospel and invite you to join us! Each Saturday mornings 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.

Presbyterian Women will meet Sunday, September 27th at 2pm on Zoom.com to reflect together on Lesson 2 of Lament to Hope, led by Kirsten King. If you need help learning how to Zoom, please contact Rev. Rebecca and we will get you connected! The Meeting ID is 797 2658 6999 and the Passcode is Horizons.

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.** 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.

Virtual Preschool FPDS is offering virtual preschool classes for 3's and 4's beginning September 8th. If you have friends or family who have a 3 or 4 year-old who is not going to preschool in-person, this is an excellent option no matter where they live! More information is in New Vision – please share!

This week at Farmington...the weather was beautiful at our Wednesday night service. We continue to be thankful for this time to worship together in person.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Essential workers and all affected by Covid-19; all affected by the wildfires in the Western United States, the Junn Family in Asia; Jack Arendt, Mary Lou Barrentine, Re Baritella, Steve Boehme, 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 Kent, Joe Knittig, Ashley & Kevin Lewis, Jane and David Mayo, Greg McKenna, Lori Millar, Beverly Ryan, JoAnne Simpkins, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, John T. Tanner, Joan Wallace, Mary Webb, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Marl Bluff Church, Reagan, TN.

Sympathy...to the family and friends of Jean Williams Storch, sister of Jack Williams.

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