



**FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Worship Online at 11:00am Sunday Mornings

www.farmingtonpres.org

Click "Worship Together"

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord God, we come to worship you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. When we look around, we see you: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, in the eyes of another. When we listen, we hear you: in the words of children, the rush of the wind, the music of life, the babbling of a stream, the rhythm of a heartbeat. When we cry, you cry with us. When we rejoice, you rejoice with us. When we gather, you are with us. As we worship, may you be glorified. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Etude in A-flat Major

Chopin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together in joy-filled celebration of God's love that cannot be earned;

In gratitude we strive to live holy lives.

We come together as people of faith whose hope is in God's mercy;

In gratitude we strive to offer hope: lifting up the burdened, empowering the vulnerable, showing mercy.

For God is not only the God of history, but the God of our story;

And we are called not only to hear God's Word, but also to live it.

*HYMN OF PRAISE – No. 19

Verses 1 & 3

“God of Great and God of Small”

**God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things
belong, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

**God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are
found, God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns
wrong to right, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

(Please be seated.)

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Joanna Andrews
Kirsten King
Madison Lewis

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of world leaders and neighborhood children, we hear
your words every day, but we rarely live them out. Our anger
easily surges like a flooded creek, but our forgiveness drips
like a rusty faucet. Words of judgement rush to our lips, while
words of hope get diverted by rocks of objectivity. We hear
the cries of the poor as though, like the roar of the ocean, they
are unable to be quieted.**

**Living Water, may your mercy fall on us like a summer
shower on parched grass; may your hope overflow the banks
of our hearts. Risen Son, speak to us and call us to life.**

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**

from the Second Helvetic Confession

**Faith is a pure gift of God, given by the Holy Spirit, by means
of the preaching of the Gospel and steadfast prayer. Our
salvation is not a result of our good works, rather works
necessarily proceed from faith. For good works grow out of a
living faith by the Holy Spirit and are done by the faithful
according to the will or rule of God's Word. These works are**

not done that we may earn eternal life by them, for eternal life is the gift of God, but they are done for the glory of God and the profit of the neighbor. For our Lord says, “Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to God.”

THROUGH CHILDREN’S EYES

Rebecca Hutchins

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

FIRST READING

Psalms 146

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God. He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here’s a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,” have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you

have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. For he who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

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.

SERMON

Rev. Rebecca Luter

“If You’re Holding Heaven, Then Spread It Around”

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

MOMENT OF GRATITUDE

Farmington Presbyterian Day School

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord”

Berthier

Laudate Dominum omnes, gentes, alleluia!

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!

*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.

*HYMN No. 203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race
neighbors are near us and far away.**

These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you.

Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others’ feet; this is the way we should live like you.

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN No. 826

Verse 4

“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 Sortie in G Major

Boellman

*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
Shelley Wann, Liturgist
Rebecca Hutchins, Children's Moment
Scott Hutchins and Roland Mittag, Ushers
Delilah Davis, Acolyte
Chancel Choir



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AND RECORDED. ATTENDEES
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ANY CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING
THEM, MAY BE ON CAMERA.

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. We are grateful for the visitors and friends of the Farmington family who add to our community each week.

Curious to know what church membership means? Wonder why a person would want to join or how a person joins? Our pastor, Rev. Rebecca Luter, would love to talk with you. You may reach her by email at rluter@farmingtonpres.org or by phone in the church office, 901-754-2794. She'll answer questions you may have about Farmington or Presbyterianism and walk you through meeting our leadership and making your spot in our family official. Just let us know if this feels like the right step for you, or if you are curious to learn more.

Need more information? Want to sign up for something? Looking for the livestream of worship? Go to our website: www.farmingtonpres.org

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

Happenings AT FARMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Shelley and Brandon Wann in memory of Shelley's mom, Martha Sorce.

Join us for Fellowship Coffee immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall. A Rise Against Hunger meal kit will be presented for sampling.

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 22nd, we will be studying The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Young Women (Matthew 25:1-13). This group is led by Rev. Rebecca, and no preparation is necessary.

Youth Fellowship will meet today, May 15th, from 2-4pm to prep for VBS and enjoy some ridiculous games!

VBS Training Day Sunday, May 22 from 2 - 4 for all station leaders to learn about the week's activities, voice any concerns, and to iron out any issues prior to VBS. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please let Doug Barr know. There is always room for more help!

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 hutchinsathome@gmail.com.

Rise Against Hunger Packaging Event is June 5th at 1pm. A pizza lunch will be served for those who stay after worship. 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. The children will be collecting in the Narthex after service today. In addition, you may purchase a card sharing that you have given in honor of your mother or father or a person who is special to you! The cards are \$20 each and are being sold after Sunday services in the Narthex.

Vitality Educational Event is June 4th from 9am - 1pm at Farmington. This is an opportunity to imagine the church in a post-pandemic world. All are invited to explore these questions. How have we changed? What stays the same? How can we better serve our congregations? Register online at www.farmingtonpres.org. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch provided by FireHutch catering.

VBS is June 13-17, 9am-noon. Registration forms available outside the sanctuary or on our website. Those attending FPDS summer camp will be attending without registration. Adults and youth are encouraged to let Doug know if you are interested in helping!

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.

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.

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

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."

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... ...the Churchwide Picnic was an evening of fellowship, fun, and fundraising! Almost \$1000 was raised for Rise Against Hunger as items were raffled and games were played. Thank you to Scott Hutchins, who cooked and grilled for us, and to Doug Barr, Rhonda Byrne, John Hazen, Becky Hutchins, Cooper Patterson, Bob Plotner, and Shelley Wann for preparing for and cleaning up after the event. Thank you to Jinney Hart, chair of Service, for organizing the fundraising and to the whole Service Committee: Merry Bonner, Carol and Jaime Jameson, Leslie McNamara, Paula Patterson, and Bob Plotner Most of all, thank you to all who attended! "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity!" - Psalm 133:1

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

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