

FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP Second Sunday of Easter April 24, 2022

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings www.farmingtonpres.org Click "Worship Together"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of Resurrection, come to us now, even as your Son came to those grieving disciples on the road to Emmaus. Open your Word in a way that causes our hearts to burn within us. Speak hope to our hearts, filling us with your Holy Spirit. Reveal your vision for us in such a way that we might hear your message to us this day as a calling to be the Body of Christ in the world even now. Amen.

WELCOME

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! What does that mean? God loves you! God loves me, indeed!

PRELUDE "Paschal Triumph, Paschal Joy"

Hintze/Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our Lord promised, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Come, Risen Lord, we gather in your name.

We need, in fact we long for, the presence of our Lord.

Come, Risen Lord, walk with us as we journey the long road between fear and hope.

Just as you revealed yourself to the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, open our eyes to your presence in our midst, even now.

We come, Risen Lord, to bear witness to your resurrection, to celebrate your victory, and to glorify your holy name!

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 238 "Thine Is the Glory"

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. *Refrain.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain.*

(Please be seated.)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Lord, as we go about our lives, we fail to recognize you. To be honest, we fail to even look. We pass people with signs asking for help, and we look the other way. We hear invitations to serve, and we make no room on our calendar. We have packed our eyes and ears with the sights and sounds of chasing after fleeting joys, that we have obscured our awareness of your presence with us. Forgive us. Open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, in the poor, in the oppressed. Open our ears to hear your voice in cries for relationship, for help, for mercy. Walk with us, Lord Jesus, toward your kingdom.

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. 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 at 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

Jennifer Young

All children are invited to come to the Chancel steps. Afterward, young children may remain or proceed to the nursery. Worship bags are available beside the entrance to the Sanctuary.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

When Israel came out of Egypt, Jacob from a people of foreign tongue, Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion. The sea looked and fled, the Jordan turned back; the mountains leaped like rams, the hills like lambs.

Why was it, sea, that you fled? Why, Jordan, did you turn back? Why, mountains, did you leap like rams, you hills, like lambs?

Tremble, earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turned the rock into a pool, the hard rock into springs of water.

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

SECOND READING

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

Psalm 114

Luke 24:13-35

Apostles' Creed

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

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

ANTHEM "In the Breaking of the Bread"

SERMON "Along the Way"

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

*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 Resurrection, you transform darkness to light, death to life, despair to hope. Every element of our lives that is good is a gift from you. How can we possibly respond? We offer you our lives and our resources. Show your compassion through us. Tell your story through us. Reveal your love through us. Transform this world through us. In Jesus's name. Amen.

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*HYMN No. 252 "Day of Arising"
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Verses 1, 2, & 4

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own. When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart, yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes. Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.

*BENEDICTION

"Lift High the Cross"

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain.*

*POSTLUDE Prelude in Classic Style

*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 Jennifer Young, Children's Moment Elizabeth Demaree and Jinney Hart, Ushers Amelia Palmer, Acolyte



THIS SERVICE IS BEING LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES IMPLICITLY AGREE THAT THEY, AND ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA. Young

Welcome in the name of jesus, the christ

We hope that you will sense 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 <u>rluter@farmingtonpres.org</u> 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? Looking for the livestream of worship? Go to our website: <u>www.farmingtonpres.org</u>

Need to give us information? Want to ask a question? Looking for assistance with signing up? Email us at: <u>church@farmingtonpres.org</u>

Happenings at farmington presbyterian

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Mo & Charlie Smithers in celebration of their wedding anniversary and Mo's birthday.

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on our website to provide refreshments following worship, <u>www.farmingtonpres.org</u> Please keep it simple-something sweet and something salty.

Presbyterian Women will enjoy a Potluck Salad Luncheon today, April 24th after worship. Weather permitting, the lunch will be a picnic outside. In case of rain, the lunch will be in the East Room. Beverages and dessert will be provided. All women are encouraged to come enjoy a time of fellowship.

Children's Sunday School All ages meet each Sunday morning at 10am for study and fellowship. Elementary in A6, youth in the Youth Room.

The Men's Sunday School Class meets Sundays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. This group is led by Cooper Patterson.

Parables of Jesus meets at 10am in the East Room and on Zoom next Sunday, May 1st, we will be studying The Parable of Faithful Stewardship (Luke 19:11-27). This group is led by Rev. Rebecca, and no preparation is necessary.

Youth Fellowship Youth are invited today, April 24th to attend *The Music Man* at The Harrell Theatre in Collierville. Elizabeth and Nicholas Luter are performing, Doug Barr did the set design and Chris Luter is the director. See the matinee as a group! Tickets are \$15 for students/\$20 for adults. The matinee begins 2pm.

Wednesday Night Dinner Scott and Becky Hutchins (Firehutch Fine Foods) will continue 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 <u>hutchinsathome@gmail.com</u>.

Churchwide Spring Picnic May 11th at Johnson Road Park pavilion. The setting is private, fully accessible with no stairs required and a pond and playground nearby. Plan to bring your lawn chair and enjoy the evening with friends! In the event of inclement weather, we will have dinner, fun, and games at the church.

Fun for Funds at the Picnic! The Service committee will be raising funds for Rise Against Hunger at the Churchwide Picnic on May 11th. We will have items to raffle with tickets available for purchase - 5 for \$10 or 12 for \$20. Items in the raffle include donations from More Than Words, Gift Horse and fine jewelry (silver and diamonds)! Must be present to win!

In addition, all are encouraged "Chunk Your Change" - empty your change banks and bring your coins to the picnic to "pay" for the children to play carnival-type games (a quarter per game).

Mother's and Father's Day Cards What better way to honor the women and men in your life who have fed and cared for you than by giving a gift in their honor that will feed and care for others? Cards will be available after worship in the Narthex from members of the Service Committee for a gift of \$20 each.

Rise Against Hunger is scheduled for the afternoon of June 5th. We will package 20,000 meals to be distributed to shelters and schools around the world in areas of disaster or in developing countries so that hungry people are fed. The cost of 20,000 meals is \$7,500. How will we raise \$7,500? The children will be collecting in the Narthex after services each Sunday after Easter. If every family in the church gives \$15 per week, we will have enough!

Summer Mission Trip The dates are set! A team will travel June 21-26 to Xpujil, Mexico to build cisterns. So far, Charlie Smithers, Steve and Carolyn Demaree, and John Hazen are signed up to go. If you can shovel gravel or sand, consider this faith-enriching experience assisting members of our partner church in Mexico and working alongside the homeowners to provide year-round access to water.

First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen We have received the terrific news that the Clothes Closet currently is well-stocked and does not need additional donations at this time. Thank you to all who have contributed!

Flowers for Worship It is a time-honored tradition to give flowers to grace the Sanctuary in honor or memory of our loved ones. The cost for the flowers is \$60. The Flower Calendar is located on our website and is posted on the bulletin board near Fellowship Hall.

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 <u>church@farmingtonpres.org</u> 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."

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.

This week at Farmington...you have generously responded to the needs of the people of Ukraine through our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This offering supports the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as we respond to disasters and crises around the world. The current offering is \$3,331. It is not too late to give. Simply designate "OGHS" in the memo of your offering.

Remember in Prayer...Our Farmington Family, Session and Staff; Those impacted by war, Robert Applewhite, Jack Arendt, Bruce Bennett, Bonnie Blair, Bill Brown, Renee Canter, Ralph Carr, Jelena Colasurdo, Mary Lou Collins, Pat Rush Davis, Jamecka Donley, Bill Dyer, Ed Gallagher, Bill Harrington, Cliff Holland, Vanessa Howard, Loyd Hudson, Gary Hutchins, Louise Jacobson, Micci Leake, Julia Lively, Natalie Lively, Virginia Lively, Carol Lovell, Sue Odom, Meredith Oest, Nancy & Dennis Palmer, Bob Plotner, Bob Pointer, Bill Renfrow, Jonathan Riley, Jack Scherer, Patti Simpkins, Williams Stevens, Susan St. John, Joan Wallace, Jim Waller, Barbara Warvel, Craig Warvel, Frank Whited, Faye Woods, and from our Presbytery: Germantown Presbyterian Church, Germantown, TN.

Sympathy...to the family and friends of Mary Hudson, wife of Loyd Hudson.

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