



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

Click "Worship with Us!"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, we see your fingerprints in the predictability and variety of creation. We come in awe to worship you. Help us in this time to look and listen for your presence and your voice. Remind us of your faithfulness to your covenant, a covenant made not only with people named in Scripture, but with us. As we sing and speak, listen and pray in our worship, may these actions become more than tasks of our bodies and our minds; may they be expressions of the seeking of our souls for you. And as we long for you, O God, may we realize that you lovingly hold us in the palm of your hand. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Nocturne in E Minor

Chopin

CALL TO WORSHIP

In this time and space, the community of faith is reminded

That God is with us; God's love endures forever.

In this time and space, the community of faith rejoices

That Christ is with us; Christ's redeeming work is done.

In this time and space, the community of faith is strengthened

For the Holy Spirit is with us; the Holy Spirit fills us and forms us for good works.

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving Lord, we have fallen short time and time again. You have given us your Word, both in Scripture and in Son, you have promised us your presence, both in Spirit and in community, and you have graced us with your kingdom, both in teaching and in service. Even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject your purposes for us. We do not love what you love. We do not embrace what you embrace. We do not defend what you have called us to defend. Have mercy on us, O God of all ages past and all hope for years to come. Forgive us for what we do and what we fail to do. And with your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives that we might receive full life in Jesus Christ, now and forevermore.

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 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.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Elizabeth Luter

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4-9

They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"

Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2: 1-10

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in

Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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

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SERMON

Rev. Rebecca Luter

“Promises, Promises: Works of Grace”

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 “Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me”

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation and on that day you shall say, “Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God’s name.”

Make God’s deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that the Lord is exalted. Sing praises of the Lord, for God has done great things and this is known in all the world.

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

Eternal God, we give our tithes and offerings with thanksgiving that your covenant with us is everlasting; your faithfulness is never-ending. You are bringing about your Kingdom - this world living in community with justice, peace, and righteousness. As your people, you call us to follow the example of your Son, who was so filled with compassion for those in need, even us, that he sacrificed to bring the healing and wholeness necessary to bring about your Kingdom. Bless and dedicate our offerings and our lives to your purposes in the world, in Christ's name. Amen.

HYMN – No. 742 “We Will Walk with God”

We will walk with God, my brothers; we will walk with God. We will walk with God, my sisters, we will walk with God. We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come. We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come. *Repeat.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE English Folk Tune

Anonymous

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
Jinney Hart, Liturgist
Elizabeth Luter, 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

Gathered to Worship...Sent to Serve While we are not able to worship together in person, the church is still worshiping 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 or mail your offering to Farmington Presbyterian Church, 8245 Farmington Boulevard, Germantown, TN 38139.

Regathering for Worship in the Sanctuary! As we regather, we need persons willing to help with set up and clean up. If you are willing to help, please email church@farmingtonpres.org. The online service will continue! It will be a live stream from our YouTube channel. If you are at home, there will be no change in how it is accessed. Seating in the Sanctuary will be limited so that 6' distancing is maintained. Masks will be required while inside the building. More information coming soon!

Youth Group will meet in person this Sunday (March 14th) at 2pm. We will be sorting Easter Eggs & planning the Easter Sunrise service. Remember to wear your mask and keep your distance.

Monday Morning Zoom Bible Study Join us tomorrow morning, March 15th, at 9am as we discuss Chapter 9, "The Practice of Carrying Water: Physical Labor" 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!

Wednesday Night Service has moved. We are gathering in the backyard Wednesday nights at 5:30pm. The service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page. Bring your lawn chair and set up early to enjoy some fellowship before the service! If the weather is inclement, an email with a link will be sent and we will worship on Zoom at 6pm.

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 between 5:00-5:30pm. They are donating 10% back to Farmington. If you would like to order, please contact them at 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.

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.

Communications from the Church If you do not get emails weekly with the Happenings and reminders about Worship and Bible study, please email church@farmingtonpres.org and let us know. We will research and ensure that you are included! We also send text reminders about upcoming Farmington events. You can get those by texting "@farmpres" to "81010."

This week at Farmington...we were blessed with beautiful weather to gather for Worship in the outdoor sanctuary. Join us this Wednesday at 5:30pm.

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, Donna Hoover, Gary Hutchins, Anna Leigh Jenkins, Joe Knittig, Harland Lovell, Nadine Oest, Dennis Peeples, Jonathan Riley, Beverly Ryan, Patti Simpkins, Martha Sorce, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Mary Webb, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Collierville Presbyterian Church, Collierville, TN.

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