



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 7, 2021**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

[www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org)

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**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Creating God, we gather to worship, giving thanks that you formed us in your image, and to nurture your likeness in us from a small spark to a flame of love. Redeeming God, we gather to worship, giving thanks that you came to live among us, and to respond to your call to come and follow. Sustaining God, we gather to worship, rejoicing in your presence among us, and to cleanse and transform our hearts and our lives. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Impromptu in Gb

Schubert

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 147

Let us join together in praises to God!

**How good it is to sing God's praises!**

The LORD our God is creator and re-creator, rebuilding what we have broken, restoring what has been destroyed.

**The Lord heals the broken-hearted and bandages their wounds.**

The Lord knows every detail of creation intimately. Every star has a name, every electron an orbit.

**How great is our LORD! God's power is absolute; God's understanding is beyond human comprehension.**

The Lord covers the sky with clouds, provides rain for the earth, makes the grass grow, provides food to the wild animals and feeds the young ravens when they cry.

**Yet, God takes no pleasure in the strength of a horse or in human might.**

The LORD's delight is in those who are awe-struck by God's mercy, those who put their hope in God's unfailing love.

**In awed amazement at God's loving care and healing grace, we come to offer our praises!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 54 “Make a Joyful Noise to God!”**

**Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise! Great your wonders here displayed, unexcelled throughout our days. Glorious is your sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.**

**Come and see what God has done, great the blessings to the just: walked the chosen through the sea, brought their enemies to dust. Let us lift a thankful voice for God's mercies, and rejoice!**

**Bless the Lord, our refuge sure; let our songs of praise be heard! By whose justice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt deferred. When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heavenly home.**

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have judged, we have criticized, and we have allowed hatred and contempt to settle in our hearts. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times seem impossible. We know that nothing is impossible in you, O God, and nothing is hidden from you. We come to you, seeking healing and wholeness. Cleanse our hearts and our ways. Replace our impulses and desires with those of Christ, for we seek to become like him in our lives and follow his ways in our relationships.**

**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.**

**We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

“To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God”? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew

their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

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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

"Those Who Hope in the Lord"

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 “Healer of Our Every Ill” Marty Haugen

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow, give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother; Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

### 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

**We give you thanks, O God, for the world you formed with creatures, plants, water, air, and fire. We give you thanks for Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. We give you thanks for the breath of life and that by your Holy Spirit you are closer to us than our next breath. Accept and dedicate our offerings and our lives to be used for good wherever there is need that your Kingdom may come. Amen.**

HYMN – No. 649

Verses 1 & 2

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

**‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

### BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE March in Mixolydian Mode

Walton

**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  
Mike Schneider, Liturgist  
Jinney Hart, 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](mailto: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

**Gathered to Worship...Sent to Serve** While we are not able to worship together in person, the church is still worshipping and carrying out the work and mission of God in the world. In response to God's blessings and to support what God is doing through the Farmington family, you can make your offering through the website, using a checking account, at [www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org) or mail your offering to Farmington Presbyterian Church, 8245 Farmington Boulevard, Germantown, TN 38139.

**Youth Group** will meet on Zoom with Senior High at 2pm, Middle school at 3pm. To keep up to date with events in the youth group, text @farmyo to 81010 to join our Remind text service.

**Monday Morning Zoom Bible Study** Join us tomorrow morning, February 8, at 9am as we discuss Chapter 4, "The Practice of Walking on the Earth: Groundedness" of [An Altar in the World: A Geography](#)

of Faith by Rev. Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor. We meet on Zoom with Meeting ID: 811 5596 9116 Passcode: Bible. All are welcome!

**Worship on Wednesdays** We are grateful for the technology of Zoom that allows us to connect with one another on Wednesday evenings. If you have internet or a smart phone, you can Zoom! It is free and easy! Go to our homepage at [www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org) and click to register for Weekday Worship. Fill in your name and email address and a link will be sent to your email for you to click at 6pm on Wednesday. Come see your friends and share in a brief service of worship with Scripture and prayer.

**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 5:30pm. They are donating 10% back to Farmington. If you would like to order, please contact them at [hutchinsathome@gmail.com](mailto:hutchinsathome@gmail.com).

**Young Adult Bible Study** Each week a group of young people gather for a drop in Bible Study. No prep is necessary. It is a time to check in, chill out, and see how the book of Mark speaks to our current events. 6:00pm on Thursday evenings via Zoom. Contact Doug Barr for more information, [doug@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:doug@farmingtonpres.org).

**Summer Camp and 2021-22 FPDS Registration** is open to the community. Be sure and share our website with your friends, family, and neighbors with children and encourage them to consider entrusting their family's children to the care of the Farmington family.

**Lenten Study Groups** Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Lenten study groups will be engaging in a Testimony: A Vocabulary of Faith as we wrestle with the language of faith and its relevance today and consider ways of living that reflect our faith beyond the church doors. If you are interested in leading a group, please email Rev. Rebecca and let her know so that we can set times and places. It may be possible that we will be able to have some in-person groups as the COVID vaccine is delivered!

**Text** "@farmpres" to "81010" to receive text messages about upcoming Farmington events.

**FPDS is open and offers a Virtual Preschool Option!** 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 without an appointment.** If you would like to meet with Rev. Rebecca, please call and make an appointment.

**This week at Farmington...**an SUV load of clothing donations was delivered to First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen. Thank you to all who

participated in showing Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need!

**Remember in Prayer...**Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Essential workers and all affected by Covid-19; Jack Arendt, Mary Lou Barrentine, Kenny Buckner, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, D.J. Davis, Lisa Dick, Jane Egan, Sandy Franks, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Martha Hart, Donna Hoover, Gary Hutchins, Anna Leigh Jenkins, Joe Knittig, Harland Lovell, Faye McKenzie, Dennis Peoples, Beverly Ryan, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Mary Webb, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Camp & Conference Ministries.

**Sympathy...** to the family and friends of Mitch Major, friend of Rev. Rebecca Luter.

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