



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

**Ascension Sunday
May 16, 2021**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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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 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Tom Bryant

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship the Lord who reigns over all.

Crown him with many crowns!

Crown him the Lord of love who died and rose on high.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose reign shall know no end.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee.

All hail our matchless King through all eternity,

Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

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 loving with your sacrificial love, we wait wondering what your love will do for us. 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

* LITANY FOR ASCENSION DAY

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new world has broken into ours—
a world in which justice does come for the poor,
freedom comes for the prisoners,
and healing for the sick.

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new community has been formed—
a community that loves and cares for all members,
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected,
a place where all find a place of belonging.

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new creation has begun—
all that was distorted is being restored,
all that is corrupted is being renewed,
all that was broken is being made whole.

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, God's new world has begun.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Becky Hutchins

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Luke 24:46-49

He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

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 "What Time Is It?"

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 “Dream On, Dream On” Sunkyung Lee

Dream on, dream on, children of peace, till on earth God's kingdom come.

Wolf and lamb will feed together; lions like oxen will eat straw.
Dust shall be the serpent's food; no one shall destroy or hurt.
Children of earth in all colors live in peace and harmony. (Hae Jong Kim)

*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

As we offer our gifts of thanksgiving for your many blessings in our lives, remind us that we are blessed to be a blessing. Bring your kingdom, Lord. Use us and our resources to heal the broken and to bring hope to those who wander the shadowed alleys of despair. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*HYMN – No. 462 “I Love to Tell the Story” Verse 2

I love to tell the story 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

*BENEDICTION

From the comfort of this place, to the discomfort of discipleship, we go to serve your people, Loving God. We go to wrap others in your grace, Jesus. We go to discover the truth shared by your Holy Spirit in every moment. Amen.

*POSTLUDE “Rigaudon” Campra

* Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

Litany for Ascension written by Christine Sine, and posted on **Godspace**. <http://godspace-msa.com/2014/05/13/ascension-day-what-is-it-all-about/>

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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
Susan Bryant, Liturgist
Becky Hutchins, Children's Moment
Duke & Kristie Lively, Ushers
Hudson Barr, 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.

Need more information, want to sign up for something, worship on the livestream? Go to our website: www.farmingtonpres.org. Need to give us information, ask a question, or get assistance with signing up? Email us at church@farmingtonpres.org.

Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

Youth Fellowship will meet this afternoon (Sunday, May 16th) from 2-4pm. Please wear your mask & remember social distancing.

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

Room in the Inn Prepare a lunch for our guests! Each Wednesday, Farmington is providing lunch for persons who are residing in the Recuperative Care Center and the Family Inn of RITI. For more info, contact Jinney Hart at virginiahart2@comcast.net. Sign up on our website.

Do You Know My Story? Join us May 17th as we study the stories of Dinah and Tamar. 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 the Happenings email each week and would like to, please email and let us know. We also send text reminders about upcoming Farmington events. You can get those by texting "@farmpres" to "81010."

Regathering for Worship in the Sanctuary If you wish to attend worship in person, please register 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.

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, 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.

This week at Farmington... we are celebrating the achievements of our preschoolers who are ready for Kindergarten in the fall. It has been a challenging year, and our staff and families have met the challenge with grace and excellence.

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, Bob Lewis, Harland Lovell, Norma Murphy, Gail and Andra Nickerson, Dennis Peoples, Jonathan Riley, Patti Simpkins, Martha Sorce, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Mary Webb, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Memphis Homeless Shelters.

Pentecost Sunday is Next Sunday! 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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