



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

Click "Worship Together"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of Easter, you have made this day, and we will rejoice and be glad in it. We come with joy to meet our Lord, held no more by the grave. May we experience in this time of worship the Risen Christ and be transformed to be your Easter people, proclaiming with our words and our lives your steadfast, liberating love to all people everywhere. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that in every way our work and our prayer will make whole what is broken and bring about your peace on earth. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Beautiful Savior"

David N. Johnson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen;

Christ is risen indeed!

The darkness has been overcome;

The brilliant light of hope has dawned!

The power of death has been destroyed;

Let the earth resound in joy, "Christ is risen! Alleluia!"

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 232

Verses 1, 2, & 4

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day,
Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, alleluia! suffer to
redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Loving God, in baptism, you called us to turn from the ways of sin to the way of Jesus Christ, but we stray and do not heed your call. *(Silence)* Lord, have mercy upon us.

In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life, but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love. *(Silence)* Christ, have mercy upon us.

In baptism you united us in one ministry to all the world, but we foster division in the church. We refuse to live as one people and fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world. *(Silence)* Lord, have mercy upon us.

In baptism you call us to faithfulness in doing your will in all realms of life, but we do not nurture peace, we allow hate between neighbors and nations to germinate in our hearts while we fail to tend the earth you entrust to our care. *(Silence)* Christ, have mercy upon us.

In baptism you commission us to serve with compassion all for whom Christ died, but we ignore the suffering of the oppressed, we close our ears to cries for justice, and we look away from the plight of the poor. *(Silence)* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Forgive us and raise us to new life, keeping the promises made at our baptisms to be disciples: to follow the Lord, to share the Word, and to be active participants in the community of faith bringing your healing love to the world to the glory of your holy name.

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

*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

Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing." "I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you. At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they have suffered shame. At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes," says the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a

young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

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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SERMON “Promise Fulfilled”

Rev. Rebecca Luter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Lord of the Dance”

Sydney Carter

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun. And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance said he, And I’ll lead you all wherever you may be, and I’ll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance, and they wouldn’t follow me; I danced for the fisherman for James and John, they came with me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black, it’s hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I’d gone, But I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high. I am the life that’ll never, never die, I’ll live in you if you’ll live in me. I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

*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 you thanks! We thank you for your vision for us as you formed us and that you pull us throughout our lives toward the good you desire for us. We thank you for the presence of the living Lord among us to teach and to guide us in your way. We thank you for your Holy Spirit that breathes into us new life and enlivened faith. Accept and dedicate this offering and our lives that we may truly be the body of Christ in this world. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks for the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN – No. 826 “Lift High the Cross”

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

Come, Christian, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain.

All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. Refrain.

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 “Carillon”

Louis Vierne

* – stand as able

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor

Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education

Jim Thrash, Director of Music

Tom Bryant, Accompanist

Rev. Ruth Lovell Bradham, Liturgist and Children’s Moment

Gerry & Gerrie Wilder, 9am Ushers

Thomas & Stephanie Nagel, 11am Ushers

Hadley Barr, 9am Acolyte

Delilah Davis, 11am Acolyte

Chancel Choir

This week at Farmington...we are filled with joy to continue to share the Good News of God’s love with one another and our community. Children hunted eggs here three days this week. We gathered here to worship as we walked alongside Jesus into Jerusalem, from Passover feast to garden prayer, to death by crucifixion. Death could not hold him. Today we rejoice, for Christ our Lord is risen!

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

The large lilies gracing the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Pat Sherman in loving memory of Rev. Neil Sherman and Brandon and Shelley Wann in honor of the Farmington Presbyterian Session.

Regathering for Worship in the Sanctuary If you wish to attend worship, please register on our website www.farmingtonpres.org by Saturday night. The registration becomes available on Sunday morning for the next week. Seating in the Sanctuary will be assigned and limited so that 6' distancing is maintained. Masks will be required while inside the building. If you are at home, there will be no change in how you receive the online service.

Gathered to Worship...Sent to Serve 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.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received this morning. Through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, we serve people in our community and around the world by helping to alleviate hunger, rebuild after crisis or catastrophic events, and work with communities to overcome injustice and oppression. Please make your check payable Farmington Presbyterian and notate in the memo portion OGHHS. Thank you!

Flowers for Worship as we regather for worship, we will once again have the opportunity to give flowers to grace the Sanctuary in honor or memory of our loved ones. The Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board near Fellowship Hall or you may email the date you would like to give flowers to church@farmingtonpres.org.

Youth Fellowship will not meet this afternoon. Happy Easter!

Monday Morning Zoom Bible Study Join us tomorrow morning, April 5th, at 9am as we discuss Chapter 11, "The Practice of Being Present to God: Prayer" 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 We gather in the Outdoor Chapel on Wednesday nights at 5:30pm. The service will also be live-streamed on our Youtube 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 7pm on Thursday, April 8th. Contact Doug Barr at doug@farmingtonpres.org for details.

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering April 10th on Zoom with Synod Moderator Jan Albert.

Farmington Presbyterian Women will conclude its study of Into the Light Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament Sunday, April 25. At this time, we are planning on having the meeting through Zoom at 1:00PM. We have had wonderful fellowship during this study. Thanks to all who participated and to our PW coordinating team.

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."

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, Jane Egan, Sandy Franks, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Donna Hoover, Gary Hutchins, Anna Leigh Jenkins, Joe Knittig, Harland Lovell, 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: Grace Presbyterian Church, Dyersburg, TN.

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