



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2021

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings
www.farmingtonpres.org
Click "Worship Together"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Resurrecting God, we gather this morning digitally and in person, brought together by your Holy Spirit as a community of believers, to be the Body of Christ in the world. We come with joy for Christ is risen! Love has won victory over death! May our singing and proclaiming be a testimony of praise. May our praying and our listening unite us with you and with one another; redeem and sustain us individually and as a community. In the name of the Risen Christ, Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Rustle of Spring"

Christian Sinding

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Each day, God leads us:

to deep, deep pools of peace and green, lush lawns of grace.

Every day, Jesus calls us:

To be broken and poured out, welcoming the stranger with hospitality, anointing the distraught with hope, serving the least with love.

With goodness and mercy, the Holy Spirit shows us:

the community we are called to become all the days of our lives.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 267

Verses 1 & 2

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Word of God, your Word spoke creation into being. Your Word incarnate redeemed. We confess that we use a lot of words, but we often fail to turn them into action. Instead of bringing together your flock, we choose sides and form groups. Blessed to be a blessing, we have trouble sharing your blessings with those who need them most. Forgive us, God of love. Restore us, and place your word in our hearts, on our lips, and in our actions.

KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** adapted from the French Confession of 1559

We believe and confess only one God, who can do all things, is all-wise, all-good, all-just, and all-merciful.

We believe that everything required for our salvation has been offered and communicated to us in Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God and God's eternal Son. Jesus Christ clothed himself in our flesh: God and human in one person.

We believe that we are illuminated in faith by the unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit. God imparts this gracious gift. By faith we receive grace to live holy lives in awe and reverence for God, for we receive what the gospel promises when God gives us the Holy Spirit. Faith does not cool our desire for good and holy living, but rather engenders and excites it in us, leading naturally to good works.

We believe that the sacraments are joined to the Word in order that the Word may be more fully confirmed. Baptism is given to us as the pledge of our adoption, in which we are grafted into the body of Christ, and renewed in holiness of life by his Spirit. The holy Supper of our Lord is a testimony of

our unity with Jesus Christ, who died only once and was raised for our sake. The body and blood of Jesus Christ are food and drink for the soul just as bread and wine are nourishment for the body.

As for the true Church we believe that it ought to be governed in accordance with the order established by our Lord Jesus Christ. In this way, pure doctrine can be maintained, the poor and afflicted can be helped in their need, assemblies can be gathered in the name of God, and both great and small can be edified.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up

again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

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

Rev. Rebecca Luter

“When the Wolf Comes, the Shepherd Stays”

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

Francis Patrick O’Brien

“Shepherd of My Heart”

My shepherd is the Lord, for nothing shall I want: green are the pastures where I’m led to repose. Near waters clear and deep God will refresh my soul, I am led onward in ways true to the Name.

Guide me, O shepherd of my heart; lead me homeward through the dark into everlasting. Show me the way of truth and light; keep me always in your sight, May my life never part from the shepherd of my heart. (Based on Psalm 23)

*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

Living God, we know that Easter is not just a story about something that happened thousands of years ago. Let the

resurrection of your Son transform our lives. Make us bold to use your blessings of time, talent, and treasure to serve others in your name. Amen.

*HYMN – No. 803 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Gavotte in G Major

J. S. Bach

* Stand as able.

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

Chris Luter, Liturgist

Elizabeth and Tom Moots, Ushers

Charlotte Moots, Acolyte



THIS SERVICE IS BEING LIVE-STREAMED
AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

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 Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God by Merry Bonner and children in loving memory of husband and father, Joe.

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.

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 meet this afternoon (Sunday, April 25th) from 2-3:30pm at the church. Please wear your mask & remember social distancing.

Farmington Presbyterian Women will conclude its study of [Into the Light Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament](#) today (April 25) on Zoom (Meeting ID: 527 795 3657 Passcode: grace) at 1:00PM. We have had wonderful fellowship during this study. Thanks to all who participated and to our PW coordinating team.

Virtual Garden Party at Mission Haven featuring gardens in 7 states. This afternoon (April 25) at 3pm on Zoom (Meeting ID: 859 5342 9729 Passcode: 732911).

Do You Know My Story? Rev. Rebecca Luter is teaching a new study beginning Monday, May 3rd. Join us as we listen to the stories of the women of the Old Testament. What do they teach us? How might we tell their story today? Participants are encouraged to purchase a copy of *The Storyteller's Companion to the Bible Volume 4* edited by Michael E. Williams. We meet on Zoom each Monday morning from 9-10am 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 will meet Thursdays at 7:00pm 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.

Bulletin Mailing List While we were all worshipping on YouTube Premier, we sent a bulletin weekly to every household. If you are returning to worship in the Sanctuary and would like to be removed from the weekly mailing, please email us at church@farmingtonpres.org and let us know.

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...Session approved a proposal to install permanent cameras in the Sanctuary and upgrade the sound system to improve our live-stream for worship. Throughout the pandemic, Paul King has set up and torn down his equipment each week. Be sure to thank him.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Essential workers and all affected by Covid-19; Jack Arendt, Mary Lou Barrentine, Katrin Beeson, Kenny Buckner, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, D.J. Davis, Pat Rush Davis, Javida Donley, Jane Egan, Ed Gallagher, Rev. Jim Hamilton, Bill Harrington, Donna Hoover, Gary Hutchins, Harland Lovell, Dennis Peeples, Jonathan Riley, Patti Simpkins, Martha Sorce, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Mary Webb, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church, Huntingdon, TN.

Sympathy...to the family and friends of Sandy Franks, staff member of Germantown Presbyterian Church.

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