



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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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, O Lord, individually and as a community. In the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Andante" from Sonata in C Major

Mozart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship in the name of the True Vine,

In whom we are sheltered and sustained.

Here we receive the Bread of Life, remembering that God loved us first.

As we eat of it, we pray for the hungry, the searching, the hurting, and the lonely. May we put their needs before our own.

Here we receive the Cup of Salvation, drinking in God's grace.

As we drink of it, we pray to be entwined with the oppressed and the outcast. May we convey to them justice and hope.

Here our Risen Lord waits to serve us at his table.

Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. May we, his branches, be nourished to put forth runners that serve others and produce much fruit.

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

“Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia! Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia! Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now, Alleluia!

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 declaring that we are all branches of one vine, we choose sides and form groups. Blessed to be fruitful that all might have life and have it abundantly, 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

Shelley Wann

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

I John 4:7-12, 17

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are

already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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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

Rev. Rebecca Luter

“Living as Conduits”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Peter Cutts

“Like the Murmur of the Dove Song”

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,
Like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come

To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine,
to the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sigh:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond
compare; Come, Holy Spirit, come. (Carl P. Daw, Jr.)

*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.

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. 526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound. Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound.

Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain.*

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! *Refrain.*

*BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

adapted Felix Mendelssohn

“On The Pentecost They Gathered”

* 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

Jackie Hall, Liturgist

Shelley Wann, Children’s Moment

Billy & Sandy Wann, Ushers

Delilah Davis, Acolyte

Chancel Choir



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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

Regathering for Worship in the Sanctuary If you wish to attend worship in person, please register on our website www.farmingtonpres.org by Saturday night. Seating in the Sanctuary will be assigned and limited so that 6' distancing is maintained. Masks are 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.

No Youth Group this afternoon.

Farmington Graduates If you know a member of the Farmington family who is graduating this spring, please let us know. We would like to recognize our graduates in worship on May 16th. Email us at church@farmingtonpres.org.

Farmington Presbyterian Women will enjoy a Brown Bag Lunch in the Outdoor Chapel at 12:15pm on May 16th. All women are invited. Water and dessert provided. Don't forget your lunch and your lawn chair!

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 are now gathering in the lower parking lot on Wednesday nights at 5:30pm and not livestreaming. 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 to 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.

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... John Thomas and Olivia Mittag completed service hours by volunteering at the church. If you have a youth who needs service hours, or you would like to volunteer, email us at church@farmingtonpres.org. Many hands make light work!

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, Martha Noble Hathcock, Donna Hoover, Gary Hutchins, Harland Lovell, Gail and Andrea Nickerson, Dennis Peeples, Jonathan Riley, Patti Simpkins, Martha Sorce, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Mary Webb, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Anderson Presbyterian Church, Jackson, TN.

Pentecost Sunday is May 23rd!

Worship – Wear red to worship in person or online (links at farmingtonpres.org).

Celebrate – Come have cupcakes from noon-1pm in the backyard and bring your lawn chairs and masks so you can stay to visit.

Serve – Participate in packing Gift of Heart Hygiene Kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (outside from noon-1pm or bring your kit(s) already complete).

**See May's New Vision for more information!*

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