



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 4, 2021

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Creating God, our hearts are restless until we rest in your silence; our souls fidget until we are at peace in your enveloping presence. Redeeming God, our paths wander until you are our guide; our burdens are heavy until we are yoked with you. Sustaining God, our spirits are weary until you are our hope; our vision is clouded until we look through your eyes. Silence in us any voice but your own, O Lord, in this time of worship and clear our vision to see and live according to your will. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Andante and Finale

G.F. Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to praise our God, who is the source of our every breath.

If we are honest, sometimes it is hard to breathe deeply. We need to pause and marvel at God's goodness.

We come in answer to Jesus, who asks us, "Are you tired? Worn out? Weary? Come to me."

We live in a world of high expectation and wrestle with stress, anxiety, and worry. We need to receive Christ's grace.

We come today to receive the Spirit of God, who is here among us, more fully into our daily lives.

We fill our days so full that we fail to make space to welcome God's Spirit into our daily lives.

Christ meets us here to feed us and offer us rest from the heavy burdens we carry.

Let us learn to walk with Jesus, who leads us into lives of joyful fulfillment.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 509 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood. *Refrain.*

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. *Refrain.*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we try to do what is right, but we struggle with the sacrifices we would have to make to do justice. We pray for your reign to come in our world, but we don’t allow it to even come in our hearts. We have heard Jesus’ invitation to come and follow him, but we still go our own way. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew our spirits. Place your yoke upon us, Jesus, and guide our lives.

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

The 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 on 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

Jinney Hart

All children are invited to come to the Chancel steps.

Afterward, young children may return to their seats.

Worship bags are available beside the entrance to the Sanctuary.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalms 145

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you. They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their

cry and saves them. The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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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 "Burdening Expectations"

Rev. James Gale

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remember those on our prayer list.

RESPOND TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "O Day of Peace"

Hubert H. Parry

O Day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes. May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release, till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small; as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all. Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their

true accord; the hopes of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

*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.

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.

SUNG RESPONSES – No. 552, 553, & 554

...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. 182 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” Verses 1 & 2
I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.” I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.” I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Fugue on “America” Eugene Thayer

* Stand as able. **Bold Type** – congregation in unison

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Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Rev. James Gale, Guest Pastor
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Pat Sherman, Liturgist
Jinney Hart, Children’s Moment
Jerry & Annette Hosier, Ushers
Acolyte
Chancel Choir
Julia Cameron Crawford, Soprano Soloist



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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

Sanctuary Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Jerry & Annette Hosier in celebration of our great Country and our glorious flag.

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Today's refreshments are provided by Ann Erickson

Fellowship Coffee Sign up on our website to provide refreshments following worship. Please keep it simple – something sweet and something salty.

Guest Minister This morning we welcome Rev. James Gale. James serves as Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of the Mid-South. Prior to that James served seven years as the Associate Executive for Presbytery Support for the Synod of Mid-America. Before serving Mid-Councils, James pastored churches in North Carolina and Kansas. He is a graduate of The University of North Carolina and Columbia Theological Seminary. In addition, James has completed the Certificate in Executive Leadership through McCormick Theological Seminary and training through the Kansas Leadership Center. James also serves as faculty for Transitional Ministry Training. James is married to Mary Newberg Gale, who is also a Presbyterian minister. They are the parents of two girls, Ainsley (13) and Fiona (7).

No Youth Fellowship today. Happy Fourth of July!

Knights of the North Castle VBS will be 9am - 12pm, July 19 - 23 for 1st - 5th grades and 9am - 12pm, July 26 - 30 for Pre-K & Kindergarten. Don't miss an exciting week of stories, crafts, experiments, games, and more. Sign up on our website, www.farmingtonpres.org.

Room in the Inn 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? Our next class is July 19th. Join us at 9am as we study two Old Testament women who persuaded men to follow God's law. 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 have suspended Wednesday Night Services until we return to Wednesday Night Dinners in the fall!

Young Adult Study will not meet this week but will resume on Wednesdays, starting July 14th at the church 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.

Mark Your Calendars August 7th for a We Are Back Bash! The whole Farmington family, from the youngest to the oldest, is encouraged to plan to come for fun and fellowship. Dinner will be served; all will be outdoors. Details to follow.

Worshipping 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 once again have the opportunity to give flowers to grace the Sanctuary in honor or memory of our loved ones. The Flower Calendar is located on signupgenius.com (email church@farmingtonpres.org for link) and is posted on the bulletin board near Fellowship Hall. We will be adding a link on our website soon.

This week at Farmington... we are thankful for the freedom to gather and worship God. We honor all who have sacrificed to establish and protect our freedoms.

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: Buntyn Church, Memphis, TN.

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