



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 18, 2021

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God who gathers, we have traveled many paths to reach this place, and we follow one Lord. We have come from different backgrounds, and we share one faith. We have encountered different experiences and dreamed different dreams, and we share one hope. We have many gifts, and you are their source; we offer them to your service. You have gathered us here to worship; equip us for ministry, then send us to serve. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Andante Tranquillo"

Mendelssohn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together to worship our God, whose love has no limits and no boundaries.

God calls us to live a life worthy of the calling to follow Christ.

We come together to build up Christ's Body, for we cannot worthily follow alone.

God calls us to live a life of service and humility, bearing one another's burdens and bearing with one another in love.

We come together to renew our hope and mature in our faith.

God, call us together to come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 317

Verses 1 & 2

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of unity, we confess our fractures. We have failed to listen and seek understanding. We have been narrow-minded and judgmental. We have found it easier to divide than to act with humility. Our pride and bitterness keep us from reconciliation. Have mercy on us. Cleanse our hearts and renew our hope. Give us your vision for beloved community and the will to work toward it in our world.

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

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken

through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THROUGH CHILDREN'S EYES

Becky Hutchins

All children are invited to come to the Chancel steps.

Afterward, young children may return to their seat.

Worship bags are available beside the entrance to the Sanctuary.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-5, 16-18

“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty. But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years. “So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,” says the Lord Almighty.

Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name. “On the day when I act,” says the Lord Almighty, “they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be

patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.” (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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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 “Stability in Unity”

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

Daniel L. Schutte

“Sing a New Song unto the Lord”

Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing hallelujah! Shout with gladness! Dance for joy! O come before the Lord. And play for God on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.

Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord. The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Savior lives. (based on Psalm 98)

*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

God of mercy, redemption and grace, this morning we bring our gifts and pray that you will dedicate them to your work of love and reconnection with all your children. These gifts seem small when balanced against what Christ has given us and what you continue to give us through the Holy Spirit. In our giving, may we grow in gratitude, trust, and faithfulness. In the name of Christ, who gave all for us, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN – No. 733 “We All Are One in Mission”

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.

We all are called for service to witness in God’s name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others by God’s surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God’s warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God’s redeeming word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Prelude in Bb 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
Becky Hutchins, Children's Moment
Nadine Oest and Paula Patterson, Ushers
Amelia Palmer, Acolyte
Chancel Choir



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.

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 Jinney Hart in honor of those assisting with VBS.

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Today's refreshments are provided by Jinney Hart and Leslie McNamara.

VBS Prep... after a few minutes of Fellowship Coffee today there will be pizza in the youth room for those that can help decorate for the week ahead. We will divide up tasks and decor and take a couple hours to cover the church in snow for Knights of the North Castle.

Knights of the North Castle VBS will be July 19-23 from 9am-12pm for 1st-5th grades and July 26-30 from 9am-12pm 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

Do You Know My Story? Join us Monday morning, July 19th, 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!

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).

Wednesday Night Service We have suspended Wednesday Night Services until we return to Wednesday Night Dinners in the fall!

Young Adult Study will meet this Wednesday (July 21) 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.

Bulletin Mailing List While we were all worshiping 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."

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.

Fellowship Coffee Sign up on our website to provide refreshments following worship, www.farmingtonpres.org Please keep it simple-something sweet and something salty.

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 our website and is posted on the bulletin board near Fellowship Hall.

This week at Farmington... After many patches and bandaids the building has a new roof to secure our ministry to children and preserve our divine worship for years to come.

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, Andra Nickerson, Dennis Peeples, Sue Patterson Pine, Jonathan Riley, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: Evergreen Presbyterian Church, Memphis TN.

Sympathy...to the family and friends of Gail Nickerson, mother of Andra Nickerson, friend of Rachel Barr.

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