



FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

Click "Worship with us!"

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 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

Dale Wood

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord our God is greatly to be praised and honored.

We come in expectation, for God has saved us and called us to a holy life.

God's mercies are fresh every morning and God's promise is sure.

God's Kingdom has come and is coming. And we are invited to usher it into fullness.

We wait, O God, for justice in our world like waiting for the birth of new life.

We wait, O God, for peace in our world like the waiting for bread to rise.

We wait, O God, with the suffering in our world like waiting for dawn to break over the horizon after the darkest of nights.

We wait, O God, with the hungry in our world like that waiting for the rains to break on a steamy summer afternoon.

We wait, O God, for love in our world like the women approaching the tomb wondering who will roll away the stone.

We wait, O God, in expectation and hope as you wait with us always, as we pray and work for your Kingdom to come.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 664 “Morning Has Broken”

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation; praise every morning, God’s recreation of the new day!

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

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

Doug Barr

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

Psalm 15

LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain? The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others; who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the LORD; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind; who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:22-5:2

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put

on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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 “A Whole New World”

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

“Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House”

(Psalm 15)

*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. 354 “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” Verses 1 & 2

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword. God’s truth is marching on.

Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah! God’s truth is marching on.

God has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat and is sifting out all human hearts before the judgment seat; O be swift, my soul, to answer; O be jubilant my feet! Our God is marching on. *Refrain.*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Fugue in Bb

J. S. Bach

* Stand as able.

Bold Type – congregation in unison

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AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND
ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

Participating in the service today:

Rev. Rebecca Luter, Pastor
Doug Barr, Director of Christian Education
Jim Thrash, Director of Music
Tom Bryant, Accompanist
Elizabeth Demaree, Liturgist
Doug Barr, Children's Moment
Bonnie Blair and Jennifer Young, Ushers
Hudson Barr, Acolyte
Chancel Choir

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

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Today's refreshments are provided by Scott & Becky Hutchins.

Knights of the North Castle VBS will be 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, August 2nd, 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 Dinners will begin August 11th. Mark your calendars!

Young Adult Study will meet this Wednesday (July 28) 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.

We Are Back Bash! August 7th at 4pm at Rev. Rebecca and Chris Luter's home. Email church@farmingtonpres.org for the address. The whole Farmington family, visitors and members, in person and online, from the youngest to the oldest, is encouraged to plan to come for fun and fellowship. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be grilled. If you would like to swim, wear your suit and bring a towel. You are encouraged to bring a lawn chair!

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."

Worshipping In the Sanctuary 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...the building has been a castle, hosting VBS for close to 75 elementary students. The week was a success thanks to many knighted volunteers!

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, Bettye Lucas, Norma Murphy, Andra Nickerson, Rit Pangburn, Dennis Peeples, Sue Patterson Pine, Jonathan Riley, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Faye Woods and from our Presbytery: First Presbyterian Church and Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Memphis TN.

Sympathies...to the family and friends of Gail Nickerson, mother of Andra Nickerson, friend of Rachel Barr and to the family and friends of Tillie Smithers, cousin of Charlie Smithers.

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