



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 20, 2021**

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

[www.farmingtonpres.org](http://www.farmingtonpres.org)

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**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, you are the one True God, whom alone we worship and serve. We long for your presence in the midst of the dry and weary places of our lives. We praise you for your steadfast love is better than life itself. You have been our constant help, present with us in times of trouble. We praise you, along with all the earth, for you give us life and do not allow us to stumble in the darkness. Hear us as we pray in words and silence and bow down in worship. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Prelude in B-flat Minor

J.S. Bach

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ came that we might have life abundantly.

**And yet, we often live like people in exile, certain of scarcity and fearful of other.**

The Lord invites us even when we feel like we are living in exile to build houses and plant gardens, to marry and have families.

**The Lord's will is our good. All the Lord requires of us is to do what is just; love what is merciful; and walk, humbly, the way of God.**

From the Garden to the Exodus, through the judges, kings, and prophets, to the Gospel of Jesus, God is teaching us that way: to live in community as God's own children.

**Guide us in our relationships, O Lord, and use us to bring your Kingdom.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 372 “O For a World” Verses 1, 2, & 3

**O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways,  
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.**

**O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.**

**We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice  
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, your first commandment was that we shall put  
nothing ahead of you. We are to love you with all we are and  
all we have, but we put other things ahead of our relationship  
with you, God. Forgive us and restore us to a right  
relationship with you, with your creation, and with one  
another.**

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

What is the chief and highest end of man?

**Man’s chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to  
enjoy him forever.**

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of  
our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One  
of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In Jesus Christ, God reconciled the world to Godself. Jesus  
Christ is God-with-us. In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity  
was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived  
among his own people and shared their needs, temptations,  
joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and  
deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. But  
his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.**

His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgement under which all humanity stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became the victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Rev. Rebecca Luter

#### A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Like a father feels compassion for his children – so the LORD feels compassion for those who honor him.

**We thank you, fathering God, for fathers and father figures who have shown us your compassionate love.**

You formed us in your image and shape us as a potter works clay.

**We praise you, creating God, for the gift of fathers, who are role models and who fashion and mold us.**

Jesus called our attention the birds of the air, who do not sow, nor reap, nor gather into barns, and yet you, providing God, feed them. And Jesus reminded us, "Are you not worth much more than they?"

**We thank you for the care of fathers who have nurtured us, who have sacrificed and provided for us, and who have guided us through the terrible two's, the tantrums of tweens, and the tensions of young adulthood.**

We praise you for all those men, who were not our biological parent, but through whom you, Lord, give us abundant life.

**We thank you for adoptive and foster dads, uncles, grandfathers, and brothers; teachers, social workers, mentors, supervisors, and friends who guide and share wisdom.**

We ask your tender mercies on all those whose fathers have kept the faith and finished their race and on those fathers who have entrusted sons and daughters fully to your loving arms.

**Grant them your peace, which is beyond human understanding, and comfort them in their loneliness.**

We pray for fathers who are separated from sons or daughters by distance or differences; for those fathers who struggle to provide

for their families; and for those whose longing for fatherhood goes unfulfilled.

**Grant them strength and courage to be steadfastly faithful and draw us together to support one another.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the men who have taught us something of your tender love and fierce care.

**We pray that our lives might reflect your love and theirs, in all things giving honor to Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 29:4-7

This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

#### SECOND READING

James 1:19-27

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and

faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

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 “Going to Church or Being the Church” 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 “Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness”

John Bell

\*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

**Lord of abundance, Jesus turned the disciples’ attention to the way you provide for the lilies and the birds of the air when they worried about having enough. We, too, hold tightly to what we think we can control, afraid to trust you fully. Yet, the journey of discipleship calls us to offer our gifts and ourselves as we worship with assurance of your gracious mercy, fresh every morning. Accept our gifts of worship and praise, O Lord, and dedicate them to accomplishing your will. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN – No. 722 “Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak” Verse 5  
**O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and  
where until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your  
glory share.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in D Rameau

\* 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  
Lance Palmer, Liturgist  
Rev. Rebecca Luter, Children’s Moment  
Gerry and Gerrie Wilder, Ushers  
Hadley 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](mailto: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](http://www.farmingtonpres.org). Need to give us information, ask a question, or get assistance with signing up? Email us at [church@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:church@farmingtonpres.org).

## Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

**Sanctuary Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God by Annette and Jerry Hosier to honor our great fathers at Farmington Presbyterian Church.

**No Youth Fellowship today....**Happy Father's Day

**Room in the Inn Tour** Come see the new Recuperative Care Center and Family Inn located at 409 Ayers on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am. If you would like a ride, Doug will be driving the bus from the church. We will leave the back parking lot at 10:15am. We are providing lunch each Wednesday for residents. Thank you to all who have already signed up! The next spaces available are in August (see website).

**Do You Know My Story?** Join us June 21<sup>st</sup> as we explore hospitality and the Law in the Old Testament with the stories of the Silent Concubine and of Ruth and Naomi. 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](mailto:hutchinsathome@gmail.com).

**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](mailto: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.”

**Worshiping In the Sanctuary** We are no longer registering to attend worship. If you wish to attend worship in person, please be mindful of social distancing. Alternate pews are closed to assist in maintaining maximum capacity and distancing. Masks are required while inside the building of those 12 years of age and older who have not been fully vaccinated. Children under 12 and those who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a mask.

**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...**the children received Children’s Bibles during worship. If your family would like one, please let us know at [church@farmingtonpres.org](mailto:church@farmingtonpres.org). We would love to bring you one!

**Remember in Prayer...**Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Essential workers and all affected by Covid-19; Jack Arendt, Mary Lou Barrentine, Natalie Bergeron, Bill Brown, 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, Gary Hutchins, Harland Lovell, Norma Murphy, Gail and Andra Nickerson, Dennis Peeples, Jonathan Riley, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Bethel Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN.

**Sympathies...**to the family and friends of Kathryn Bendall, sister-in-law of Ray Bendall and to the family and friends of Edna Willard Harmon, grandmother of Kristie Lively and great-grandmother of Julia and Natalie Lively.

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